



# The Intern Voice

## GIP Interns Take a Trip to Tamarack

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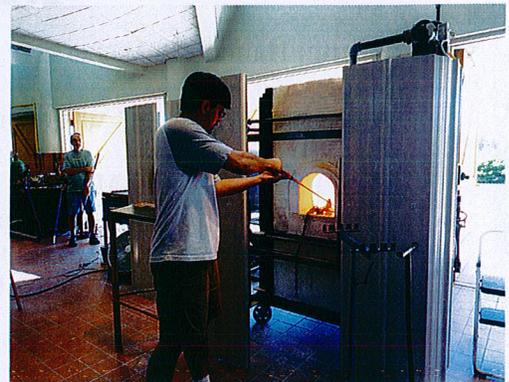
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On July 14, the GIP interns traveled to Tamarack, where they observed many of West Virginia's finest artisans. Interns had the opportunity to interact with folk artists, glass blowers and quilters, among others. The demonstrations allowed GIP participants to become more familiar with the methods used by local artists. Each group spent a few minutes conversing with the craftspeople, who allowed them to test out their tools and instruments. One of the glass artisans demonstrated how paperweights are made, allowing students to surround the burning kiln used to heat the glass ball. An in-house quilter invited the interns into her workshop, discussing the meticulous nature of constructing the intricate tapestries displayed at Tamarack. The experience gave interns the opportunity to appreciate the art and craftsmanship native to West Virginia.



One of Tamarack's glass artisans demonstrates how a paperweight is made.



GIP Interns enjoy the crafts of Tamarack.

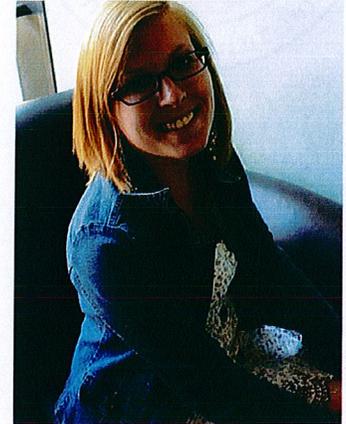


## Meet the Interns

**Name:** Hannah R. Vickers

**Agency:** Division of Culture and History

**Bio:** I am a senior at Marshall University, currently majoring in Advertising with a minor in Photography. When I graduate, I am interested in doing mostly studio work and working with a creative team in advertising. I have always been interested in magazine advertisements as well as fashion photography. I am the Photography intern with the Commissioner of Culture and History. This is my first year interning with GIP. However, for the past three summers, I have been an intern for the State Treasurer. I worked in the Unclaimed Property Division, helping people find their missing money, among other jobs throughout the office.



**Fun Fact:** The land that I grew up on, in Boone County, was granted to my family from the Queen of England in the 1700s.

**My Favorite Quote:** Don't be afraid to give up the good, to go for the great. –John D. Rockefeller

**My Favorite Aspect of GIP:** Being able to meet new people with different backgrounds. I also enjoy the experiences I am gaining working in the Cultural Center.

**Name:** Katie Lester

**Agency:** West Virginia Lottery Commission



**Bio:** I am originally from St. Albans, West Virginia where I attended and graduated from St. Albans High School. I took a little trip up north and ended up in Morgantown at West Virginia University as a Marketing major. I bleed gold and blue and I am a huge sports fan. I love to play basketball but am very competitive and I can't promise you that I will take it easy on you in a game of one on one. I am a self-admitted geek who loves to read. I am a people person and I love anyone who can make me laugh. My career plans are to graduate from WVU in May and then go on to graduate school so I can receive my MBA.

**Fun Fact:** If there is music playing my toe starts tapping. I think it might be impossible for me not to dance when there is a song playing. That being said, I have some pretty sweet dance moves that mostly just make people laugh.

**My Favorite Quote:** "My mission in life is not merely to survive, but to thrive; and to do so with some passion, some compassion, some humor, and some style." – Maya Angelou

**My Favorite Aspect of GIP:** I love being able to look forward to coming to work every day! The people here at the Lottery are beyond nice and it is like being welcomed into a family. I also am getting real world experience such as going out of the office on promotions or working the Sugarland concert. It isn't just your average internship where you file papers all day!

