### INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

## Victoria Remmick

<u>Graduation Semester & Year</u>: Spring 2020 <u>Semester & Year of Internship:</u> Summer 2019

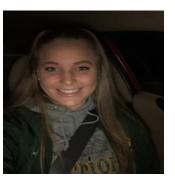
<u>Major</u>: Criminal Justice <u>Minor</u>: Psychology

Hobbies: Tennis, Walking, Reading

Campus Activities: Criminal Justice Club, Judicial Board

Future Plans/Career Goals: Law School

<u>**Hometown**</u>: Penn Hills, PA



#### • Internship (company/your title):

Westmoreland County Courthouse

#### • How did you find your internship?

I was lucky to have Judge Feliciani as a teacher for a night class here on campus.

#### What were your duties?

I observed Judge Feliciani's courtroom. I was able to sit and watch what happens in the courtroom with lawyers and defendants. I got a better understanding of the laws and sentencing.

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

20 hours a week

#### What did you enjoy most about your internship?

I enjoyed observing what happens in the courtroom. I learned so much new information every day. I was a little unsure going into my internship if that was really what I wanted to do, but as I went through this experienced I loved going every day.

#### What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?

I think the most difficult aspect of my internship was understanding the laws and applying them to actions at first. I started to really study the Pa Crimes Code and got a better understanding of the laws and the courtroom language.

# • How did your experience at UPG and in the Behavioral Science/Criminal Justice department prepare you for your internship?

My Criminal Justice major has prepared me for my internship because I was able to see certain things I learned about in class take action in the courtroom. I was able take what I learned in the classroom and apply to the real world.

#### How has your internship prepared you for a career?

My internship has prepared me for my career because I was able to observe more than I would learn in school. I saw what happens in the courtroom and what takes place for a trial. The experience I got through my internship is experience I need for my career but would never get through a classroom and lectures at school. It has also prepared me for my career because it gave me a better understanding of the direction I want to go when it is time for my internship.

• What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship? An internship is such a great experience. When you do an internship, you learn more about what you want to do as you move forward in your future. You get to meet great people and gets your leg in the door for your career. Do not be afraid to put yourself out there and try something new because you never know you might love it.

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