

Oberlin College Summer 2021 Internship Summaries

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Vasan Fund for Creativity & Leadership & Class of 1968 Leadership Award

Osama Abdelrahman '23

Majors: Computer Science and Economics

Internship Site: Trella



Trella's mission is to make trucking more efficient, reliable, and convenient. They do so by connecting shippers with truck drivers using their mobile app. During Osama's analytics internship at Trella, his role was mainly to build a company-wide dashboard that keeps track of Trella's KPIs in the three countries it is operating in. After Osama was done gathering the data and building the dashboard, he started making analyses to find trends in the data then he came up with suggestions for the upper management to make the company's operations more efficient.

Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Internship Fund

Iesha-LaShay Phillips '22

Major: Law and Society, Minor: Rhetoric and Composition

Internship Site: New Hope



New Hope is a program dedicated to serving and advocating for children with incarcerated parents throughout Oklahoma. New Hope is dedicated to fighting for fair, intelligent, redemptive criminal justice systems. They reach this goal through zealous client-centered advocacy, innovative policy reform, and cross-sector community education. As an intern, Iesha primarily dedicated her time to policy and advocacy work for state house and state senate bills affecting their population. Iesha also engaged in general advocacy work through New Hope's partners like OCJR (Oklahomans for Criminal Justice Reform, etc.). As a former New Hope child, Iesha has special experience that would allow her to effectively write proposals for New Hope staff to present to legislators and other people who control resources relating to underserved children in Oklahoma. New Hope has always done advocacy work, but it fell by the wayside over the past few years and Iesha wanted to amp it up and advocate for children like herself. She also worked on development through grant writing, creating materials for speaking engagements and fundraising events, as well as creating community conversations on incarceration.

Gideon Ampofo '23

Majors: Economics and Computer Science

Internship Site: Goldman Sachs



Gideon's internship commenced on the 7th of June, 2021. The first week was remote, with the first two days being training. Before that, Gideon's group had gone through a group placement process where HR submitted the group's resumes to the 24 main pods in the Global Markets division. Each pod had three desk coordinators and about four different teams. They reviewed the group members' resumes and reached out to the group to schedule informational interviews. Nineteen pods reached out to Gideon, and Gideon had a great time networking with all these teams. After the process, each pod ranked their top 7 pods while the pods counter-ranked each other. Gideon ranked Leverage Finance Sales and Trading as his first pod after connecting very well with numerous people in the pod, and they also counter-ranked Gideon first; hence Gideon ended up on that desk for his first rotation.

During Gideon's first rotation, he worked on three high-yield credit pitches. Gideon built out financial models and conducted the technical and fundamental analysis to tell the three companies' credit story and make predictions about their leverage metrics based on his models, fundamental and technical research, and the current macroeconomic environment. Gideon also supported two vice presidents on the desk, preparing a daily report on new leverage loan issuances in the market for clients. Gideon also had the opportunity to sit in lender and investor meetings, roadshow meetings and witness the process of trading new loan issuances in the secondary market for the first time. At the end of his rotation, Gideon ranked top of his class in his pod.

For the last four weeks of the internship, Gideon rotated on the Global Currencies & Emerging Markets Desks. Gideon had the opportunity to shadow professionals who trade forex products, emerging markets rate products, and credit products. Here Gideon undertook various daily tasks for clients as the business demanded and worked on two trade pitches. After the final presentation, Gideon's project was judged the best among all the presentations. Gideon also had the opportunity to grab dinner with the partner who runs the business.

Gideon is grateful for this excellent learning opportunity and to all the brilliant individuals who took time out of their busy schedules to teach him and guide him through the summer. Gideon's day usually started at 6:00 am and ended at 10:00 pm everyday with about 16 hours of work every weekend. Gideon received a return offer at Goldman Sachs, but he turned it down humbly to pursue a Private Equity Internship at a megafund called Ares Management next summer. Gideon is excited and looking forward to next summer.

Solace Porter '23

Majors: Law and Society and Comparative American Studies, Minor: Politics

Internship Site: Ultragenex Pharmaceuticals



Ultragenyx's mission is to bring patients novel products for the treatment of rare and ultra-rare diseases. The company's strategy is predicated upon time and cost-efficient drug development, with the goal of delivering safe and effective therapies to patients with the utmost urgency. During this past summer Solace spent her day to day conducting vendor due diligence for all new vendors in conjunction with the legal compliance group using a global database, she completed legal research for the security group (10k forms, FD Policy, etc), worked closely with transactional attorneys on various contract types and legal language, analyzed vendor data within the contract management systems, and participated in corporate seminars. Through this all Solace had the opportunity to make connections with individuals at different positions within the company. Whether on the legal team or medical affairs all involved were willing to offer career advice and work feedback. In between meetings and work the company offered an assortment of different workshops and clubs for interns to attend, making the experience more than enjoyable.

