About the Spartan
Brian "Bubba" Vella is a senior at Michigan State University, graduating May 2015 from The School of Hospitality Business. He has had a passion for the hospitality industry from a very early age. In middle school, Bubba always loved traveling, specifically staying in a hotel. As he got older, he pictured himself managing a hotel where he could travel and experience the exciting world of hospitality. The concept of each day being different and the variety of opportunities available within the industry caught his attention. Bubba used his internships to determine what area within hospitality suited his interests, personality, and skills best. He realized that the food and beverage side was his new passion. This decision turned his longtime interest in hotels quickly to restaurants and country clubs. Aside from being in The School, Bubba is heavily involved as a referee at MSU’s intramural sport’s facility. This interest in sports molded his career interests as time progressed.

The Internship
Bubba’s Level 1 internship was with Buffalo Wild Wings in Detroit, MI. Working as a line cook and prep cook at the restaurant for a summer was a great introduction to food and beverage. Working at the restaurant solidified Bubba’s interest in food service. For his Level 2, Bubba moved to Wilmette, IL as a food and beverage intern at Westmoreland Country Club (the club hired 10 other Spartans as well). Bubba lived at the country club with a handful of other interns, which made summer living and commute very convenient. As an intern, he spent much of his time in the newly-renovated dining center. Westmoreland, which has over 500 members, was a great place for Bubba and his fellow Spartan peers to gain experience in country clubs. Bubba loved being at a country club and quickly saw himself working at a country club (full-time) in the future. Both Bubba’s Level 1 and Level 2 internships were secured by his attending The School’s CAREER EXPO (held each fall).

Future Plans
Bubba is in the process of accepting a job with a corporate food service company. In time, he would like to work as a country club general manager in the Midwest. His advice to future hospitality business students is to take your time when selecting your career path within the industry. The beauty of The School of Hospitality Business is its flexibility to use internships as a target to pinpoint what area you enjoy doing most. Bubba explained, "I’m so happy I took advantage of my internships so that I know, upon graduation, what I want and what my dream job is." Bubba is a perfect example of how hard work within The School pays off; he is starting his last semester with a full-time job offer and a promising future in the hospitality industry!

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