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**My Summer Experience**

Summer! School is out, but yet I’m dreadfully still working the usual routine I had for school. I had a personal goal and motive to work during the summer just so that I can better myself, and gain work experience over the summer. I also needed to make some money so I can do things I wanted to do over my summer. Luckily, this was a paid internship. This internship came with its challenges, however these challenges helped me better myself and gain skills I didn’t have before I started working. I interned at an organization called City Harvest so I can have a motive, a goal, and income.

I was motivated to work at this internship because I wanted to gain a new work experience and network. At my internship, I was doing office work and field work by going out to do surveys with people I have never met before in my life, which was unpleasant. The idea of just having to approach someone I didn’t know at all made me feel nervous and uncomfortable because I was afraid of being rudely rejected. However, I was trained to work with strangers that reject you right off the bat and with those that agree to partake in the surveys Iwere administering. Over the course of the summer, it started to come to me as second nature and I was able to go up to anyone and ask if they wanted to partake in the survey. I was also motivated to network with my co-workers and employers because I was told that networking will always be helpful when you are looking for a job. You will never know who will be able to help you and it might be those who you worked with before. Networking plays a significant role in the work world, and it motivates me to work.

My goal at the internship was to gain skills that I didn’t have before I started working. My internship drilled two programs into my brain, Microsoft Word and Microsoft Excel. I felt brainwashed by both of these programs because all the office work I had done was done on those two programs. However, the brainwashing really helped me learn more about the programs I didn’t know things about before. I also type much faster than I did before. Another skill I gained from my internship was the skill of communication with strangers. I was able to communicate with strangers easily because of all the surveys I had to do with many strangers over the summer. I was pleased to gain these skills because these were skills I didn’t have before and it will help me throughout my life.

I needed income because college was coming up and I needed some money to help my parents out to pay for some things. I would pay for things such as books, supplies, and my metro cards. I also needed income because I just didn’t want to spend my whole summer working, but I wanted to go out and have fun during the weekends. I didn’t want my summer to be all work and no fun. So I made sure I worked full weeks and when my pay check came in, I split it where I have money for college and money for weekend fun. I spent my money wisely, and still managed to have a great summer while I worked!

My internship was a great new working and learning experience for me and it was something I wouldn’t regret doing. My motive to work helped me gain connections in the work field through networking and I also gained a new working experience I never have done before. My goal to gain new skills was reached when I became much more proficient with Microsoft Word and Excel, and was able to communicate with complete strangers. I was also able to gain the income I needed for college expenses and the summer. My internship was an overall great experience because I was motivated, achieved my goal, and gained income.