Rachel J. Manning '14 Endowed Internship Fund

Atlee Daniel '21

Majors: Viola Performance, Minor: Arts Administration & Leadership

Internship Site: Bowdoin International Music Festival



The Bowdoin International Music Festival is one of the world's premiere music institutes. Founded in 1964, the Festival engages exceptional students and enthusiastic audiences through world-class education and performances. Each summer, 250 students from more than 20 countries and nearly every state attend the Festival to study with distinguished faculty and guest artists. This summer, the numbers have been lowered to safely meet in person, and there will only be live-streaming available for concerts. It is a requirement for all staff to be vaccinated, and every person on campus will receive a COVID-19 test every week. As a Music Librarian Intern, Atlee has been gathering and distributing music for the students and faculty of the festival. There have been around 76 chamber groups - all of which Atlee was in charge of!

Maya Goldberg '21

Majors: Psychology and Media Studies

Internship Site: The Quad Manhattan



The Quad Manhattan is an inclusive school and camp for twice-exceptional kids, where social and executive functioning is developed through immense support. Maya interned as a social psychology intern and teaching assistant in a summer camp classroom for 7-8 year-olds. These children all had learning disabilities and were also exceptional in many ways. Maya worked on creating behavior modification strategies for the children in order to help them thrive. She was a pivotal part of the classroom setup, curriculum, and watching over campers throughout their day-to-day. She also worked directly with clinicians to come up with these strategies and discuss the kids. Maya also wrote reports on the children she worked with, and built a meaningful relationship with her campers. There was a relationship of mutual respect between her and her campers, and she made sure to be someone they could confide in.

Godlove Rubin Endowed Family Public Interest Internship Fund

Nourane Hentati '24

Majors: Politics/Law and Society, Minor: Africana Studies

Internship Site: Linking Employment, Abilities, and Potential (LEAP)

LEAP is a Non-Governmental Organization in Cleveland Ohio that works towards fostering accessibility to people with disabilities in the workplace. It also serves as an advocate and a support system to people with disabilities as they navigate different challenges ranging from competitive employment to housing. Nourane served as a Job Coach with LEAP to four young high school students with disabilities as they navigated one of their first employment experiences. Throughout her internship, she assisted the young students in person at their worksite,

acted as a link between them and the manager, and helped them understand the different tasks they are responsible for. She also supplemented their hands-on experience with some training in workplace etiquette, and led activities relating to resume building and cover letter drafting.



Sophia Musiak '21

Major: Environmental Studies, Minors: Religion and Anthropology

Internship Site: Summer on the Cuyahoga



Summer on the Cuyahoga is Northeast Ohio's premiere college internship program. Our goal is to provide college students with meaningful internships while introducing them to Cleveland. Serving as the Summer Program Coordinator, Sophia acted as an RA for the interns and made sure their experience was enjoyable. Sophia learned the ins and outs of a small non-profit. Sophia ensured that everyone was able to attend events that she organized and put on. Sophia worked closely with the Executive Director and Assistant Director to ensure that all projects given to me were completed properly. Sophia also worked very closely with the Board of Directors and Alumni network that gives Summer on the Cuyahoga the ability to run smoothly.

Harvey and Adele Gittler Internship Fund in Civil Liberties

Zoe Jasper '21

Major: Comparative American Studies, Minor: Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies

Internship Site: UNITE HERE Local 274



UNITE HERE Local 274 is a labor union in Philadelphia that represents and fights for the rights of food service and hospitality workers. Zoe was part of the airport team, with whom she learned about how to organize the restaurants and stores in Philadelphia International Airport. She spent much of her internship building up the worker power of several union shops to prepare for their upcoming contract negotiations, as well as establishing contact and meeting with workers in shops that the union was just beginning to organize. She also had the opportunity to shadow other union organizers in the hotels and stadiums.

Leo Tillson '24

Majors: Economics and Politics

Internship Site: Justice 360 SC and The Cornell Death Penalty Project



These two organizations mostly focus on helping inmates on death row in South Carolina, but also do some work with juvenile cases. Most days, Leo would be performing some form of research for one of the lawyers: this usually consisted of finding information about clients' backgrounds, researching legal arguments in cases, or finding studies for lawyers to reference in arguments. He would also meet with various teams to discuss his work and receive feedback and instructions for future work. Leo also met with and helped interview clients and their family. He was largely focused on one case involving a young man in South Carolina who was given a life sentence at seventeen: he helped track down and interview important friends of the client.

Philips Family Student Experience Support Fund

Akshat Phumbhra '22

Majors: Computer Science and Economics, Minor: Statistics

Internship Site: Quorum Analytics



Quorum Analytics is a company that hopes to change the way the way people think about politics using data. They build software that enables people to track, map, change, and report on the policy landscape – all in one place. Over the course of this summer, Akshat worked as an intern on Quorum’s Engineering team. After familiarizing himself with the tools and technologies used, he was able to lead his own project for the summer. He worked on adding a new feature to Quorum, namely the ability to track and report on presidential nominations. This consisted of enormous work in building scrapers to collect data as well as infrastructure to store and maintain it. While working at Quorum, Akshat was also able to expand his professional network. As the fastest growing start up in DC, Quorum attracts an immense pool of talented and connected

