A WALK THROUGH HISTORY

On Thursday, June 24, twenty-five interns and supervisors braved the heat to soak up some rich North Carolina history. The group gathered in the auditorium to begin the enrichment activity. There was much chattering about their internships, and the interns shared how much they enjoyed what they were doing. As they thought about the rapidly approaching conclusion of their summer.

Intern JoCora Moore lead the group on a tour of Historic Duke Homestead. Rich in history, the site provided the opportunity for interns to see, smell, and touch history. JoCora led a teaching tour through barns where tobacco was cured and processed. A tour of the Duke Homestead provided a glimpse into what it was like in the 1800’s.
At Duke Homestead we were able to see factories and a farm where Washington Duke first grew and processed tobacco. Duke's sons later founded The American Tobacco Company, the largest tobacco company in the world. The tour ended with a visit to the Duke Homestead Museum. Ever wonder where baseball cards originated? From trading cards inserted into packs of cigarettes! If you are in Durham, take some time to visit Duke Homestead. It's a journey you will never forget.

HALFWAY THERE!
Your internship can’t possibly be halfway finished! We hope that your experience has been positive and your remaining five weeks are productive, fun, and informative. Please remember to enter and then release your time in BEACON today as well as submit your weekly timesheet. Your next payday is Friday, July 1.

HOLIDAY: July 4
With the July 4th holiday rapidly approaching, we want to remind everyone that interns cannot exceed 40 hours next week. Please also remember that interns cannot work on Monday, July 4th.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR
On Thursday, June 30, we will tour the J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center and Broughton Hospital in Morganton. Tour Schedule:

10:30 - 11:45 a.m.: J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center Tour (Meet at the Covenant Center/Chapel)
12:00 - 12:45 p.m.: Lunch at Broughton Hospital Cafeteria. Interns may bring their lunch or purchase lunch from the Broughton Hospital Cafeteria. Please BRING CASH if you intend to purchase your lunch as the Hospital does not accept credit or debit cards.
1:00 - 2:00 p.m.: Broughton Hospital Tour (Meet at the Avery Building Main Entrance)

These tours are always a moving and wonderful experience. Participants should wear comfortable clothing and shoes. Please RSVP to Candace Dudley by Tuesday, June 28. A limited number of carpool seats are available for interns. Seats will be reserved on a first come, first served basis.

The enrichment events are listed below, and we welcome you to RSVP at any time to Candace Dudley at Candace.dudley@doa.nc.gov.

Western Region Enrichment Activity
Thursday, June 30
Broughton Hospital
J. Iverson Riddle Developmental Center
Morganton
10:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Annual Intern Reception
Wednesday, July 13 (tentative)
Executive Mansion
Raleigh
2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

Central Region Enrichment Activity
Wednesday, July 27
Office of State Human Resources
Raleigh
10:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m.

ANNUAL INTERN RECEPTION
We hope you can attend the Annual Intern Reception to in your honor at the Executive Mansion in downtown Raleigh on Wednesday, July 13, 2016, from 2:30 - 4:00 p.m. You and your supervisor have received an Outlook evite and you must RSVP. You and your supervisor are strongly encouraged to attend.
INTERN SPOTLIGHTS

Evie Brooks
From Bob Alderink, Supervisor

This is Evie Brooks, our wonderful intern in the Natural World Investigate lab at the NC Museum of Natural Sciences. She has been doing an incredible job of interacting with our public visitors in the lab and getting them interested in science. Because her background is in chemistry, Evie is designing several hands-on experiments to illustrate the role of chemistry, specifically polymer chemistry, in our everyday lives.

In the picture above, Evie is assisting a young visitor to disassemble the cross links in a Styrofoam peanut, by dramatically dissolving it in a solvent. Watching a Styrofoam peanut disappear before your eyes is just the kind of experiment that makes chemistry so exciting. We are very fortunate to have Evie as our YAIO intern this summer.

Sharon Moran
From Tom Randolph, Supervisor

High up in the mountains of Western North Carolina, a bright Youth Advocacy Intern has been helping the staff and visitors at Mt. Jefferson State Natural Area. Sharon Moran has spent weeks learning about the State Natural Area and its geology. She currently presents a series of outdoor public and youth education programs.

Just last week she led several groups of elementary school age students on a variety of mountain ridge hikes at elevations above 4600 feet. Sharon has been teaching these students about geology, soils, and amphibolite plant communities. Sharon is also working on a new series of scientific public informational kiosks that will be produced and put on display at the park’s scenic overlooks.

Charlotte Kaufmann
From Chreatha Alston, Supervisor

Charlotte Kaufmann, a rising junior at Davidson College, is interning with the Engagement Services Division at the NC Community College System Office (System Office) in Raleigh. She is studying history at Davidson and will study abroad in London, England this fall. While at Davidson, Charlotte enjoys participating in Davidson College Singers Choir, the Dance En-
semble and the Reformed University Fellowship Campus Ministry, as well as educating others about HIV/AIDS awareness and prevention through Warner Hall Eating House (a philanthropic and social organization).

