INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Year: 2019
Semester of Internship: Summer 2017
Major: Biology
Minor: N/A
Hometown: Pittsburgh, PA
Hobbies: Video games, music, anime, hanging out with friends
Campus Activities: CAFT (Campus Alliance for Free Thought), Academic Villages, Student Government Association, Nerdfighters, Red Cross
Future Plans/Career Goals: To become an oral hygienist

• Internship (company/your title):
UPMC Mercy/ Research Assistant

• What were your duties?
Assisted with collecting data, information and studies. Sorted and entered data.

• How many hours per week were you at your internship site?
11-15 hours

• What did you enjoy most about your internship?
Getting to know the people I worked with, learning about research and the process.

• What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?
It was intimidating at first- the thought of helping a high class hospital with research was daunting but the people were so kind. It was easy to shake that feeling.

• How did your experience at UPG and in the Biology department prepare you for your internship?
It taught me the basics and made it easier to grasp the concepts of the research I was assisting with. Also, it taught me how to interact with people in my field.

• How has your internship prepared you for a career?
I am now interested in research and it helped me to develop skills: teamwork, communication, initiative and research skills.

• What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?
I would recommend to step out of your comfort zone, and try to choose an internship you are interested in. It will be fun and you'll want to go back.