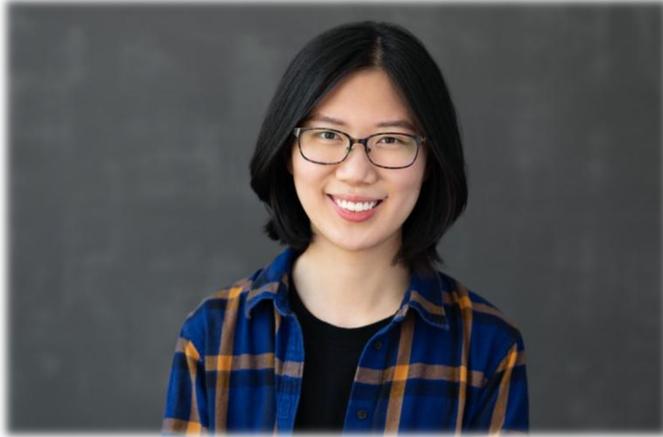
individuals. Quorum’s employees come from all walks of life, whether that’s right out of high school or after having more than 10 years of experience at massive tech companies like IBM. This enabled Akshat to make meaningful connections that he could tap into to further advance his career.

Peter Goldsmith Internship Fund

Elsie Wang '21

Majors: Comparative Literature and East Asian Studies

Internship Site: Quorum Analytics



From June 2021 to August 2021, Elsie worked as an intern for Project Nous, an NGO aimed at spreading liberal arts education to underprivileged students in rural China. Project Nous was initiated by a group of undergraduate and graduate students who have experiences studying in liberal arts education institutions all over the world. For Elsie's internship, she helped with organizing seven summer camps in various cities in China. For the beginning stage of the internship, Elsie conducted remote work including designing curriculums, recruiting volunteers for the summer camps, and

training the volunteers online. For the second stage, Elsie worked in-person at Qingdao, Shandong province, and was mainly responsible for the management of Qingdao camp. Elsie assisted the volunteers to develop their curriculums, gave them instructions, and collected feedback from the students to ensure the teaching quality along the course. At the same time, Elsie also developed my own curriculum at Qingdao camp, which is a dance improvisation workshop. Elsie formed a strong bonding with the students there, who expressed that they have never experienced such an inspiring and inclusive program as Project Nous before. They received very positive feedback from six of the seven summer camps, except one which had to be canceled because of a conflict with the sponsor. Elsie will continue working for Project Nous remotely for the next year, and they will aim at developing an alumni network with the students who have attended Project Nous summer camps and holding more camps next year.

Through this internship, Elsie improved her communication skills and leadership to a great extent. At the same time, she is also more aware of the social problem of education inequality. Elsie will sharpen her ability and hope to devote herself into this career in the future.

Raklanna Puangkam '22

Majors: Biology and Economics

Internship Site: Thailand Development Research Institute



The Thailand Development Research Institute (TDRI) 's mission is to provide support and technical analysis to various public agencies to help formulate policies to support Thailand's long-term economic and social development. Raklanna's expectations of working with the TDRI were augmenting my knowledge of Thailand's financial system, getting hands-on research experience, and increasing her communication skills. Raklanna's daily tasks included following and completing assignments that she got assigned by her supervisors. So far, Raklanna's works included Understanding how Social Security Fund's maternity work in Thailand Explored the webpage of all Thailand's funders, making summaries, and presenting them to the supervisors. Researching about vaccination development and tracking the Covid-19 strains Wrote a paper on how governments develop policies to cope with COVID-19 around the world. Summarized and presented researches that

developed during the pandemic. She summarized news about COVID for eight countries. Shadowed my supervisor in a presentation to the public agency, e.g., the Office of the National Economic and Social Development Board and National Research Council of Thailand (NRCT)

Panitch Family Internship Fund

Alim Wilkins '22

Major: Musical Studies, Minor: Arts & Creative Technologies

Internship Site: Spirit Music Collective



Spirit Music Collective is the music licensing arm of Spirit Music Group, a record label. Alim's primary responsibilities were looking through Spirit Music Collective's database of over 40,000 songs and fetching songs for Netflix shows and documentaries as well as posting on the company's social media with the intention of growing a presence organically.

Maja Shaw Todorovic '21

Majors: Philosophy, Minor: Law and Society

Internship Site: Emote



Emote is a film and production company working with creatives to produce memorable content and stories through moving pictures. The company based in Belgrade is involved with clients all over the world with strong connections in legislative, economic, and film realms of the Balkan area which they have seen is key in advertising and film production. Maja was able to stay in Oberlin for the summer and focus on this remote internship. About 80% of work was commercial based and the rest was films. Maja would, as an example, make presentation pitches for Netflix that included detailed descriptions and photos filming sites in Serbia; in order to complete this, she had to sift through over 8,000 photos to find about 300 that were most powerful in pitch making. She would also read and hear pitches from directors and clients from all over the world in pre-production work and cater to their needs. In this pre-production work, Maja would also negotiate budgets with clients and create a plan for filming. Though she was not in person for the actual

filming, there was fortunately much work to be done in pre and post production work. Some days would also include editing commercials in post-production work by changing music, video art, words, and timing and then hear back from clients on what they would like changed. The other members of the team, 7 others, all helped Maja tremendously especially in the beginning while learning the ropes.

