



Internship with State Representative Ron Young

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Major: Public Policy Analysis

Description

- Internship with the Ohio House of Representatives in the office of State Representative Ron Young
- Served as his Constituent Aide
- Responsibilities mainly included assisting constituents with their problems and concerns through email, written letters, and phone calls
- Filled in for Representative Young's Legislative Aide for two weeks which allowed me to work with policy advisors and more closely with the representative himself on legislation

Motivation

- Always wanted to work in public sector growing up – even dreamt of being president
- Want to make a positive contribution to the public sector in the United States and assist Americans firsthand
- Position allowed me to make critical connections for my future and gain invaluable work experience in the public sector
- Narrow down field of interest for public sector employment
- Gained this position during spring semester and wanted to continue during the summer but needed funding to do so

Transformation

- Understanding of myself changed as well as my assumptions about working in the public sector
- More resilient and willing to ask for help because working in a government role is challenging and opens you up to criticism
- View of the world was broadened because there were many co-workers and constituents that had vastly different opinions and life stories
- Challenged to look on both sides of political issues and communicate with those with whom I disagree

Other Information

- Helped advance my future professional goals by helping me gain experience and connections in public sector
- Academic goals advanced by gaining experience for my resume which allowed me to be accepted to the Washington Academic Internship Program
- Favorite part was working with constituents to solve problems they were having with state government to help improve their personal situations
- Visit ohiohouse.gov for information about internships with the Ohio House of Representatives