**Name:** Sarah Chandler

**Agency:** West Virginia Office of Tax Appeals

**Bio:** I am currently a junior at the University of Charleston majoring in Political Science with a minor in History. This summer I have had the pleasure to intern at the West Virginia Office of Tax Appeals. However, this is my first summer interning at the state level; I had previously worked in county departments for two consecutive summers. After I receive my degrees from the University of Charleston I plan to move onto law school. Some things I enjoy include shopping, traveling, and reading.



**Fun Fact:** I am an extreme neat freak. Everything around me must be clean and organized all the time.

**My Favorite Quote:** "Twenty years from now you will be more disappointed by the things that you didn't do than by the ones you did do. So throw off the bowlines. Sail away from the safe harbor. Catch the trade winds in your sails. Explore. Dream. Discover." –Mark Twain

**My Favorite Aspect of GIP:** The best part of this program would definitely have to be meeting new people. I have had the privilege to encounter very helpful, influential people during my period at the West Virginia Office of Tax Appeals. I could not have asked for better co-workers or supervisors to guide and teach me throughout this summer. I have gained so much useful knowledge and have met people I will remember for a lifetime.

**Name:** Danielle Stephenson



**Agency:** Department of Environmental Protection, Watershed Assessment Branch

**Bio:** This summer will be the third that I have been a Governor's Intern at the DEP WAB. I graduated cum laude from Marshall in May 2010 with a Bachelor's Degree in Environmental Science, minors in Biology and Geology, as well as a certificate in GIS. I am currently working on two Master's Degrees at Marshall University, the first in Watershed Resource Science (May 2012) and the second in Geobiophysical Modeling (December 2012). I also work as a Teacher's Assistant in biology labs and play on the Marshall Women's Rugby team. After earning the two Master's Degrees, I hope to work in the Watershed Assessment Branch and perhaps one day work for the Environmental Protection Agency.

**Fun Fact:** I was born and raised in Wappingers, New York. I moved to West Virginia four and a half years ago. And no, it wasn't that much of a culture shock.

**My Favorite Quote:** "Never be bullied into silence. Never allow yourself to be made a victim. Accept no one's definition of your life; define yourself." - Harvey Fierstein

**My Favorite Aspect of GIP:** Through the GIP internships, I have gained invaluable real world experience working in a field that I greatly enjoy. The internships, in addition to coursework, have shown me that a career in the protection and conservation of the environment is what I truly desire.

**Name:** Chelsea Carr

**Agency:** Department of Environmental Protection

**Bio:** I enjoy music and everything outdoors. I am a sophomore at WVU and a Secondary Education major with a focus in History. My minor is in Geography and Parks and Recreation. I plan on joining the Peace Corps right after graduation for a 2-4 year stint in Guatemala. My ultimate goal is to be a history teacher in a low-income area like Brooklyn, Baltimore or Philadelphia.

**Fun Fact:** I am half Cuban.

**My Favorite Quote:** “Ya don’t know what ya don’t know” – Unknown

**My Favorite Aspect of GIP:** My favorite part of my job would have to be the field work. I love being outside and it is a great opportunity to get out of the office and connect the outside world to the in-office demands.

## Photos from the Field

Department of Environmental Protection intern Danielle Stephenson snapped this photo while conducting a wetlands assessment in the Monongahela National Forest. The stream is heavily affected by acid mine drainage and the orange coloration is from iron.