Oberlin Career Development Center Endowed Internship Fund

Marwan Ghanem '22

Major: Neuroscience, Minor: Middle Eastern and North African Studies

Internship Site: Empower



Empower is the first non-profit organization in El Mahalla El Kobra, aiming to empower undergraduate students with the theoretical knowledge and practical experience that give them the ability to start their journey of self-learning and self-discovery. Marwan participated in reimagining and scaling the initiative to reach a broader range of disadvantaged students in the countryside of Egypt's Delta as one of the cofounders of the 4-year-old initiative; Marwan and his team were able to secure funding for the 2021-2022 training round towards expanding the initiative to include more geographically isolated students in Egypt. It

was a gratifying and eye-opening experience for Marwan as he started to feel the importance of giving back to his communities. From struggling to find a good internet connection and running around to secure partnerships to creating training curricula for scientific research and finishing the first round of training, Marwan gained professional and social skills that were "indispensable" for a student with an international perspective like himself. Marwan and his team are waiting to implement a virtual training cycle for graduate and undergraduate college applications in the coming three months.

Career Communities Funding

Brigit Cann '21

Majors: Environmental Studies and Politics

Internship Site: Alliance to End Hunger



The Alliance to End Hunger engages diverse institutions to build the public and political will to end hunger at home and abroad. Brigit mainly worked on engaging with the Hunger Free Communities (HFC) network. The HFC network is a coalition of smaller, local organizations working to solve issues of hunger and nutrition on the community level. The HFC network connects these smaller organizations, giving them a space to share ideas and resources. This summer she worked on recruiting organizations to join the network, writing and sending out the quarterly newsletter, and participated in the early stages of planning the HFC Summit.

Wenna Chen '21

Major: Neuroscience, Minor: Rhetoric and Composition

Internship Site: Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center



This summer, Wenna was a full-time research intern at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (MSKCC). At MSKCC, Wenna worked in Dr. Lorenz Studer's lab to study cell replacement therapy for Parkinson's Disease (PD). Given that PD causes the loss of midbrain dopaminergic (DA) neurons, the lab's goal was to differentiate patient-derived stem cells into functional DA neurons and transplant them to the patient's brain to rescue the loss of such population. Wenna's responsibilities included: culturing human pluripotent stem cells, optimizing the differentiation protocol for midbrain DA neurons, performing RNA screens for midbrain and hindbrain markers, ordering and restocking lab supplies, made solutions and aliquots, kept detailed notes of experiments, and performed literature searches.

Tom Decker '22

Major: Environmental Studies, Minor: Geology
Internship Site: San Francisco Bicycle Coalition



The coalition is focused on transforming San Francisco streets and neighborhoods into more livable and safe places by promoting the bicycle for everyday transportation. Tom was primarily focused on reaching out to sponsors, collecting donations, logging the donations into the CRM software and creating reports to explain the information to the rest of the staff. He then began to take on more specialized projects including improving communication between teams, fundraising and furthering the social media presence.

Puma Guerrero '21

Major: Dance, Minor: Comparative American Studies
Internship Site: Flamenco Vivo

Flamenco Vivo is one of the premiere flamenco dance companies in the US, whose mission is to promote flamenco as a living art form and a vital part of Hispanic heritage, produce and perform high quality dance works, provide arts education programs that catalyze connections among young people, and nurture the next generations of flamenco dance artists and educators. Puma worked as a marketing and studio management intern with a focus on co-leading the weekly newsletter, spearheading social media campaigns, and learning how to manage rentals for Flamenco Vivo's studios. Their favorite project was creating and executing a summer interview series that highlighted featured artists, all Latinas born and raised in NYC. The series explored facets of identity, the value of arts education for children, and more, aligning with Puma's interest in dance as a catalyst for cultural pride and social change.



Ambia Elias '21

Major: Law and Society, Minors: Africana Studies and Dance
Internship: Research with Chip Hauss



Chip Hauss, an Oberlin alumnus class of '69, is an author and peacebuilder who is currently working on writing his new book, along with several other projects and collaborations that he is involved in. Over the course of this summer, Ambia has been working closely with Chip to aid in developing a chapter of his book that focuses on issues of race in the United States. In addition to this work, Ambia has also joined Chip in participating in meetings with various organizations that he is affiliated with such as The Mary Hoch Center for Reconciliation, Alliance for Peacebuilding, and other independent partners. Ambia's summer consisted of both structured and independent learning, making greater connections, and expanding her knowledge of peacebuilding and the social, political, and economic issues facing the world today.

Zoey Guiney '21

Majors: Hispanic Studies and Cinema Studies
Internship Site: StoryLens Pictures

StoryLens Pictures makes independent documentaries that focus on issues of social justice. Their goal is to create films that promote dialogue and enable change. As a Senior Fellow at StoryLens Pictures, Zoe worked on film pre-production, production, post-production, and distribution for several different projects. She also worked on various non-profit management and fundraising tasks. StoryLens offered Zoe a unique opportunity to work on a variety of film projects, all in different stages of development. This helped her to understand the practical aspects of filmmaking, which is difficult to understand in a classroom environment.



