

# Intern WALL OF FAME



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**Late Night Programming Intern**  
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I learned several new skills from this internship. I learned how to work with organizations and groups across campus. I worked with outside agents to book activities for late night programming or W.H.O.A. Fredonia. I gained valuable experience in making a proposal to help start the program as well as evaluate techniques for after we had a late night event. I plan to pursue a degree in high education/student affairs. This internship will help me obtain my career goals because I aspire to work with college students and in the area of student activities. I would rate my experience as excellent because of the valuable experiences I had and the creativity I was able to incorporate into W.H.O.A. as the first intern of this program. I would recommend this internship to other students. This internship can help other students who are interested in learning how to program, event plan, work and collaborate with organizations, departments and outside booking/talent agencies. This internship has a lot of transferrable skills that can be applied to several majors/careers. This valuable experience not only goes onto your transcript, but onto your resume. Being an intern is what separates you from the others when applying for jobs. Having experiential learning is something that all employers no matter what the profession are looking for from graduates of college today.

My advice for fellow students is that they should always take chances. Never be afraid to step out of your comfort zone. College is about encountering new experiences and seeing what works best for you. Take the time to simply meet the internship coordinator or any staff member from the CDO because that is where endless possibilities can begin. Be sure to come to the Career Development Office as a freshman and make it a habit to check back regularly. Always check out QUEST, it is a great online resource to utilize when looking for internships, jobs, etc. The sooner you make that step to start thinking about your career, the easier it will be to secure the perfect one!