

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Year: Spring 2019

Semester & Year of Internship:

Major: Secondary Education Social Studies **Hometown:** Delmont, PA

Minor: N/A

Hobbies: Reading, cooking,

Campus Activities: Commuter Mentor, SPSEA Social Chair

Future Plans/Career Goals: Obtain a teaching position and earn a master's degree.



- **Internship (company/your title):**
Student Teaching- Greensburg Salem High School
- **How did you find your internship?**
Through the education department at Pitt Greensburg
- **What were your duties?**

As a student teacher, I was placed in an 11th Grade International Studies Course. Greensburg Salem HS works on a block schedule, so I had 3 classes (one honors and two regular ed). At this placement, I created and taught daily lesson plans (this included creating adaptations for both gifted and learning support students), I worked with two foreign exchange students (one from Palestine and one from Germany) and attended open houses where I got to meet my students' parents. I also helped out with Track and Field and attended staff department meetings as well as staff trainings/ Act 80 Days.

- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**
I was at this placement from 7:30am-3:00pm Monday- Friday for 70 Days.

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

I enjoyed being able put into practice everything I learned about lesson planning and getting to connect with the students I taught every day.

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

The most difficult aspect was learning how to adapt lesson plans so they would reach a wide variety of learners.

- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Education Department (Social Studies) prepare you for your internship?**

The teaching skills I learned in methods as well as early field prepared me in designing in class activities as well as putting together rubrics to go along with assignments.

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

The teacher I was placed with at Greensburg Salem HS was very helpful in sharpening my teaching skills and getting me involved with the school district. He was also very helpful in helping me master my content area and grow as an educator.

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

The placement may seem stressful at first and is a lot of work, but once you connect with the students and gain more practice in lesson planning, you will enjoy the placement more and have fun with your classes.



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