What are your main responsibilities?
As an intern I had many responsibilities. I was given the opportunity to clip stories covered in the local media that Senator Schumer would be interested in, write letters and correspond with constituents on his behalf, as well as research policies and how they apply to the region. I was also tasked with writing county updates, press pitches, media outreach and event planning.

What is your major and did it influence your decision to pursue a co-op?
I am a double major in Public Relations and Political Science. I have always been interested in the press side of politics and that was what my internship entailed. I am also a supporter of Senator Schumer. He has a very good reputation in regards to helping the people that he represents. I saw first hand this summer how much he devotes himself to his constituents.
What is the most exciting part of your internship?

The most exciting part of my internship was seeing one of my press pitches become an actual event. I pitched an event to raise awareness about the impact the Emerald Ash Bore will have on the Rawlings Baseball bat factory, located in Dolgeville, NY (Herkimer County). At the end of July, Senator Schumer held a press event at the facility to raise awareness and push for funding to help stop the Emerald Ash Bore.

What type of experience have you gained so far that you wouldn’t have learned in a classroom?

I gained experience in event planning, communication skills, network building with journalists, and writing skills that I would not have learned in the classroom.

Do you have any internship advice you would like to pass on to other students?

The advice that I would pass on to other students is to always work hard. You have the opportunity to learn things from professionals, so take every opportunity you can. Even if that involves getting up at 5 A.M. on a Saturday and driving three hours to be at an event. Your hard work will pay off in the future.

Do you have any suggestions for students who would like to do something similar?

My suggestions are to work hard, research thoroughly and never be afraid to step outside of your comfort zone.

Do you think your internship will play an important role in your education and career?

I think my internship will play a very important role in my education and career. I learned so much that cannot be taught in a classroom. My dream job is to be a press secretary and this internship showed me all of the tasks involved while providing the opportunity to work with some great people who shared their knowledge and experiences.

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