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INTERNSHIP





Mission:

To relentlessly pursue innovative ideas that transform communities.

Vision:

No one will say “Wesleyan Bubble” ever again.

ROOTS • PRIDE • VISION

WEST BLOOMINGTON REVITALIZATION PROJECT

Mission:

Driven by the voice of residents, the WBRP leads impactful, collaborative efforts of neighbors and local stakeholders that honor our historical and cultural roots, build on the pride and strengths of our neighborhoods, and empower residents to be leaders and achieve a vision for a better community.

My Responsibilities

Commercial Properties
Bench Project
Demographics Profile
Staffing Tool Library
Home Repair Project



What was my experience like?

What did I gain from it?



YWCA IS ON A MISSION



Eliminating racism, empowering women, and promoting peace, justice, freedom, and dignity for all.

Our Values

COURAGE

We have the collective strength to face the biggest challenges and work toward a more just and equitable society that benefits everyone.

COMPASSION

We believe that impacting lives begins with understanding individual needs. We listen, we learn, and we respond.

COMMITMENT

We are the oldest and largest multiracial women's organization in the world. We have always been - and always continue to be - leaders for racial justice and women's empowerment.

What We Do

Adult Services

- Food Bank
- Home Care Services -> Home Assistance and Transportation Services
- RSVP- Facilitates senior volunteer opportunities

Mission Impact

- Elimination of Racism
- Economic Empowerment

Prevention and Empowerment

- Girls Be U- Empowerment group for young women
- Stepping Stones- Central sexual assault resource of McLean County

Young Wonders Early Learning and Youth Development

- Full-Time and Part-Time Child Care
- Before and After School Child Care
- Summer Camp
- Traveling Teachers Program
- Smart Sprouts

My Responsibilities

- Home Care Services project
- Brochures
- Social Media
- Event Planning
- Interview/Story



What Did I Gain?

- Professional Writing Skills
 - Brochures
- Team Work
 - Projects
- I learned that I would love to work for a nonprofit
 - I like knowing that the work I do is helping the community in some way

***Special
Olympics
Illinois***



Mission and Goals

- Hosting year-round sports training and athletic competition in a variety of Olympic-type sports for children and adults with intellectual disabilities
- “Participate as productive and respected members of society at large, by offering them, and by increasing the public's awareness of their capabilities and needs”
- Develop physical fitness, demonstrate their skills, and experience happiness through sports training and competition
- Oath: “ Let me win. But if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt”

Experience

- Volunteer Experience
 - Powerlifting
 - Impressed by people's courage and determination
 - Kept challenging themselves
 - Personal best → Joy and sense of achievement
 - Importance to athletes and their families

General Responsibilities

- Processing and Maintaining accurate financial records to help decision making
- Examples...
- Entering journal entries into the financial system
- Bank reconciliation
- Adjusting entries
- Researching for data discrepancies
 - Found a mistake that \$40,000 get coded wrong in the system
- Manipulating data via excel to highlight variance and trends (graphs)

General Reflection -- Professional Growth

- Learned about the world of accounting from hands-on experience
- Application + Mentorship → Understanding concepts better
- Problem-solving skills
- Organizational skills

General Reflection -- Personal Growth

- Understanding myself better
- Strengths
- Weaknesses
- One tip for future accounting interns
 - **Excel skills!**





Illinois JusticeCorps

Leveraging Students to Improve Access to Justice

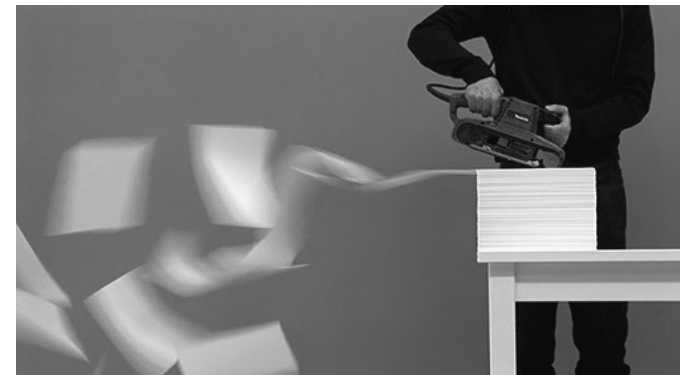
Vision Statement

- “Illinois JusticeCorps is an innovative program through which AmeriCorps members and students serve as guides to make courts across Illinois more welcoming and less intimidating for people without Lawyers”



Description of my responsibilities as a Volunteer.

