INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Marcus Hale

Graduation Semester & Year: Fall 2022
Semester & Year of Internship: Fall 2020/Spring 2021
Major: History
Hometown: Jeanette, PA
Hobbies: Gaming, Hiking, Fishing, Camping
Campus Activities: None currently due to COVID
Future Plans/Career Goals: My major goal is to become a museum curator and specializing in preservation of historical artifacts

- Internship (company/your title):
  Westmoreland Historical Society/Intern

- How did you find your internship?
  I researched and contacted a lot of history institutions around the area and found this internship at the Westmoreland Historical Society.

- What were your duties?
  I worked on updating accession records and scanned photos into the Memory Lab equipment. I also worked on the Conestoga wagon and Steel sleigh to clean and preserve these for display.

- How many hours per week were you at your internship site?
  Around 6 hours per week.

- What did you enjoy most about your internship?
  Being able to work with the local history and having a hands on approach with history.

- What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?
  Reorganizing the file system they had into a new digital database.

- How did your experience at UPG and in the History Department prepare you for your internship?
  It helped me with my organizational skills in looking up and researching material.

- How has your internship prepared you for a career?
  It is showing me a realistic view of some of the jobs available in my field.

- What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?
  I highly recommend doing an internship in your field. It provides a rich and expanded understanding of your major and not just from a textbook perspective.

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