

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Semester & Year: Spring 2020

Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2019

Major: Management Information Systems

Minor: Statistics

Hometown: Tarrs, PA

Hobbies: Sports, gaming, and watching Netflix

Campus Activities: Playing soccer, computer lab, and eating at Chartwells

Future Plans/Career Goals: Potentially move to Washington D.C and pursue a career as a data scientist.

- **Internship (company/your title):**
 - Student Services/ Blue Scholar
- **How did you find your internship?**
 - I was recommended the internship by Dr. Nelson.
- **What were your duties?**
 - My duties consisted of revising paper-pen surveys, conducting data analyses, creating data reports, and designing online surveys in Qualtrics, as well as completing other miscellaneous projects.
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**
 - 10 hours per week for 12 weeks.
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**
 - I enjoyed the analysis, the atmosphere, and the people I worked with.
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**
 - It was always very chilly.
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the MIS/Statistics department prepare you for your internship?**
 - I was well prepared for my internship. My experience at UPG led to proficiency in numerous software programs such as Microsoft Excel and SPSS that allowed me to conduct my research/analyses confidently.
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**
 - It has allowed me to practice various methods, hypotheses, and analyses, as well as gain further experience and insight in data analytics. I am now also familiar with a career-related work environment.
- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**
 - Pursue internships as soon as possible. The more hands-on experience you can obtain, the more projects you can complete. I highly recommend that you complete as many projects related to your major(s)/minor(s) as you can before graduation.

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