

# Chelsea McCarty

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“When we are given so little time to live our life, why live it doing anything but what we want to do? Make sure your actions are consistent with your goals and your dreams.”

In her time at Western Kentucky University, Chelsea McCarty believes she has finally found her niche. A current senior, McCarty says, “WKU’s English Department has made me not only believe in myself and my own abilities, but has also allowed me to break into and discover my own passion for writing. My internship has given me the opportunity to meet professors in the department whom I may not have met otherwise as a student.”

McCarty was given the opportunity to intern for the department [weblog](#), thanks to [Tomitha Blair](#) and department head [Dr. Robert Hale](#). In her work for the department weblog, McCarty has been able to spread details about department events, ideas, and projects. After her internship products were found to be substantial, she was hired on through the English Department office to continue work on the new blog site. She says, “I have gotten the chance to learn of many of the opportunities that the English Department has to offer: clubs, organizations, publication

opportunities, presentation opportunities, and more.” Her experience has been insightful in the world of professional-style writing, and has given her a start on continuing her efforts into her own career.

She is also president of [Sigma Tau Delta](#), an English Honors Society. The most important and crucial detail to her academic career, in her own words, has been “building and adding material for a proper, professional resume.” Through this, McCarty has “been interested in attempting to share with as many students as possible the many opportunities they have at learning and growing both as students and as writers.”

As far as life after college, McCarty is not necessarily rushing to jump into the corporate world. She is interested in devoting time to herself and taking a trip to Europe. When asked about this, McCarty states, “It’s important to travel and open yourself to new experiences that immerse you in rich, artistic culture. Great writing is all about experience.” McCarty plans to move to a big city and make her own way with a fresh, new beginning. “My time on The Hill may be coming to a close, but it’s only up from here.”