Charlotte is making her social media mark at the System Office this summer. She is developing and producing a media campaign that highlights and tells the story of the System Office staff that have attended community colleges in North Carolina and are now giving back as employees of this beautiful state. Charlotte has embraced this project from the initial assignment by her supervisor; she has developed questions, set up the landscape, learned how to use the video equipment and cut and edited the video interviews with the staff. Charlotte stated, “I have enjoyed getting to know more about the employees at the System Office.” When she finishes her internship, this project will be one of several awesome projects that Charlotte has completed during her summer.

Charlotte has also developed a media kit, increased our social media footprint, and she plans to speak with small business owners to capture their story via video throughout the remainder of her internship. Charlotte has enthusiastically embraced her assignments and learning at the System Office. With 58 community colleges in our System, she has caught on really quick and been introduced to our legislative process, leadership team, external partners and internal employees. Charlotte has gained valuable insight into the community college system in just a few weeks. She has been a socialmediaasset to @NCCommColleges this summer, and our team is thrilled to work with her.

Braxton Hayden & Zachary Osborne
From Susan Weiss, Supervisor

With over 8,400 parking spaces spread over 24 facilities around the State Government Complex, finding your parking assignment for the first time can be a challenge. Thanks to our super star map maker interns, Braxton Hayden and Zach Osborne, it soon will be much easier.

Braxton and Zach have joined the State Parking team for the summer. They are both studying Geographical Information Systems (GIS) in school and will map all our parking facilities and spaces in a GIS digital format. The interns will physically verify all parking spaces managed by State Parking and map them electronically in their proper locations. This will provide clear digital maps of all our spaces to use with the public, parking coordinators, state parkers and our staff. Once the mapping is complete, our goal is to have them on the Parking website. The idea is that you will be able to click on a deck and then find the location of your individual space on any level. The maps are being made to scale so you will even know how big the space is. We will be able to keep the maps updated in real time and make changes as needed to keep track of temporary as well as permanent space inventory changes.

While our interns are participating in many of the YAIO sponsored enrichment activities, we were able to set up something special for Braxton and Zach. They were able to spend time with Bret Wood from the engineering and consulting firm Kimley Horn in their downtown Raleigh offices. Brett is developing a program called “Park+” that uses GIS to study parking demand and impacts in a more robust and visual manner than previously available in the industry. Braxton and Zach were able to spend time with Brett and learn about different ways GIS can be used to examine parking demand and predict parking needs based on differing urban development scenarios. It was a great networking opportunity for our interns.

Braxton and Zach have been very creative with their approach to this project and have given us many great suggestions and options on how to present the information in visual form. John Cox in the State Property Office has been providing technical support and direction to the interns for this project. He keeps them focused and on task. Susan Weiss, our Parking Systems Manager, is supervising the direction and
The scope of the project as well as taking over as their summer "Mother."

The YAIO summer intern program is a fantastic program that all departments should participate in. You just can’t have our map making super stars!

Abby Durham
From Aldesha Gore & Kim Daniels-Jackson, Supervisor

The Division of Purchase & Contract (P&C) is pleased to announce its new 2016 summer intern, Abby Durham. Abby, a Johnston County native, is a recent graduate of North Carolina State University where she received a Bachelor of Science in Managerial Accounting in May 2016. Since her arrival to P&C on May 24, Abby has hit the ground running assisting with reviewing and organizing documents within—P&C’s file room. In just three weeks, she has garnered a wealth of knowledge on P&C’s contract process, terminology and what the agency does as a whole! Abby plans to use this new-found knowledge in her future endeavors. This Fall she will enter the Master’s Degree program for Accounting at North Carolina State University. After graduation, she plans to obtain a purchasing related job or work as an accountant for a company such as Caterpillar, Inc. Besides the purchase and contract aspect, Abby has also learned the value of teamwork and great customer service. She has observed how well P&C staff work together as a team and the friendly work environment that is embodied. Abby is grateful to have been selected as an intern through the Youth Advocacy & Involvement Office and looks forward to learning more during her 10-week tenure.

TIPS FOR INTERNS

◆ Always conduct yourselves in a business-like manner when working within your agency.

◆ Do not fraternize with either agency employees or other interns when assigned tasks have not yet been completed.

◆ Attempt to learn office procedures.

◆ Learn the agency’s organizational structure.

◆ Inform your supervisor(s), in advance, if you need to miss work.

◆ Ask questions of your supervisor(s) whenever you are unsure of how to complete an assigned task.

◆ Ask your supervisor(s) about the policy concerning the use of state government vehicles and/or possible travel that the job might entail.

◆ Office computers are not for personal use unless pre-approved by your supervisor.