

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Conner Brown



Graduation Semester & Year: Fall 2023

Semester & Year of Internship: Spring 2023

Major: Criminal Justice

Minor: Psychology

Hometown: Greensburg, PA

Hobbies: Running, Playing Music, Training Director at Chick-fil-A Eastgate Plaza and Westmoreland Mall

Campus Activities: Alpha Phi Sigma, Psi Chi

Future Plans/Career Goals: Owner/Operator of a Chick-fil-A Franchise

- **Internship (company/your title):**
Big Brothers Big Sisters of Laurel Region/ Intern
- **How did you find your internship?**
I found my internship through an email from Kristen Stratton (thank you!). I went on their website to find out more about their agency and contacted the Program Manager, for more information.
- **What were your duties?**
I got to learn a variety of skills, everything from business operations, to marketing, to researching statistics and reference calls. I went into schools and talked to at risk-youth and helped build connections with them.
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**
8 hours per week, Tuesdays and Thursdays only. Very flexible for my schedule as I manage two restaurants and was taking 5 other classes.
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**
I enjoyed the relationships that I made through the agency, both with their staff and the kids I got to meet.
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**
I never knew what to expect day by day. However, they wanted to give intern's a more structured experience after me, so we worked together to organize stuff for future interns!
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Criminal Justice department prepare you for your internship?**
It gave me the social skills necessary to accept new ideas and be a versatile asset to my intern site
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**
It has given me connections to fall back on if I decide to fall back on a career in social work. It has also helped me adapt to new environments.
- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**
Be flexible, have no expectations, and be ready to help wherever they need you!

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