Catie Higgins '21

Major: Art History, Integrative Concentration: Education Studies
Internship Site: Baltimore City Teaching Residency



"Historically, Baltimore City students have not had access to an equitable education that adequately prepares them for college and career. Baltimore City Teaching Residency develops talented people into the great teachers our Baltimore students deserve." - Baltimore City Teaching Residency's mission

Catie was part of a 6-week long teacher preparation program in order to teach this fall. The preparation program's courses included: instructional, cultural, literacy, diversity, and disability skill building sessions. These courses gave her the foundational skills to be an effective educator in the classroom. These skills were then implemented in mock lessons that Catie gave every other day while receiving live feedback from her coach, Stephanie Mojibola. All of this was made possible through many hours of lesson planning, internalization of the material, and lots of feedback from BCTR coaches and staff. Catie has been hired by Eutaw Marshburn Elementary School and will be teaching first grade English Language arts for the upcoming school year.

Dorian Levine '21

Major: Computer Science
Internship: Work with Pipo Nguyen-Duy

Dorian's mission has been to learn about sustainable building design and construction with the guidance of a professor, Pipo Nguyen-Duy. Pipo has built and lived in tiny houses, crafted countless intricate wood sculptures, and teaches woodworking classes. Dorian's goal resonated with Pipo; he knew it would be a perfect partnership and decided to accept Dorian's request for mentorship. Dorian's

work this summer consisted of extensive research of green building design followed by 3D modeling a tiny house blueprint in order to implement the research in a tangible, real-world scenario. The research consisted of reading a variety of studies and talking to friends in the industry about specific topics like solar power generation, air and vapor sealing, building drainage strategies, insulation, etc. Once Dorian felt confident in his design, he began the construction process. He spent between five to ten hours every day for three months working on the house. He found it to be a great experience, with lots of ups and downs, but overall a very successful venture. Pipo was a helpful resource with his wealth of knowledge and experience in tiny home construction and woodworking.



Alexander Kott '21

Major: Politics

Internship Site: LiUna



LiUNA fights for higher wages and better working conditions on behalf of over 500,000 construction and energy workers across the U.S. and Canada. As a Corporate Affairs Intern at LiUNA, Alexander engaged in work tracking, advocacy, and FEMA research. In addition, he worked on an ESG project, where he set up meetings with ESG rating firm analysts and recorded their answers to a set of questions. One of his favorite projects involved working on a campaign against a restoration company with a record of mistreating its workers. For that project, he

reviewed the Missouri court record system and used municipal permit trackers in Cedar Rapids, Nashville, Des Moines, and St. Louis to determine specific locations where the company performed emergency response work. Alexander also made public information requests and worked with members of LiUNA's local chapters to locate additional job sites. After identifying the projects that the restoration company worked on, he used local property assessors (to determine the specific property owners who hired the company) and LexisNexis (to find their contact information). He went on to contact property owners with a legally-cleared fact sheet to ensure that they were aware of the restoration company's labor practices. For the same project, he drafted a portion of the public comments that they delivered to the elected trustees of a major pension fund. The public comments focused on providing information to the trustees about the restoration company's labor record because the pension fund has holdings in the private equity company that owns the restoration company.

Nia Lewis '21

Major: Africana Studies

Internship Site: Grant BLVD

Grant BLVD is a Black-owned, female-led sustainable and socially-conscious clothing company. They are committed to supporting currently and formerly- incarcerated people. This summer, Nia took on 2 main projects: organizing a book drive and writing blog posts for the Grant BLVD website to raise awareness on various issues. During her 10-week internship, she helped gather nearly 400 books to donate to Books through Bars, an organization dedicated to sending books to currently-incarcerated people in Pennsylvania prisons. She also wrote blog posts about issues such as prison reform and telecommunication justice in the prison industry. Additionally, she helped grow Grant BLVD's social media presence on various platforms and learned how an up-and-coming business operates by observing daily operations.



Amelia Lewis '21

Majors: Geology and Environmental Studies

Internship Site: University of Michigan Biological Station



The University of Michigan Biological Station provides a natural laboratory to study the influence of environmental change. The Station's 10,000-acre property allows students and researchers to think interdisciplinarily about the challenges our world is facing. Amelia Lewis ('21) spent this summer researching the climate impact of atmospheric chemistry reactions on forests. She studied how forests; emissions of compounds react with human-released pollutants to produce ozone and aerosol particles that are detrimental to trees and harmful to human health. Amelia examined how climate models may not be fully accurate due to incomplete information on

how forest emissions vary and how predicted increases in temperature will accelerate the production of harmful products. She spent the summer working on a graduate-level research project with Professor Steve Bertman from Western Michigan University. Her work included collecting white pine needles, extensive lab processing, and data analysis. Her sampling of 250 trees fills in a more complete picture of the variance of forest emissions, which will be instrumental in understanding the impact of climate change on forests.

Corinne Marble '21

Majors: Neuroscience and Psychology

Internship Site: Sanofi



Sanofi is a global biopharmaceutical company focused on human health. At Sanofi, Corinne learned techniques for biomedical research and contributed to projects focused on improving the lives of those suffering from diseases such as MS, Parkinson's Disease, and ALS. Her experiences helped her to become a more independent scientist.

