

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Brielle Zimmerman

Graduation Semester & Year: Spring '26

Semester & Year of Internship: Summer '25

Major: Psychology

Minor: Political Science

Hobbies: Reading & Singing

Campus Activities: Theatre, Chorale

Future Plans/Career Goals: After undergrad, I plan to go to graduate school to hopefully combine psychology and history.

Hometown:

Latrobe, PA



- **Internship (company/your title):**

The Lincoln Archives via The Washington Center/Research Intern

- **How did you find your internship?**

I found my internship through the Washington center doing their summer program.

- **What were your duties?**

My main duties in my internship were to scan and edit draft cards from the Civil War.

- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**

During the week, I was in person at The National Archives for around 18 hours, and then I would work between 6-10 hours at home at the end of the week.

- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**

I most enjoyed going into The National Archives every day because it is such a beautiful building.

- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**

The most difficult part of my internship this summer was getting along with one of my coworkers. After speaking to my supervisor about the issue, she gave me some tips on how to approach the situation, and it then became much better.

- **How did your experience at UPG and within your major prepare you for your internship?**

My experience at Pitt-Greensburg and in my major prepared me for my internship by giving me a solid academic foundation, practical skills, and valuable hands-on experience. Through coursework in Psychology, I developed strong critical thinking, problem-solving, and communication skills that were directly applicable to the work I did during my internship.

- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**

This internship has made me want to combine my major of Psychology with my love of history and do that in grad school.

- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

My advice would be to go out of your comfort zone and do something that scares you. I was so scared to go to DC this summer, but it ended up being so transformative for me and helped so much with my confidence.

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