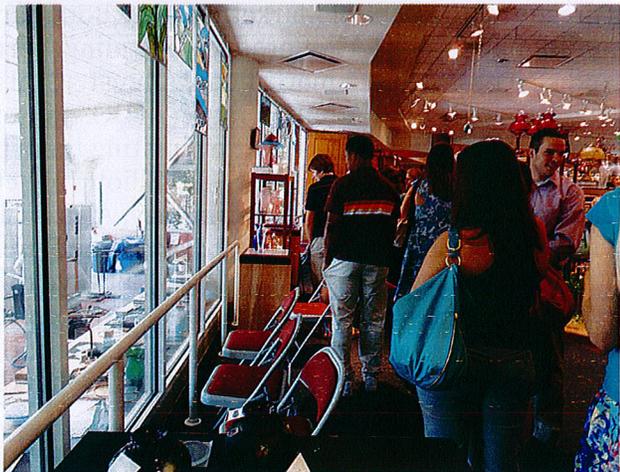
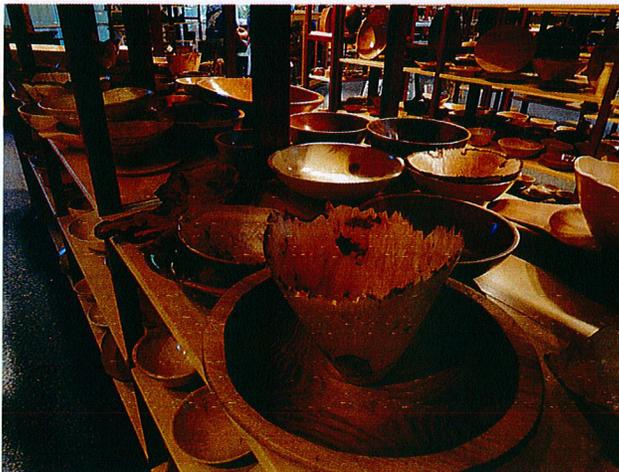
## OIT Intern Presents the Dangers of Piggybacking

 **State of WV Piggybacking**  
by Jim Richards PLUS  
27 days ago



Go to <http://vimeo.com/26067963> to watch Office of Technology Intern Luke Brumfield in his film debut. This security awareness video emphasizes the prevalence of “piggybacking,” or unauthorized entry into state buildings.

# Student Snapshots



## GIP Interns Offer Helping Hands

*By Valerie Bevans*

With the help of the GIP interns, the West Virginia Division of Agriculture (WVDA) once again facilitated the “Capitol Market at the Capitol,” providing fresh produce for sale at the West Virginia Capitol Complex. The interns assisted local farmers with the selling of fresh fruits and vegetables outside at the Capitol Complex from 11 am until 1 pm every Wednesday from July 13 until August 3.

This project began seven years ago as a part of former First Lady Gayle Manchin’s Healthy Lifestyles Initiative and the WVDA’s ongoing efforts to promote farmers’ markets in West Virginia. About the market, Commissioner of Agriculture Gus R. Douglass said, “This service has grown in popularity every year. I encourage all West Virginians throughout the state to visit their local farmers’ markets, eat local and be healthy.”

Under the direction of WVDA Manager of the Capitol Market, Tony Richard, and Executive Director of the Capitol Market, Tammy Borstnar, wraps, salads, and fresh cut fruits were provided in addition to the variety of produce including: corn, peppers, potatoes, zucchini, squash, tomatoes, and peaches. The last market day, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, also featured a free corn roast presented by the WVDA. The Department of Administration’s (DOA) intern in the Cabinet Secretary’s Office, Allison Pullin, coordinated the interns’ effort by inviting them to volunteer via an initial planning meeting. Along with Allison, interns Timothy Hall, Elliott Iannello, Brittany Pratt, Luke Brumfield, and Michael Hackett from the Office of Technology, Alyssa Clevenger from the Department of Transportation Division of Highways, Breana Crites from the Purchasing Division, and Valerie Bevans from the Public Employees Insurance Agency (PEIA) all gave their time to make this year’s Capitol Market at the Capitol Complex a success. Additional support for the project was provided by the DOA from Deputy Secretary Cedric Greene, Business Manager of the General Services Division Sue Chapman, Health Promotions Director of the PEIA, Nidia Henderson, and Gigi Manchin, Site Coordinator for the PEIA Weight Management Program.



