

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Fiona Carter

Graduation Semester & Year: Spring 2020

Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2019

Major: IT/Math

Minor: English Literature

Hobbies: Reading, writing, listening to music

Campus Activities: CFC, Math Club

Future Plans/Career Goals: Grad school and/or military/government cybersecurity or intelligence

Hometown: Penn Hills, PA



- **Internship (company/your title):**
Duraloy Technologies/IT Intern
- **How did you find your internship?**
Through Career Services.
- **What were your duties?**
I helped with software development, database design, and development of long-term technology upgrade plans.
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**
40
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**
I enjoyed the laid-back company culture and my coworkers; I felt like I was part of a large extended family.
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**
The most difficult aspect of this internship was practicing patience when solutions to a problem were not immediately evident or when my proposed solutions were not used.
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the IT and Math departments prepare you for your internship?**
I used a lot of the specific skills that I learned taking IT and Math classes here, such as programming concepts, concepts for how to implement various IT solutions, and how to solve different math problems. I also used a lot of the critical thinking skills that I learned from taking classes outside of my majors to solve problems.
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**
I now have experience working with various aspects of the IT field and with resolving convoluted, real-world issues.
- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**
Go in with an open mind and don't be afraid to ask questions.

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