

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Semester & Year: Spring 2025

Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2023

Major: Criminal Justice & Psychology

Minor: Psychology – Clinical and Counseling

Hobbies: Reading/Writing, Poetry, Hiking, History

Campus Activities: UPG Women’s Bowling, Student Government Association, Student Activities Board, Criminal Justice Club

Future Plans/Career Goals: I plan to attend law school while also acquiring my MPP. My future career would include advocating for non-profits and having a role in government affairs.

Hometown:

Pittsburgh, PA



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

Intern/Protect Us Kids Foundation (Washington, D.C.)

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

Through The Washington Center’s internship database

- **What were your duties?**

-Administrative, operations support to include, but not limited to; taking calls/checking voicemail, and clerical duties.

- Help youth with recreational/educational activities that provide a nurturing, educational, and rehabilitative environment for those who have been either directly (or indirectly) impacted by online child sexual exploitation.

- Provide support with social services and behavioral and mental health initiatives in support of youth who have been impacted by online commercial child sex- trafficking; this may include first response assistance to individuals who reach out to Protect Us Kids Foundation, as well as support with advocacy and outreach efforts concerning sexual assault issues within the communities we serve.

- Collaborate and engage with data, research, and intelligence initiatives, which support innovative processes, tools, and technologies that enhance online child protection efforts.

- Provide support with education, awareness, and outreach in areas of technology-facilitated sex crimes, Internet Safety, and cyber security, as well as with developing curriculum and providing training.

- Provide technical support for overall infrastructure in support of Protect Us Kids Foundation’s mission.

- Support positive press in radio, television, print, digital and social media, as well as all other communication initiatives where needed.

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

My internship was virtual but I worked a minimum of 20 hours per week and a maximum of 30.

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

The thing I enjoyed most about my internship was the connections that I made. I was able to develop good interpersonal relationships with my coworkers and superiors. So much so that I was given the opportunity to stay on as a volunteer which I have graciously accepted.

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

The most difficult aspect of the internship was adjusting to balancing my academic life and my work/internship life.

- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Criminal Justice Department prepare you for your internship?**

My experience as a member of Pitt-Greensburg's Student Government taught me how to effectively communicate and work with my peers and superiors. It also prepared me in other aspects like fundraising, marketing, and advocacy. Dr.Holler and the Department of Criminal Justice at Pitt-Greensburg also prepared me well for my DC internship. Providing me with knowledge in legislation, policy, and research.

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

My internship has prepared me for a life of politics in several ways. I learned how to problem solve, furthered my leadership skills, and I found a passion for advocating for underserved communities that I plan to continue to pursue. Most of all, my internship gave me insight into the importance of an excellent work-life balance.

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

I highly recommend doing an internship, especially through The Washington Center. Living in DC, working for my nonprofit, and attending various networking and academic events gave me insight into my future academic and professional career. The best advice I can give is that you find an internship that's right for you and one that you can balance with your academics.

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