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An Adventure At The White House

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My internship at the White House was an extraordinary experience of professional and personal development, as it reaffirmed my commitment to public service and expanded my opportunities to pursue a career that would follow my philosophy of simply helping others. As a White House Intern under the Office of Management and Administration, my everyday experiences involved working on professional development programs for senior staff, researching organizational mentorship, developing databases on the staff history of the Administration, and producing a final project on staff retention that was presented to our department's Assistant to the President. My writing skills were honed, time management skills perfected, and I developed as a professional capable of working in high-intensity environments.



Supplementing this fascinating work portfolio was a diverse array of policy issue groups on poverty, justice, health, and more. Staff in the Administration working on these policy topics led information sessions and discussions about the state of the U.S. in regard to the policy at hand and the Administration's efforts on it. Every day was a new adventure of knowledge into policy I've studied as a UCR student, inspiring me to focus on poverty and education policy for my career. Furthermore, I had the amazing opportunity to introduce the Chief of Staff of the First Lady at an intern speaker series, interact with political celebrities, and attend a Colbert Report taping with President Obama as guest.

What I appreciate most is the inspiration that was cultivated within me from the environment of the White House and the extraordinary people I was able to work with. My internship developed my confidence and refined my skills to continue my career as a driver of social change. It was a surreal reminder that with aspiration and determination, I can achieve my dreams.

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