

# INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

## Nicole Tumminello

**Graduation Year:** 2017

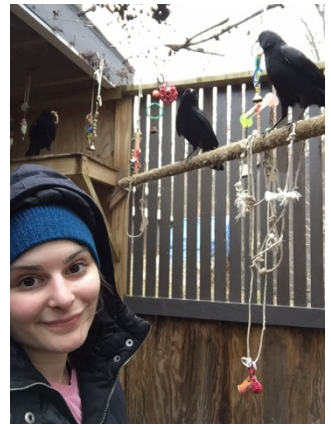
**Major:** Biological Science

**Minor:** None

**Hobbies:** Hiking, Birdwatching, Cooking & Pressing Flowers

**Campus Activities:** None

**Hometown:** Allison Park, PA



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

Wildlife Works Inc. / Wildlife Rehabilitator Intern

- **What were your duties?**

My duties included everything from feeding, cleaning and medicating the wildlings while assisting other volunteers.

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

During my time here, I had an amazing time working in close proximity with raptors and other birds. It was a breathtaking experience to hold, handle and care for wild hawks, owls and even an American Bald Eagle.

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

One of the most difficult aspects of wildlife rehabilitation is that not every animal can be saved. There are times when a critter is too sick or injured and must be humanely euthanized.

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

Environmental classes that I have taken at Pitt, especially through the University Of Pittsburgh Laboratory Of Ecology in Pymatuning, has shaped me into a field biologist and further empowered my passion for wildlife and conservation.

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

Through my internship, I was able to come in contact with a variety of wild animals. This has helped me gain experience with identifying creatures and recognizing their environmental impact while learning how to administer proper care.

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

It is never too early to think about completing an internship. The connections and practical experience you gain is worth every second. Pursue your passions and help the world!