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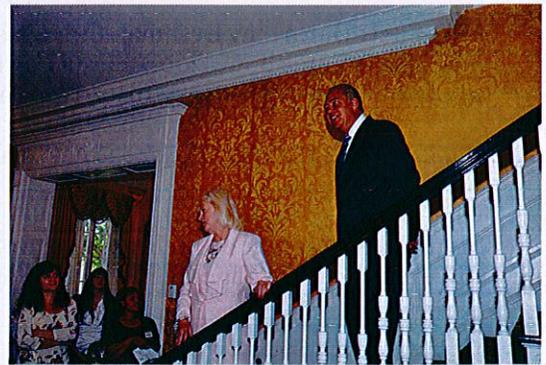
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GIP Interns Meet Governor and First Lady Tomblin

On June 3, the members of the 2011 Governor's Internship Program had the opportunity to meet with Governor and First Lady Tomblin. Governor Tomblin addressed the group, emphasizing his support of the program and his appreciation of the experience it offers college students. Department of Education and the Arts Secretary Kay Goodwin noted, "This program has offered hands-on experience to college students for over twenty years. The sponsors of this internship are devoted to nurturing the aspirations of the brightest students in West Virginia." The meeting was the first of five planned enrichment events for the internship program. Each event is designed to provide interns with an opportunity to interact with West Virginia leaders. On June 16, interns are scheduled to meet with Supreme Court Chief Justice Margaret Workman.



GIP Interns listen to the Governor and First Lady



The Governor and First Lady address the interns



Meet the Interns

Name: Valerie Bevans

Agency: Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA)

Bio: I earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration graduating Cum Laude and as a University Honors Scholar from West Virginia University in May 2009. In May 2011, I completed my graduate studies at WVU receiving my Master of Public Administration degree. During my six years as WVU student, I was an avid Mountaineer Maniac, cheering on the Mountaineers at many football and basketball games. While in grad school, I served as treasurer for the Student Association of Public Administrators (SAPA) and on the WVU Relay for Life Committee as Entertainment Chair. I have previously interned through the GIP with the Office of Technology in the summers of 2008 and 2009. Last summer, I interned with the Mon Valley Homeless Initiative in Morgantown. I enjoy reading, skiing, watching WVU Mountaineer sports, live music, cooking, and spending time in the great outdoors. My interests include my friends and family, history, Spanish, news, music, and politics. I definitely want to pursue a career in public service because I am motivated by meaningful work where I can make a difference.



Fun Fact: During my freshman through senior years at WVU, the football team played in the 2006 Sugar Bowl, 2007 Gator Bowl, 2008 Fiesta Bowl and 2009 Meineke Car Care Bowl. I attended all of these games, which WVU won with quarterback Pat White!

My Favorite Quote: "Success is not final, failure is not fatal. It is the courage to continue that counts." - Winston Churchill

My Favorite Aspect of GIP: I enjoy working with and learning from my colleagues at PEIA and attending GIP events to learn about the great state of West Virginia and learn from my fellow interns.



Name: Elliott Iannello

Agency: Office of Technology

Bio: I am a Computer Science Major at West Virginia University's College of Engineering and Mineral Resources. I am originally from Scott Depot, West Virginia and I attended Winfield High School before heading to Morgantown. I am an avid outdoorsman; I love distance running, mountain and road biking, fishing, camping and more. But don't let that nature stuff fool you, I have an inner geek. Just ask anyone who has played Mario Kart with me. I also enjoy reading, writing and strategy games (virtual or board based) and I hold a strong belief in the maxim that the mind is a beautiful thing to waste. The things I hold most dear are my faith and sense of humor. To experience life's highest elegance, it's necessary to have both working in conjunction. I hope reading this has been somewhat enjoyable, dare I say even funny. If you have made it this far, congrats. You've reached the end.

Fun Fact: I suffer from self-diagnosed and self-treated ADD.

My Favorite Quote: "Life is a succession of lessons which must be lived to be understood." -Ralph Waldo Emerson

My Favorite Aspect of GIP: The people.

