

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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