

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Semester & Year: Fall 2022

Semester & Year of Internship: Spring 2022

Major: Information Technology

Minor: Computer Science

Hometown: Rillton, PA

Hobbies: Video games, poker, working out, spending time with family/friends

Campus Activities: I am a commuter so mainly just going to my courses and hanging out on campus with friends!

Future Plans/Career Goals: Working within cyber security to one day opening my own cyber security firm

- **Internship (company/your title):**
Yough School District/Intern Technician
- **How did you find your internship?**
Through the Internship Spotlights (<https://www.greensburg.pitt.edu/internships/majors>), I went to Yough from K-12 so it was pretty easy getting in contact with them!
- **What were your duties?**
I spent most of my time doing whatever tasks arose that day, from running cables, imaging new computers, working with NAS boxes, Chromebook repairs, switch firmware updates. any day-to-day computer trouble shooting, and working with juniper network switches, etc...
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**
9-12 hours depending on the days and what work came up.
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**
My favorite part was just being me and one other intern, we mainly worked along side the IT Director which was a much more personal environment rather than being among a large group of interns and other workers. I got to see the day to day he faces along with when running into an issue, he was right there to assist me.
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**
There were not many difficult aspects of this internship. There were a few incidents of errors during some of the projects we were working on but that is just time and more troubleshooting to figure out those issues.
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Information Technology department prepare you for your internship?**
For this internship specifically I would say an aspect from almost every class has helped me in this internship besides the coding classes, I did not spend too much time coding at this internship if that is something you are worried about while looking for an internship.

The UPG experience has also gave me an opportunity to find an internship in an easy way, also has allowed me to open up more as a person and be comfortable seeking out this internship.
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**
I think this internship has taught me a lot of things that are necessary when working within technology, not only at work, but at home with personal technology as well. Yet I may not be doing something similar for my career, it is an option if things come down to it!

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

Look into the Internship Spotlight page, read the emailed bi-weekly Internship Flashes. There are tons of students that have been stressed about internships, but once you look and see what other students have experienced, it may calm your mind and give you a good opportunity to learn and maybe even set you up for the future.

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