

# INTERN WALL of FAME



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From my internship I learned about the non-profit world and how a large-scale fundraising event operates. My internship has already helped me to reach my career goals because I have made many connections through working at Roswell. Networking has allowed me to get many interviews, which is harder than most expect upon graduation. I would rate my internship experience as excellent. I really found that I love working for non-profits because I feel like I am making a difference in the lives of others. Specifically, helping out with events, such as the *Ride for Roswell*, *Empire State Ride*, and the *Above and Beyond Celebration*, I was able to help raise money for cancer research.

I was offered to continue my position at Roswell as a part-time intern with pay. I am currently working at Roswell part-time until a full-time position opens up within Roswell or at another non-profit organization. I would absolutely recommend this internship to other students. I would recommend this internship to students who are interested in non-profit organizations, fundraising events, and operations management.



I would encourage all students to intern even if the school does not require it. The connections you make while interning are extremely valuable to finding full-time positions after graduating from college. Furthermore, there is no other way to find out if you enjoy a career path without being in a similar position. I think interning is the best way to explore careers to find out what you like. So my advice would be to intern as much as possible and use all the resources the CDO has to offer in order to match you with an internship.

I would tell students that if they have any questions, the CDO is there to help. I was very unsure about what I wanted to do and what steps I should take to narrow my job search. However, going to the CDO helped to answer all of my questions. I originally connected with Roswell through the Job & Internship Expo. I went to the expo on a whim and I'm so happy I did because I found my dream internship through this. I highly recommend students take advantage of all the job expos and career development opportunities the CDO offers because you make more connections and learn more than you expect.

