

CLJ Career Connection

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A Typical Day

I ride the Red Link bus to Innovation Park and chat with the bus drivers who make the ride a little less monotonous. Once at JASI, I meet with my supervisor, Joe, to discuss what work I can do and he informs me of new updates about the conference we have been planning for months. I usually do a lot of research on presenters coming to the conference and on the latest trainings in public safety. I also continually update the conference program. In addition, I attend weekly meetings with Joe, other interns, and people on staff to make sure everything is on track. He makes a giant chart and updates us on the progress we are making.

The Most Important Things I learned in the Field

Working at this agency has taught me how to deal with different situations and people in the real world. I learned how to conduct business with a potential or existing client, and learned proper business etiquette. While doing my research for our Results-Driven Policing Conference, I gained much knowledge in the latest policing techniques and procedures, as well as major planning and multi-

tasking skills.

I have a better knowledge of the criminal justice system because of my research, learning about it from my supervisor, and the topic papers I completed during the internship.

The internship encouraged me to pursue my goals that I already had. Although I find this area of work interesting, I still want to attend law school and become an attorney.

My Advice to Future Students

I would tell students to come into the internship with an open mind. He or she should expect to learn and realize it is okay if they do not know how to do every task assigned to them.

The Highlight of my Experience

The most exciting part of the internship was attending a business lunch in Baltimore with my supervisor and the hotel we are doing business with for the conference. I was a part of the process and was able to see both sides make deals with each other.

My internship was exciting, yet challenging. I learned many things I did not expect to and it has prepared me for the future in more ways than I thought it could.