

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Semester & Year: Spring 2023

Semester & Year of Internship: Spring 2021

Major: Management: Accounting

Minor: Statistics

Hobbies: Reading, Running & Swimming

Campus Activities: Accounting & Business Club, SAB, Phi Eta Sigma

Future Plans/Career Goals:

After college, I plan to take the exams for the CPA which will take about 1 year. Then once it is finished, I can pursue a career in the public accounting field.

Hometown:

Mount

Pleasant, PA



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

DeLuzio & Company, LLP, Intern

• **How did you find your internship?**

I found this internship by an email sent to me by Professor Sharon Turchick

• **What were your duties?**

My duties as an intern were to organize tax documents in the proper order. Scanning and verifying client information and importing into their forms using tax software and an electronic filing system.

• **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**

I worked an average of 14 hours per week at the firm.

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

The experience overall was enjoyable, but the firm also provided food on Wednesdays. Initially, I did not know firms do this until it was announced at the Deluzio & Co. Also, I enjoyed the scanning process of the tax preparation because the machine is very clear and fast. It makes a big difference if it has to scan thousands of pages a day.

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

The most difficult aspect of the internship was the written notes and verifying the organizer. It is often easy to overlook, but it often provides the tax preparer with crucial information that could affect the tax return.

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

Oftentimes, people mix the business tax returns with personal. Knowing the financial statements gave me a good indication if it needs to be separated or not. Also, taking a tax class along with this gave me clarification about the K-1's and real estate firms.

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

The internship prepared me for a career in the tax field because understanding the forms, knowing what parts are crucial, and knowing the software makes me more prepared for a career in tax.

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

I recommend taking AIS and at least one tax class during or before taking an internship in tax. Also, if you do your own taxes you this internship would be a lot easier. It is advantageous to review the tax forms in the tax class and with your family to help prepare you for this internship.

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