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AOIT PRE-INTERNSHIP MEETING

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Desired Outcomes

- General overview and understanding of the internship program
- Steps to take before, during, and after the internship
- Tips on finding internships
- Review resources
- Answer questions



Internship Overview

- Academy graduation requirement per WCPSS
- Honors level credit upon completion
- Ideally, a paid or stipend position
- In-person, virtual, or hybrid
- Related to students' career goals
- Must include technology
- 120 contact hours
- Cannot work for parent/guardian



Student Benefits

- Apply skills learned in the Academy
- Reinforce career readiness skills
- Opportunity to explore a career
- Enhances resume
 - College application
 - Employment
- Networking
- Recommendations





Internship Basics

- Students enroll in Canvas course
- Complete Career Portfolio Assignment
- Apply and Interview for Internship Opportunities
- Once secured - receive approval from Mrs. Cadavid
- Complete Data Collection Form
- Complete Internship Agreement
- Determine Learning Goals with Internship Supervisor
- Determine Internship Schedule with Supervisor
- Track Internship Hours

Before the Internship

- Update resume using feedback from volunteers
- Participate in practice interviews and review feedback
- Determine the type of work/internship you would like to pursue
- Make a list of organizations/research
- Internet search (LinkedIn, Indeed, etc.)
- Tailor cover letter and resume for each opportunity
- Start reaching out to network, including current seniors
- Submit via Canvas signed Internship Agreement - internship hours CANNOT be counted until agreement is returned
- Student is registered for liability insurance through WCPSS

During the Internship

- Communicate with your supervisor any scheduling issues
- Complete learning goals with your supervisor
- Complete Journal Entries
- Track and complete 120 contact hours
- Take pictures on the job site and collect work artifacts for portfolio/presentation
- Complete 2 honors enhancement activities
- Check-In with Mrs. Cadavid about halfway through

Wrapping up the Internship

- Internship Supervisor must complete your performance review
- Internship Supervisor signs off on timesheet
- Create a slide deck presentation on internship experience
- Review that all components have been completed
- Upload work to Canvas site
- Present on internship experience
- Final grade added to PowerSchool upon completion

Finding an Internship



- Finding the internship is ultimately the student's responsibility
- Look for and apply the same way you look for a job
- Tap your network (family, friends, neighbors, etc.)
- Internet search (LinkedIn, Indeed, etc.)
- Reach out to previous internship sponsors
- Check your email for internship leads coming from AOIT
- Connect with local Chamber of Commerce
- Dress professionally and go “door to door”
- Send emails or call organizations to inquire about opportunities (Internship Summit)



Resources

- Canvas site
 - Performance Based Measurements (PBM)
 - Modules
- AOIT website/Internships
 - AOIT Internship Guide
 - Student Skills Assessment
 - NAF Future Ready Skills Assessment
 - Back Pocket Projects and Templates

THANK YOU

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