

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

Kailyn Anderson



Graduation Semester & Year: Fall 2022

Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2022

Major: Management

Minor: Psychology

Hometown: Cresson, PA

Hobbies: Movies, video games, board/card games

Campus Activities: Accounting and Business Club, Active Minds at Pitt-Greensburg, Diversity Student Coalition, La Femme, Visual Arts Society

Future Plans/Career Goals: HR specialist, Manager, Recruiter, OSHA auditor

- **Internship (company/your title):**
Dorney Park and Wild Water Kingdom Training and Auditing Specialist (Operations Associate Relations Intern)
- **How did you find your internship?**
WestPACS Career Fair
- **What were your duties?**
 - Training new hires for efficient ride operations and park services general information
 - Auditing ride operators and providing professional feedback while documenting findings and reporting employee performance to their direct supervisors
 - Reaching out to new hires to recruit them for training sessions
- **How many hours per week were you at your internship site?**
40 hours/week
- **What did you enjoy most about your internship?**
Having multiple environments to work in each day and learning to adapt to new hire needs as I worked with international associates almost daily.
- **What was the most difficult aspect of the internship?**
Being flexible with availability and amount of hours I work each day
- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Management Department prepare you for your internship?**
Challenging classes prepared me for time management and the close-knit community helped me to be more outgoing and willing to openly communicate with new associates.
- **How has your internship prepared you for a career?**
It introduced me to an internationally filled environment and helped me learn to adapt to coworkers needs and preferences.
- **What recommendations do you have for other students about doing an internship?**
Internships are an incredible opportunity to test the waters of your major before you secure a job position that you are unsure about. They are temporary positions that you may be able to turn into full time positions if you fall in love with what you do and the company you are with.

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