INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Maria Calabro

Graduation Semester & Year: Spring 2022
Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2020-Present
Major: Biological Sciences
Minor: Psychology
Hometown: Elizabeth, PA

Hobbies: Drawing, cooking, learning
Campus Activities: Visual Arts Society, TriBeta, Health & Rehab Science Club
Future Plans/Career Goals: I plan to attend Veterinary school and become a small animal/wildlife veterinarian.

- Internship (company/your title):
  Wildlife Works/Intern

- How did you find your internship?
  I had done research on animal-related internships in the area, and visited career services for assistance.

- What were your duties?
  I cleaned, fed baby birds/squirrels, prepared specific diets, and assisted with any handling of wildlife.

- How many hours per week were you at your internship site?
  I was on site for 4 hours/week (one shift) while in school, and while working in the summer.

- What did you enjoy most about your internship?
  What I enjoyed most about my internship was being able to handle the animals and bottle feed baby squirrels.

- What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?
  The most difficult aspect of my internship was that not every animal makes it.

- How did your experience at UPG and in the Biology Department prepare you for your internship?
  My experience at UPG and in Career Services helped me gain the confidence and knowledge to obtain my internship.

- How has your internship prepared you for a career?
  This internship is/was great for my major. Since I plan to attend Veterinary school, my experience will be an animal experience highlight on my applications.

- What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?
  I recommend to do as much research as possible, and not to be afraid to go out of your comfort zone to gain experience, because it is worth it.

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