Name: Tim Hall

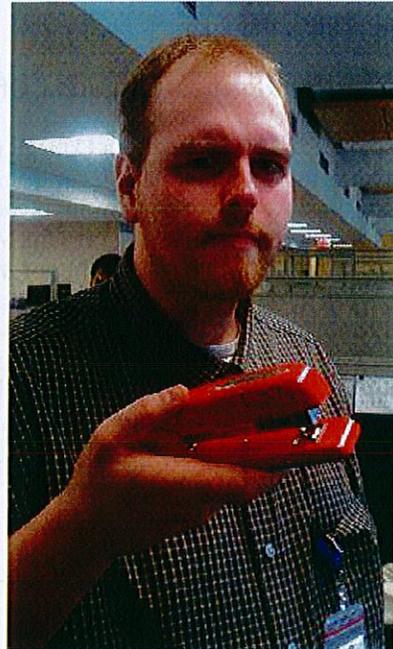
Agency: Office Of Technology

Bio: I graduated as First Valedictorian from Logan High School in Logan, West Virginia. I am now a senior at Marshall University as a Computer Science major. My hobbies include playing snare drum, as I am on the Marshall University Marching Thunder Drumline and have been playing snare for three years there. I also enjoy reading about and learning how to work on automobiles, and learning how to become a well-rounded, practical human being. I plan to obtain my Bachelor of Science degree with a focus in Computer Science and hope to work in southern West Virginia if possible. I love West Virginia for the scenery and the people, and I would love to stay here for at least a few years after obtaining my degree.

Fun Fact: Although I've worked at a movie theater for almost four years, there is only a 5% chance that I have seen a movie anyone mentions.

My Favorite Quote: "You get your Bachelor's degree and you think you know a lot. You get your Master's degree and you think you know everything. Then you get your Doctorate, and you find out you don't really know anything." – Dr. William Niemann, a Geology professor of Marshall University.

My Favorite Aspect of GIP: My favorite part is the people with whom I get to work. Everyone here is really nice and fun to be around. I'm also glad to work with other interns from both my own school and other schools, and I'm happy to get to know some full-time employees as well, such as Alexander Paz, for he rules.



Has anyone seen my stapler?

Name: Kim Waybright

Agency: Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)

Bio: I attend West Virginia State University as a junior studying Communications with a cognate in Photography and a Minor in Spanish. I love acting on stage, as well as film projects. I love photography, acting and reading in my spare time. As for my career plans, I want to work for National Geographic in Washington, D.C. and I would also like to pursue an acting career.

Fun Fact: In the last year and a half, I have performed in 10 plays. One was with the Charleston Stage Company and the remaining nine were with the Contemporary Youth Arts Company. I will also be working on Othello very soon.

My Favorite Quote: "Whatever you are, be a good one." -Abraham Lincoln



My Favorite Aspect of GIP: I am able to see what kind of work goes into a state job. I like the being able to do field work with other DEP workers and see what they do on a daily basis. I was able to work alongside them as we picked up trash along the roads in Kanawha City. This is really a great opportunity to experience a job where you work to better your own state, and I have already learned so much about what this state does to keep West Virginia looking beautiful!

Name: Olivia Smolder

Agency: Department of Education, Office of Communications

Bio: I am a senior at Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, double majoring in Advertising/Public Relations and Spanish with a certificate in Leadership Studies. At Marietta, I am involved in many extracurricular activities including serving as the secretary for Marietta's chapter of the American Advertising Federation, a member of Marietta's chapter of the Public Relations Student Society of America, a Spanish tutor for high school students, and a reporter for the McDonough Leadership's annual publication, Tower Notes. I interned with GIP last summer in the West Virginia Department of Education, Modern Languages. I also have a passion for fashion. After attending Ohio State University to obtain a Master's Degree in Fashion Studies, I will pursue a career in the area of either Buying or Fashion Merchandising. I live for traveling, and will one day travel the world, in style of course.



Fun Fact: During my semester abroad, I took a weekend trip to Italy and toured the entire city of Rome in one day, feet barely intact.

My Favorite Quote: "At first our dreams seem impossible, then they seem improbable, but when we summon the will, they become inevitable." – Christopher Reeves

My Favorite Aspect of GIP: I am given responsibilities and tasks that relate to the real-world. There is only so much that can be taught in the classroom; going into the real-world and applying skills learned in school is the key to gaining experience and eventual success in your field.

