

# Murray Huber

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“Never give up on a dream just because of the time it will take to accomplish it. The time will pass anyway.”

– Earl Nightingale

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Murray Huber was an intern during the spring 2016 semester with the WKU engineering department. Her role was what is called a story harvester, which is not dissimilar to that of a journalist. She met with students and faculty in order to write stories for the department’s blog, which she herself created. She formulated stories for events, including diagrams and photos. Because of this, she gained a lot of journalistic experience, both in terms of writing and face-to-face communication.

Murray mentions that originally, she was all but certain that she would *not* get the internship. When she ended up receiving the internship, it was completely unexpected. After the fact, she wouldn’t give up the experience for the world. She mentions how much she learned, and how overcoming the challenges involved has given her the growth she never would have gotten otherwise.

The goal of what she would do was largely worked out beforehand. Yet, when the time came to write the stories, she discovered that, rather than posting the stories to the engineering department’s website,

as was the original plan, she would need to develop an entirely new forum for which to post them. It simply didn’t match the goals of the internship. This difficulty led her to the creation of the blog itself.

Through all the challenges, and often because of them, she learned a vast number of things during her internship, refining multiple relevant skills to better sell her overall abilities. She mentions gaining “increased knowledge of journalistic writing, experience with technology and online blogging, flexibility, and interpersonal skills.” And it didn’t stop there.

She says, “I learned...how to conduct interviews, write in a journalistic style, and manage an online blog. [It] taught me a great deal about workplace interaction in general... [Interning there] made me a more confident individual and prepared me for future internships and work experiences.”

Murray knows, as many other college students know, what it is to feel underprepared or nervous about taking advantage of new opportunities. She mentions, “Even if you are nervous or feel unprepared for an internship or other opportunity, I would encourage you to apply, anyway... Getting out of my comfort zone definitely allowed me to learn a great deal and gain important professional skills.”

As a bit of parting advice, Murray says, “... [Don’t] worry if the internship position is exactly right for your future goals. For example, I was not even a declared English major when I completed my internship... Even if your major changes after your internship, the experience will still benefit you—you will gain skills that are important to any job and have an impressive experience on your resume!

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