

# Intern WALL OF FAME

## **Faith Wester (Finance, Accounting Minor, Senior)**

**Tax Preparer**

**EG Tax**

This past tax season I have been fortunate enough to hold a tax preparer internship with EG Tax in Fredonia. The position has proven to be an incredible learning experience, and has really allowed me to bring what I have learned in the classroom to life. Through the internship I have been able to perform returns by myself while interacting with customers. I have learned a great deal about all of the current tax laws, credits, schedules, and software available. The internship forced me to be very independent which has given me a lot of confidence when completing office tasks and providing customer service.

This internship has brought me closer to my career goals by giving me experiences that have truly forced me to grow as a business professional. As an accounting minor I now have formal business experience on my resume that will show employers that I am capable of obtaining and maintaining positions in my field of business. I would rate my internship experience as excellent and would definitely recommend it to any business student at Fredonia.

I highly recommend any internship opportunity that may be available to you. While everything you learn in the classroom is important, putting your knowledge to use in a business setting is essential when looking for a full time position upon graduation. Employers are very impressed with any work experience you may have prior to completion of your undergrad. My advice would be to start looking at the beginning of your junior year, if not sooner! The more experiences you can get under your belt the better. Exploring different areas within your field can be very beneficial.

I would also advise students to take advantage of the Career Development Office services! The CDO has so many services that I have utilized that have truly helped. They have perfected my resume, improved my interviewing skills through mock interviews, and helped me find jobs. Don't forget to visit their website- Quest is really helpful!

## **Payroll Assistant Learning Center**

I have worked as an intern at the Learning Center in Reed Library for the past year and have learned a great deal from the experience. I have learned the process of payroll for employees of a company and now have a deep appreciation for the attention to detail that is necessary for this process. I have improved my computer skills through creating data bases that assist me in drafting up reports pertaining to the budgets the learning center must comply with. I have learned a lot about confidentiality laws and understand how important it is to respect employee information. .This has been learned through filing techniques and general payroll processes.

This internship has brought me closer to my career goals by giving me various experiences with things that I can now include on my resume. I feel more confident working with others, creating reports, filing requirements, computers skills, and the payroll process in general. At times I wish that the position had been more challenging but overall I rate the internship experience as excellent. I would really recommend this position to any business students attending Fredonia.