Name: Margaret Crow

Agency: West Virginia Lottery Commission



Bio: I am studying Accounting, with a Minor in Criminal Justice at Appalachian State University. I plan on graduating in two years and then attending graduate school to get my CPA. After that, I will complete a Forensic Accounting program to become a forensic accountant. My ultimate goal is to eventually work for the FBI. I practice yoga weekly, volunteer at the Ronald McDonald House on weekends and attend River Ridge Church. I also love to spend time outdoors taking pictures and relaxing in my hammock.

Fun Fact: My left pinky is shorter than the right.

My Favorite Quote: "Do everything without grumbling or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure, children of God without fault in a warped and crooked generation. Then you will shine among them like stars in the sky as you hold firmly to the word of life." -Philippians 2:14-16

My Favorite Aspect of GIP: I like being to work in my career area, which furthers my understanding of what I will be doing when I graduate. I also greatly enjoy the opportunities we have to meet state officials and visit important places in our state (such as the Governor's Mansion, State Supreme Court, and Tamarack).

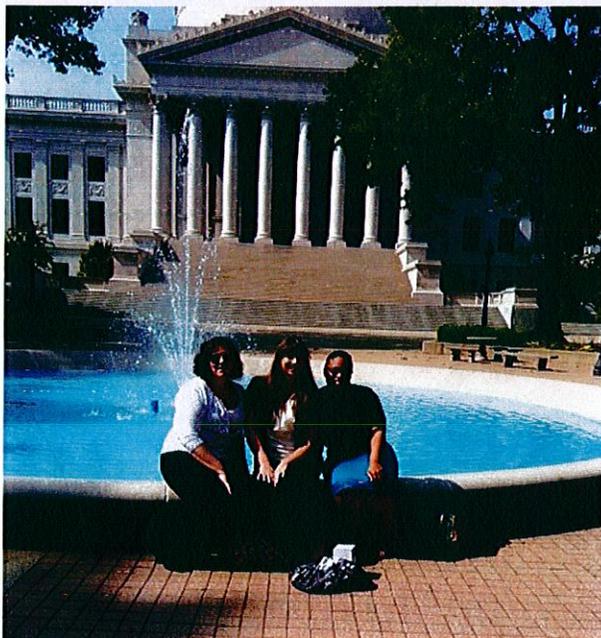
Student Snapshots



Workers with the REAP department of DEP are assembled and ready to pick up trash!



DEP Intern Kim Waybright picks up trash in Kanawha City on the third day of her internship. She noted, "It's harder than it looks, especially when you're digging through little creeks!"



West Virginia Lottery Commission Interns Margaret Crow, Katie Lester and Shawna Sampson relax in front of the Capitol steps during a 2010 GIP Event.



West Virginia Lottery Commission Interns Margaret Crow and Katie Lester, sporting costumes they will wear for the upcoming Sugarland concert.

Greetings from Secretary Goodwin

I extend a special welcome to the 2011 Governor's Internship Program class! I am Kay Goodwin, Secretary of the Department of Education and the Arts and I am thrilled with the ever-growing group of young people participating in this wonderful opportunity. For over two decades, this program has cultivated the future of our state, seeking the participation of West Virginia's most promising college students. I encourage each of you to take full advantage of this unique experience, designed to help young people reach their career aspirations. I am confident that many of you will go on to lead the great state of West Virginia. I look forward to seeing great things from each of you!



Secretary Kay Goodwin, Department of Education and the Arts

Editor's Note

Hello! My name is Katharine Nyden, which I'm sure many of you recognize from my emails to the other interns! This is our first issue of *The Intern Voice* and we hope to feature a "Meet the Interns" section in every issue. Please send your bios and pictures to my email address when you get a chance! Also, we would like to include pictures from your internship. I encourage you to take photos throughout the summer and send them to me at Katharine.A.Nyden@wv.gov. If you would like to submit any articles or commentaries, feel free to do so. The newsletter is made for everyone in the Governor's Internship Program and we would like to incorporate as much of your input as possible! I hope you have enjoyed the first issue of our newsletter!



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"A great leader's courage to fulfill his vision comes from passion, not position." - John Maxwell