Micaela Pirzio-Biroli '21

Major: Studio Art, Minor: Dance

Internship Site: Oberlin Phyllis Wheatley



The Oberlin Phyllis Wheatley is a volunteer-run community center based in Oberlin, OH. Through its neighborhood garden and community building located on the south side of town, the Phyllis Wheatley is a gathering place and resource for Oberlin neighbors not affiliated with the college, operating on the principles of relationship-building and community care. Over this summer, Micaela worked with members of the Phyllis Wheatley at the community garden, providing additional support to this core part of the organization. Daily tasks included planting and tending to crops, as well as building and designing infrastructure such as trellises, drip irrigation, and a new water catchment system. Micaela also worked with members of the community to envision future projects and events to take place at the Phyllis Wheatley building, with the goal of making art for the physical space in collaboration with neighbors. These projects included a mural plan for the front entrance steps, to be executed with the help of youth

members of the community, as well as a tile-painting neighborhood event, to bring everyone's creative imagination into decorating the exterior of the building.

Pearl Puzak '22

Majors: Sociology and Comparative American Studies

Internship Site: NASCO



NASCO is an alliance of group-equity housing cooperatives helping to build a world where every community benefits from resident-controlled housing by educating and organizing youth and emerging leaders to create and care for co-ops in the USA and Canada. As their Cooperative Development Intern, Pearl researched incorporation laws, created resources to help new co-ops get started, assisted with grant writing, and created and analyzed the results a COVID-19 impact survey. They coded an interactive map that tracks cooperative legal statutes in the USA and Canadian provinces, which is now available on the NASCO website. Pearl loved working with co-ops outside of the Oberlin community, and it was exciting to see how housing co-ops exist beyond OSCA.

Ben Reed '22

Major: Economics, Minors: Politics and History

Internship Site: Lancaster Barnstormers



The Lancaster Barnstormers are an independent professional baseball organization. Their purpose is to serve as a landing spot for players who are not in affiliated baseball by allowing them a place to showcase their talents. Reed worked closely with the coaching staff in both baseball strategy and player procurement. Primarily, he focused his time on roster construction, where he used projection systems to target minor league free agents. He contacted players and agents directly and was instrumental in leading the signing of key Barnstormer contributors. In addition, he assisted the coaching staff in advance scouting. In this endeavor, he looked at opponent tendencies to prepare Lancaster for their upcoming opponents. Reed added value to the organization by using his knowledge of baseball analytics to provide a unique perspective to Lancaster's baseball operations staff.

Joshua Reinier '22

Major: Comparative Literature & Composition, Minor: Creative Writing

Internship Site: Breakthrough Collaborative

Breakthrough is an educational equity nonprofit dedicated to providing under-resourced middle- and high-school students with a quality college preparatory program. The program begins in sixth grade and follows students up to college acceptance with summer courses, college counseling, and community support. Joshua was a Teaching Fellow for Breakthrough's six-week summer program, and brought two sections of rising ninth graders through Chinua Achebe's "Things Fall Apart," a landmark work of postcolonial African fiction. They also taught chess and creative writing electives and supervised lunch and afterschool periods, even bringing students on a camping trip and chaperoning a dance. Joshua learned about what being an educator really means, and that students can teach you as much as you teach them.



Bhairavi Mehra '21

Major: Cinema Studies, Minor: Anthropology and Gender, Sexuality and Feminist Studies
Internship Site: StoryLens Pictures

StoryLens makes independent documentary films about pressing social issues in order to promote education, encourage public dialogue, and enable change. The films bring focus to specific non-profit organizations in northeast Ohio and explore issues such as prison recidivism, opiate addiction. During her time at StoryLens, Bhairavi worked on various projects in collaboration with other StoryLens Fellows. On a day-to-day basis, she did grant research, logged footage, and conducted research on oral history methodologies for a project about the history of marginalized communities of color in Lorain county. She also served as the Assistant Outreach Coordinator for the feature documentary, "Fireboys," which StoryLens co-produced. She also participated in on-site shoots for different projects. As a recent graduate, she is grateful to have had this opportunity to engage more deeply with Oberlin and surrounding communities through her time at StoryLens.



Paige Reinstein '21

Majors: English and Creative Writing, Integrative Concentration: Education
Internship Site: Oberlin Kids



The mission of Oberlin Kids is to provide resources and support to local families in order to set them up for success in Kindergarten. They work with individual families and businesses in Oberlin in order to make sure every student has access to all their needs (physical, safety, food, friends, etc.) Paige helped organize a parents night out with babysitting, a communal play group calendar, participated in Second Saturday downtown Oberlin events, and researched possible grant opportunities.

