

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Year: 2018

Major: Criminal Justice

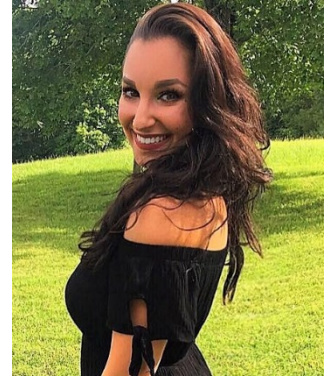
Minor: Psychology

Hometown: Uniontown, PA

Hobbies: Babysitting, fitness, target shooting, DIY crafts, and reading

Campus Activities: Pitt Pal/Tour Guide, President of Criminal Justice Club

Future Plans: Becoming a Pennsylvania State Trooper



- **Internship (company/your title):**

Pittsburgh Bureau of Police/Intern

- **What were your duties?**

To observe and ride along with the officers/detectives during their daily routine at work.

- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**

Doing everything hands on. Not once did I sit at a desk and file paperwork. Every second of every day I was observing what the life of a police officer really is like.

- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**

The one thing that was a little difficult for me was seeing the effect people had on their families, whether it was a crime they committed or that they lost their life. It is one thing seeing someone do something terrible and it is hard to have sympathy them. But when you see the pain they cause the people that love them, that is a whole different story. You will see the worst of the worst people with this internship/profession and that is something you have to prepare yourself for.

- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Criminal Justice department prepare you for your internship?**

My major definitely has given me a better outlook when working for the Pittsburgh Police. Everything I got to work with in my internship, I have previously learned in the classroom. Majoring in criminal justice/psychology has only helped me put words to a picture. You can learn something all you want, but when you actually observe it is when you truly understand it.

- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**

My internship has prepared me for my career because it showed me what my life will really be like one day. I was not sheltered once in my internship from what really goes on in the police force and I loved that. Because in order to go into this profession, you need to understand what it is really like in real life and not just on the television shows.

- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**

I recommend students to do an internship where they can see themselves actually working one day. An internship is only going to make you want to pursue that profession or totally turn you away. Either way you will get experience and learn what you want for your future.