Sociology Major Develops Skills for Future as Social Worker

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Dashawna “Day” Anderson, Senior Sociology major, completed a six-credit hour summer internship with S.H.A.R.E House Family Violence Crisis Center located in Douglasville, GA. Day will graduate in May 2019 and plan to pursue a Master’s Degree in Social Work. Here’s what Day had to say about her sociology internship experience:

I completed my summer internship at S.H.A.R.E. The acronym S.H.A.R.E. stands for “Someone Helping Another Through Resources and Education.” S.H.A.R.E. House has an administrative office and a Domestic Violence shelter that serves women and children; I had the opportunity to intern at both sites where I worked with a diverse group of people. While interning at the shelter, I interacted with survivors and their children and answered the crisis hotline for individuals in need of help and support. At the administrative office, I observed and conducted intakes for clients to attend support groups and acquire a restraining order. When doing client intakes, I was exposed to the symbolic interactionist perspective, in which sociologists consider symbols and details of life, the meaning of the symbols, and how people interact with one another. People connect meanings to symbols which in turn causes them to act in specific ways. I viewed this perspective in several settings at my internship. I also saw the symbolic interactionist perspective when I attended bond court hearings. Bond court opened my eyes to what was going on within my community as far as crime is concerned. Overall, I learned a copious amount of information related to social work, case management, legal advocacy, administration, and much more. I am sure that the experience I have acquired will help me in my career field when I become a Social Worker.

If you’re interested in learning more about potential sociology internships, please contact Dr. April Schueths, Sociology Internship Coordinator and Associate Professor at aschueths@georgiasouthern.edu.

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Sociology Student has B.I.G. Summer Internship

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James Crean, senior sociology major, completed an internship this summer with the Business Innovation Group (BIG) in Statesboro and learned a lot about conducting research and the relationship between the local government, businesses, and the community:

As an upcoming senior Sociology major and Economics minor, my experience at the Business Innovation Group (B.I.G.) provided the understanding how what I've learned can be applied in real communities. Working under the research team at B.I.G., I had the opportunity to talk to members of government, contribute to projects for neighboring counties and businesses, and became familiar with IRB’s and the research process. With most projects emphasizing the promotion of economic (re)development in southeastern Georgia, the goal in my contributions normally worked with using the sociological perspective to address the multivariate relationship between local government, businesses, and residents.

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Congratulations to Tiera Williams, Georgia Southern Sociology Alum (BS 2016, Statesboro campus) who recently accepted a position at East Georgia State College as the Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life. Below Ms. Williams tells us a little about herself, her new position, and her academic future:

My name is Tiera Eleni Williams, I am from Clyo, Ga. My college career began in the fall of 2011 at East Georgia State College. I graduated from East Georgia State College in 2014 with an Associates of Arts degree. I then went to transfer to Georgia Southern University for two years and I graduated with my bachelor’s degree in Sociology in 2016. I was not done there, In the fall of 2016, I enrolled in a Masters of Public Administration program at South University in Savannah, Georgia. In June 2018, I graduated with a Masters Degree in Public Administration. On July 20th, I was offered a position at East Georgia State College as Assistant Director of Housing and Residence Life. While in this position I will be pursuing a Doctoral Degree in Education.