Bridget Smith '21

Majors: Politics and Education, Minor: Rhetoric and Composition
Internship Site: ACT Now Illinois

ACT Now Illinois is a coalition of out-of-school time programs from around the state that work towards ensuring Illinois youth have access to quality, affordable afterschool and youth development programs. During her internship, Bridget Smith developed a Family Engagement Toolkit to support program administrators and staff in engaging diverse families and hosted a webinar with 70+ participants to introduce the resource. She also created policy briefs related to out-of-school time issues, including compiling information on anti-trans youth legislation introduced during the 2021 State legislative cycle (in all 50 states). Bridget connected with the ACT Now staff to learn more about their experience in the field of education/education policy and met staff members from other related organizations, including the Illinois State Board of Education.



Isabel Tadmiri '21

Major: Neuroscience, Minors: Environmental Studies and Politics
Internship Site: Africatown CHES



Africatown C.H.E.S.S. is a leading environmental justice non-profit based in Africatown, Alabama. Africatown, just outside of Mobile, Alabama, carries a legacy of community engagement and resistance to environmental racism in part due to the work of C.H.E.S.S. This Summer, Isabel has been supporting C.H.E.S.S. as an intern to undertake grant writing and legal research on historic and cultural preservation measures which can be utilized for community needs. Isabel is indebted Major Joe Womack of Africatown C.H.E.S.S. Whenever they encounter a question or issue, Major Joe's guidance and support push Isabel towards facing a task with creativity and excitement to move forwards—an important lesson that she will take with her into the workforce forever more. Isabel is excited to continue her work and to learn more from Major Joe Womack and Africatown C.H.E.S.S. more about tangible modes of community-led environmental empowerment.

Molly Thayer '21

Major: Environmental Studies

Internship Site: Post Landfill Action Network



The Post Landfill Action Network is an umbrella organization serving colleges, students, and student organizations working towards environmental justice and zero waste on their campuses. Molly helped create a student stakeholder interview process that will bolster existing case study data by including rich narrative information about key initiatives.

Charlotte Maskelony'21

Major: Classical Vocal Performance, Minor: German
Internship Site: The Glimmerglass Festival/internship with librettist Kelley Rourke

Charlotte's internship was filled with incredible opportunities: learning from and building relationships with opera industry professionals, observing rehearsals, translating German supertitles that were performed onstage this summer, and most of all — writing a lot, a lot of opera zine material! Charlotte drafted zine content (fictional articles, interviews, advertisements, and song lyrics) to accompany the EP release of *Eat the Document*, a new opera about fugitives in the 1970s, and translated a full concert of Wagner arias into supertitles that were then performed at the Festival — Charlotte's first professional supertitles credit (!). As Communications Associate, Charlotte hosted, edited, and produced *The Glimmercast*, a new podcast featuring behind-the-music conversation with Festival artists. Kelley, Charlotte's mentor, broke the summer down into three big projects: Drafting the *Eat the Document* zine Editing Charlotte's own libretti projects with Kelley's supervision Translating the German Wagner arias and editing them to be clear as supertitles (the difference between a good translation and a good set of supertitles is a big one!) In addition to those projects, Charlotte interviewed artists on a regular basis, researching opera history and the artist's work, exercising public speaking skills, and learning how to connect across divides of age, industry experience, identity, and, of course, shaky Internet connections. Every week, Charlotte could bring in her work on these three projects for edits or simply fire away with questions about Kelley's life and work as a librettist, translator, and dramaturg — everything was fair game as long as the work got done. Kelley introduced Charlotte to many other opera professionals, brought Charlotte into team meetings and rehearsals, consistently shared inspiration and opportunities, and was extremely generous with her time and wisdom. Working alongside Kelley was a formative experience. Now, Charlotte is looking forward to seeing the *Eat the Document* zine come to fruition in the coming months! Thank you again to Oberlin for a wonderful education and for making this opportunity possible.



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Ozum Pamukcu '23

Majors: Musical Studies and Economics
Internship Site: The Riverside Company

Riverside Acceleration Capital (RAC) is a Venture Capital and Revenue Based Financing initiative inside the Private Equity firm "The Riverside Company". The RAC team invests in B2B Software companies and helps them accelerate growth. Ozum's work consisted of attending daily meetings with the team, meeting with founders for product demos, learning about financial metrics and excel, and collecting data on the competitor firms. Ozum's main goal was to understand what investors are looking for in startups, and she can confidently say that she reached that goal with the help of her supervisor Aakash Patel (Oberlin '16). Her main project was to update RAC's investors list and identify which other firms they should get in contact with for future co-investments.



Indigo Stephens '23

Majors: Jazz Composition and Creative Writing
Internship Site: Nick Rose

Keeping in mind music plays a big part inside, and outside of the band room (like scoring higher on standardized tests and developing positive social emotional skills that can point them towards a more creative future), Band In A Bus aims to bus the performing arts to communities in need. Nick has been mentoring Indigo on Indigo's activism project, Pretty Web of Lies. Essentially, it's an interactive mystery, a creative project released in layers with opportunities for collective activism, sharing, creating, and contributing as the mystery unravels with surprises and realizations along the way. The "web of lies" is a huge metaphor. It represents the project as it is mysterious and multifaceted. Nick has helped Indigo revise songs, plan and organize a podcast full of anonymous interviews (in progress), an exhibit of acrylic portraits, books, and more. Indigo has also worked on networking across the country to land performance opportunities and get in touch with art brokers that want to invest and pitch their work and mission to magazines. When Indigo started the internship, Indigo's goal was to work on an album, but in addition to that, Indigo's vision and career blossomed in the process. Along with the professional progress Indigo made, Indigo also did a lot of self-reflection and grew closer and more comfortable with themselves and life. The "web of lies" also represents the structure of an ego. Indigo has observed that their own ego/psyche is built on the assumption that they're them, and separate from everything else (something they can't really prove or define) and atop that are a web of other illusions like ideologies, political leanings, cultural identities, race, gender, sexuality, preferences etc. putting together their entire identity as a person. This project uses Indigo's art to show you a glimpse of that web and hopefully help you to reflect on your own and reflect the collective ego of society.



