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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 could 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, I had a paid internship. This internship came with its challenges. 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 with a motive and a goal, so that I could have 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 who reject you right off the bat and with those who agree to partake in the surveys I was 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 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. Anyone can set their mind to achieve a goal; all it takes is a motive, and some perseverance. That is why my internship was an overall great experience because I was motivated, achieved my goal, and gained income.