

INTERNSHIP SPOTLIGHT

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Graduation Semester & Year: Spring 2022

Semester & Year of Internship: Summer 2021

Major: Criminal Justice

Minor: Legal Psychology

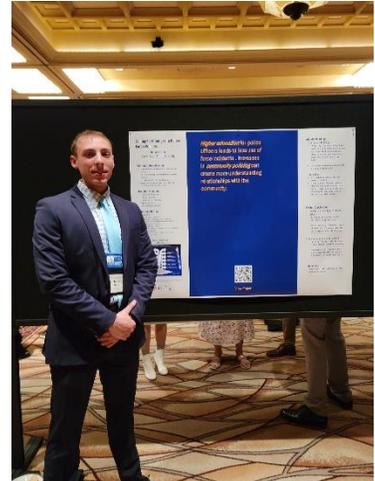
Hobbies: Fitness, Hiking, Camping, Fishing

Campus Activities: Criminal Justice Club, Phi Eta Sigma

Future Plans/Career Goals: Upon graduation I intend on entering law enforcement. Law enforcement has always been my dream career at a young age, and growing up in a family who works in this career field, my drive and dedication is focused to enter a career that is rewarding for myself and for community members.

Hometown:

Monongahela, PA



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

Allegheny County Sheriff's Office/Intern

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

I found this internship through advertisements on social media, in particular the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office Facebook page.

- **What were your duties?**

As an intern, you get to experience nearly every aspect of what the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office has to offer. At least one full day is spent in each division excluding Transportation and the Federal Task Force. Some of the divisions I spent time in was the K9 Unit, Crime Prevention, Firearms, Warrant Office, Writs, Family Court, Criminal Court, and Investigations. Some of my duties included assisting with daily logs while on ride-alongs, observing investigators prepare to serve warrants for arrest, ride along with investigators to serve warrants across the county, observe and participate in K9 training, filing paperwork, issuing concealed carry permits, and observing court room proceedings.

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

I worked three days a week at minimum, but if you would like to do more it is possible to work up to five days per week. A full day is 8am to 4pm, with the acceptance for selected weekend days and PM shifts with specialized units that will give advance notice. I typically worked 24hrs per week, and the internship coordinators were very understanding for any days needed off.

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

What I enjoyed the most is the Command Staff, Deputies, and Civilian workers within the Allegheny County Sheriff's Office. Every person I met is very welcoming and treats you as if you are one of them. They focus on teaching you skills and aspects of their department and law enforcement in general so you can learn about the career field if you choose to pursue it. The physical work is secondary, learning and education is primary.

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

From my point of view, I did not find any aspect of the internship difficult. Every process you are included in is an important step in the complex criminal justice system, and the internship prepares you for the realities if you have not had any prior experiences.

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- **How did your experience at UPG and in the Behavioral Science/Criminal Justice department prepare you for your internship?**

My experiences at Pitt-Greensburg, and in my major prepared me by having an open mind to any and all opportunities that came to me in the internship. I have learned to ask as many questions as possible to make the most of the internship.

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

This internship has prepared me for a career by teaching me that the functions of law enforcement is much more detailed and has endless opportunities to grow in a career while serving the community.

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

An internship is an important part of your college career. It allows you to have a free test drive in a way to experience a career field you have interest in. Whether you end up disliking the field your internship is in or you enjoy it, it allows you to know what you want to pursue after graduation.



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