*GIP Interns Allison Pullin and Elliott Iannello sell fresh produce during the “Capitol Market at the Capitol.”*



*GIP Interns Breana Crites, Valerie Bevans, Alyssa Clevenger and Allison Pullin volunteered to help operate the fruit and vegetable stand at the Capitol Complex.*

## Blame the Browser

The Somewhat Engaging Commentaries of the WVOT Interns

### The Cost of Being Connected

By Elliott Iannello

"Mr. Watson, come here. I want to see you." What Alexander Graham Bell never imagined was a world where the boundaries of the voice no longer exist, a world where your bubble of reality walks around with you in your pocket. We are entering a new era. Ushered in by the mastery over electricity, what was once a mere heavenly power has brought on radical change that rivals the transformation wrought from the industrial revolution. From our medicine to our war machines, the reach of the computer's hand has touched all aspects of daily life. But it is the most common of things affected greatest – and hence the one we notice least – communication.

From a simple dinner conversation to a stroll around the park, the way in which we connect has been altered. You could even say that modern communication has been "invaded." Most have become desensitized to it and the aware willingly offer these "intruders" refuge, but regardless our technology has done some damage to the art of human interaction. An iPod now serves as a barrier between passers-by in the park. No hello is exchanged. A text message takes you away from dinner chat, leaving you out of the loop. Even the way we build relationships has been reformed with the advent of social networking media. The next step after meeting someone is viewing of his or her Facebook page. From that point on, you are tethered to that person. All the personality they wish to expose is seen in an instant, hampering the effect of the proverbial "thrill of the chase," the anticipation of the next meeting. "Absence makes the heart grow fonder" and "you don't know what you have until it's gone" are quickly becoming scarce adages.

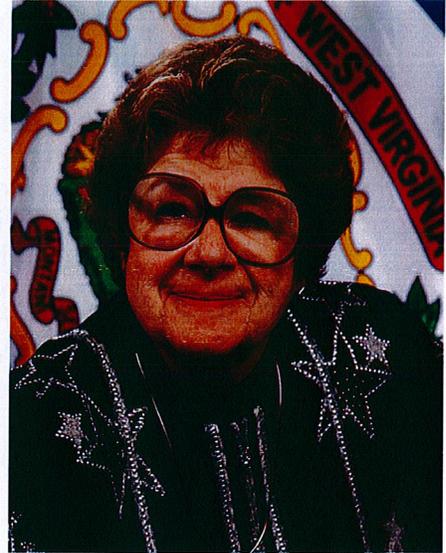
Information exchange happens at such a rapid rate that we get overwhelmed and to cope, we hasten our processing. It's a new condition: social ADD. Get bored of talking to one person and another is right around the corner. Nobody really takes the time to get to know few people well. They'd rather know little of many. This is another burden of the digital era – our lives are managed too well. You can now maintain 1,000 friends on sites like Google+ and have 600 contacts in your phone. Technology has made it easy to exhibit the bad habit of social overloading, and as a result we have become very adept at parsing up our attention to meet the demand.

It's a danger, continuous communication. When you're always talking about something, what is there left to talk of when you are in the physical aura of another? What information withheld is interesting enough to speak of? And furthermore, can you articulate without hiding behind a screen or using a keyboard? Perhaps we are entering the realm of too much of a good thing, or even a bad thing, a realm in which we have forgotten the simple beauty of taking the time to listen. Either way, I find reality to be pulling with subtle and haunting hands the cord that plugs us in, begging for us to remember just a piece of what once was.



# Secretary's Send-Off

I would like to thank each and every one of you for your invaluable contribution to this program. The Governor's Internship Program was designed to find and employ the brightest students in West Virginia. Each of you has proven that this mission continues to be fulfilled. It has been my privilege to meet and interact with many of you and I applaud your hard work. I only hope that your internships have given you a taste of the real world and have cemented your love of the state of West Virginia. You are truly the future of our wonderful state and after meeting with you, I am sure that great things lie ahead. Always remember, with a little imagination and a lot of determination, anything is possible. Again, thank you for your service and please continue to work to better the world around you!



Thank you!

**Secretary Kay Goodwin**

Department of Education and the Arts

*“Whatever course you decide upon, there is always someone to tell you that you are wrong. There are always difficulties arising which tempt you to believe that your critics are right. To map out a course of action and follow it to an end requires courage.”*

**Ralph Waldo Emerson**

