

Intern Spotlight



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Signature Internship/Environmental Literacy

MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

About me:

I am very active in Broadneck High School (BHS), being a member of many extracurricular activities. I am president of the BHS Equity Team, a club dedicated to charity work. I am a member of the BHS Habitat for Humanity campus chapter, as well as a member of the National Honors History Society. I love giving back to my community and want nothing more than to see Annapolis grow and thrive!

Why did you choose to pursue an internship?

I wanted to challenge myself with something new. I saw this internship as an opportunity to become better at something I've always been interested in -- film-making. I also wanted to do more work regarding the environment, and so this internship was the best of both worlds!

What are your plans after graduation?

My dream is to study Journalism at Columbia University in New York City.

Name and location of Internship:

Student Film Maker, Maryland Department of Natural Resources, Annapolis

Job title/department:

Film Maker, Coastal Resiliency

Daily Internship duties:

I got to go out and do fieldwork very often, where I would film and document whatever we'd be doing that day. Back at the office I would edit footage and plan out future films by storyboarding and researching new locations to film in.

Coolest experience:

One day we got to go out to Calvert County and tag baby ospreys! We went out on a boat and had to find ospreys in their nests. Afterwards we'd tag them and put them back. Having the Ospreys poke and scratch at you was definitely an exciting experience, and I'll never forget the fun I had!

One thing you have learned that you will take with you:

One important thing I learned is to enjoy the work I do. When you really focus on your work and believe in what you're doing, time passes by faster than you can tell. I learned to love my work at DNR, and will apply this lesson to the rest of my life.

Best piece of advice you'd give to a junior looking to pursue an internship:

Expect a challenge, but always think to yourself, "How can I gain from this?" "What can I learn?". Always try and take advantage of your opportunities.

Describe one experience from your internship you'll never forget:

My amazing mentor! Without her I don't know where I'd be right now. She was and continues to be relentless in her efforts to teach me and help me grow. Never hesitating to sign me up for cool opportunities, help me get great interviews, or just teaching me about the environment! I'll always be glad I met her, and I'll take the lessons she taught me everywhere I go.