

INTERN WALL of FAME



Matt Carroll
Major: Sports Management

Intern to the Athletic Director
Jamestown Community College

The Career Development Office recently had the pleasure of speaking to senior sports management major Matt Carroll about his internship at Jamestown Community College. Matt Carroll is a member of the SUNY Fredonia Men's Baseball team, so his internship under the Athletic Director at JCC was a perfect fit for him as a Dean's List student.

One of the most important things Matt developed during the internship were his networking skills. Matt attended and participated in school-approved meetings in which he learned proper meeting conduct, the ins and outs of each department's objectives, while concurrently establishing a more professional presence for himself. Assisting the Athletic Director in daily tasks, Matt was also able to focus on becoming more organized and prepared. This helped Matt when he needed to work in troubleshoot (high-pressure) situations.

His improvement in these areas allowed him to learn how to manage an athletic program such as the one at JCC. This involved supervising employees, reviewing JCC athletes and finding areas in JCC's sports program that could benefit from his work. Interning to the Athletic Director, Matt was also able to work on his networking skills and public speaking.

Matt was then able to apply the new tools he had gained to his biggest project, which was an investigation on behalf of Jamestown Community College in the active pursuit of turf fields. Matt's job on the project was to create a presentation on artificial turf fields in Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania. His presentation included statistical and geographical analysis of the Western New York and Northwestern Pennsylvania areas. Because of the project, he was able to fine-tune his writing and presentation skills. Matt was very satisfied with his internship at JCC, explaining that the work he did there will open up opportunities for him in the future in terms of finding possible job opportunities and further developing his career.

In his free time, Matt plays baseball as a member of Fredonia's Division 3 baseball team. Before transferring to Fredonia, Matt also played at Finger Lakes Community college. Because of his playing time and his internship, Matt improved his leadership, communication skills, as well as his focus on punctuality and hard work. Matt Carroll intends to pursue a career in sports and with his previous experiences: with the sky being the limit for this senior.