Their Stories: Internship Experiences

Alyse Powell is a Junior who interned with Big Brothers Big Sisters of Harrisonburg. Throughout her experience she was in charge of interviewing potential volunteers, setting up profiles for children and their families, and community outreach for fundraising! Interning at Big Brothers Big Sisters was an experience Alyse said she will carry with her into future endeavors. It helped her grow more professionally and opened her understanding of community nonprofits.

Claire Shallow is a Junior who interned for Petite Palm, a Social Business, in Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Her responsibilities included collaborating with managers to perform necessary business operations, tracking key inventory levels, quality control, documenting production, monitoring timelines, and social media marketing. Claire wrote, "The Social Business Operations Intern position at Petite Palm was the perfect fit for me. Petite Palm provided me with knowledge and an experience that is applicable to both my major and my minor."

Jenny Burke is a Senior who interned at the Fairfax County Park Foundation. Her responsibilities included online marketing, donor recognition, board meeting preparation, and documenting financial/donation information. She also worked closely with the camp scholarship program! Jenny said, her professional skills have definitely improved after working at the Park Foundation.

Lauren Dewees is a Senior who interned with the nonprofit, Women's Campaign International of Philadelphia. Throughout her experience she was able to learn more about grant research and writing, donor development, and work with empowering and passionate women!

Morgan Phillips is a Senior who interned with the Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance. She learned about fundraising and strategic planning through her role at HDR in nonprofit administration. She said, "It was an awesome experience with a unique nonprofit in town!"

Nicole Morrow is a Junior who interned with Blue Ridge CASA of Staunton. She learned about the importance of fundraising and internal administration. She also headed a history project timeline tracking the growth and development of CASA since their establishment.

Ty McReynolds is a Senior Religious Studies major. He interned with On the Road Collaborative, spending the majority of his time working alongside the founder and current president. His responsibilities included research and analysis for the upcoming year’s program to find more career enrichment opportunities, as well as developing the curriculum for the 8th, 9th, and 10th Grade Academies.