Serena Zets '22

Major: Sociology, Minors: Politics, Comparative American Studies, and Gender, Sexuality, and Feminist Studies

Internship Site: Women and Girls Foundation and The University of Pittsburgh

The Women and Girls Foundation is dedicated to improving the lives of young women and girls in Pennsylvania through empowering community members to become change-agents, raising awareness of issues of gender inequity, and passing legislation. This year, the Women and Girls Foundation partnered with The University of Pittsburgh's School of Computing and Information to develop a summer program, the inaugural



GirlGov Summer Leadership Academy, that provided 20 female and non-binary youth the training and education needed to change the world around them for the better. As a Women and Girls Foundation Intern and GirlGov Summer Leadership Academy Team Leader, Serena Zets was able to utilize her experience as a GirlGov program alum now involved in policy making and political communications to mentor the 20 participants and share her wisdom with them. She did this by working with Women and Girls Foundation to develop the program's curriculum, delivering workshops to the teens on topics such as the legislative process, working with University of Pittsburgh professors to lead teens in developing data-driven social justice campaigns, and facilitate the teens' final project presentations in which they shared their new knowledge with community leaders. Serena's favorite part of the program was seeing "lightbulb moments" occur within the teens as they worked together to solve problems or when a lesson she facilitated sparked reflection and discussion. This experience has made Serena think more about pursuing a career in education, as she loved seeing the direct impact the program had on its participants.

Marisa Kim '21

Majors: Economics and Politics, Minor: Math

Internship Site: Tricia Shimamura for NYC City Council



Tricia Shimamura for NYC City Council was a local, citywide political campaign to get Tricia Shimamura elected to the District 5 seat, representing the Upper East Side and Roosevelt Island, on New York City Council. She would have been the first Japanese elected official in all of New York State, and the first person of color elected by the Upper East Side. Marisa's role was to make hundreds of phone calls to voters each week, organize and supervise volunteers as an in-person canvassing site lead, as well as help the digital director build digital door knocking lists for the interns to use.

Naveenraj Rajadurai '22

Majors: Economics and Politics, Minor: Math

Internship Site: Migrant Workers Protection Society



Migrant Workers Protection Society is a social organization that helps expatriate workers achieve basic human rights in Bahrain in accordance with international standards. It aims to achieve this by creating awareness, educating, advocating, providing basic necessities (i.e. food and clothing), translating, facilitating repatriation for these low income workers. Naveen has worked with this organization in parts for over three years. He helped to digitalize the database of the organization. Along with this, he researched on issues faced by migrant workers in Bahrain and identified if that is something that the organization could possibly help with. Naveen assisted in recording activity logs of the various members of the organization which is used for government perusal. He also participated in distributing food and other necessities for needful workers.

Mehri Family Social Justice Award Fund

Abhisri Nath '23

Major: Political Science, Minor: History

Internship Site: Loretto at the United Nations



The Loretto Community is a 200 year old United States-based faith community that exists to act for peace and work for justice. They are one of many non-governmental organizations (NGOs) with accreditation to the UN, and they carry out their efforts in collaboration with other organizations that work to promote environmental justice, human rights and social equity. Abhisri was part of the organization as a summer intern at their UN Office. A part of her daily responsibilities included attending meetings with members of other non-governmental organizations and attending events on behalf of the Loretto at the UN. During her time with Loretto at the UN, she was able to participate in the UN High Level Political Forum this July. She was assigned to research for the Voluntary National Reviews (VNRs) presented by countries like Afghanistan, Bhutan,

Norway among others. Her job was to comprehend the status of girls in the progress and targets made by the presenting countries and distill them into organized notes. This was further documented in a longitudinal research Google sheet for analysis that can be used for the 'missions' sent by the NGO called Working Group on Girls to different governments of the Commission on Status of Women (CSW) member nations. Abhisri was involved with another project that required her to research further into the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). Aligned to Loretto Community's work towards a sustainable future, Abhisri created presentations and reports depicting the connections between the global targets of the 17 SDGs and the local targets of the Loretto Community's action plans. She was also part of the orientation to the UN and SDGs team for new volunteers to Loretto at the UN. Through a plethora of opportunities and a comfortable space to connect with different people, Abhisri has been able to immerse herself in an educational and an enriching work experience this summer and she is grateful to Loretto at the UN, Oberlin Career Center and her donor for this opportunity.