- Explaining Legal Process
- Answering general questions about the legal process and making referrals to legal aid and other services when necessary
- Assisting to Identify and accurately complete legal forms Identity
- Assist self-represented litigants in the self-help web center and other assigned locations by providing legal information and connecting them to available legal aid resources
- Accompany people without lawyers around the courthouse to help them complete the necessary steps to move forward with their legal matters



General reflection of my experience

- What did I learn about the profession?
- What skills did I gain or strengthen?
- How will **my** internship experience impact **my** future career or personal goals?



What skills did I gain or strengthen?

- Expanded my knowledge about the Illinois Legal System
- Improved my communication and service
 - Flexibility and Support
- Organizational Skills
- How to fix a copier



What Did I Learn about the Profession?

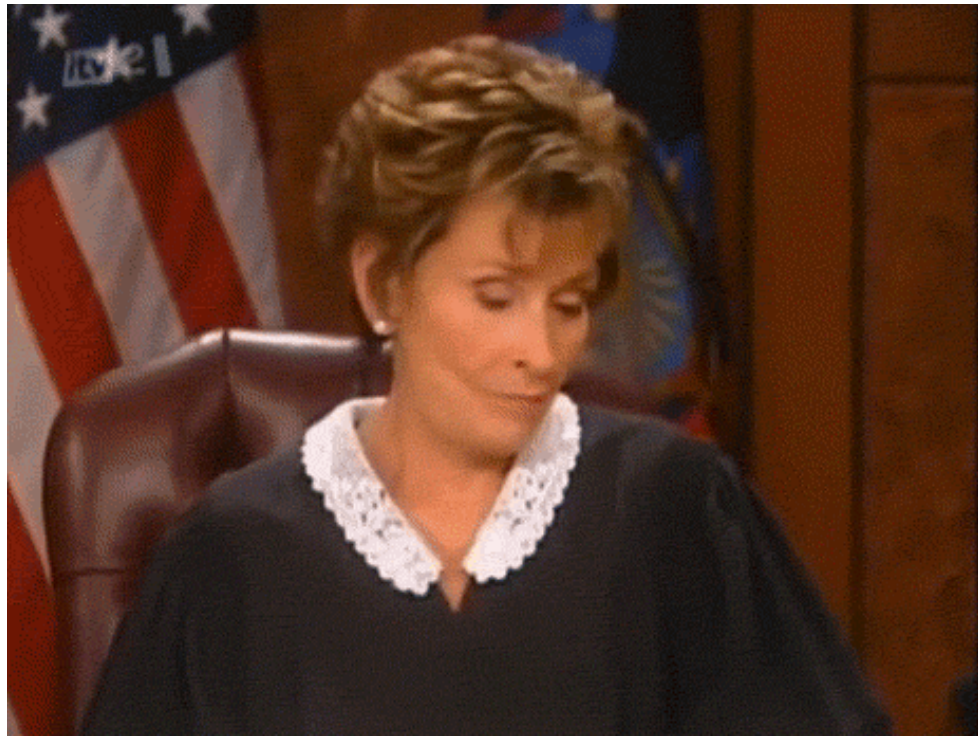
- Everyone needs help...
- Increasingly difficult to navigate through the legal system without a lawyer.
 - The changing of legal terms in forms can either be helpful to people or a disadvantage to them.
 - Litigants are unable to bring in their phones for information



How will your internship experience impact your future career or personal goals?

- Introduced and exposed me to the legal system
- Increased my interest in helping and being more involved in my community.
- Made personal connections with those who work in the courthouse.







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