

The Internship

A look inside a fellow Spartan's Hospitality Business summer internship.



Nevena Divic



The Real Estate Specialist

Hometown

Grand Rapids, MI

Graduation Date

May 2014

Internship

Host Hotels & Resorts
Bethesda, MD

Area of Interest

Real Estate Investment Management Specialization

Campus Involvement

CEO, Hospitality Association
President, Real Estate Investment Club
Alumni Coordinator Student, *The School of Hospitality Business*

Future Plans

Nevena will graduate and move to Bethesda, MD to work for
Pebblebrook Hotel Trust.

About the Spartan

Nevena Divic is a Michigan State University senior. She will graduate this May from *The School of Hospitality Business* with the Real Estate Investment Management Specialization. With her go-getting mindset in the industry, Nevena is a poster student for *The School*, specifically those interested in Real Estate Investment Management. Growing up traveling all over the world, Nevena was quickly drawn to the hospitality industry, particularly hotels. Once a student in *The School*, she quickly became involved in many things our school has to offer. After completing her first internship with White Lodging in Indianapolis, Nevena was intrigued by the Real Estate Investment Management side of the industry. **A consistent work schedule in an office, the opportunity to travel all over the world, and a structured office environment was right up her ally.** Because of Nevena's networking skills and strong involvement on campus, a fellow Spartan at Host Hotels & Resorts reached out to her about an internship opportunity. Although Nevena was their first intern and one of the youngest in the office, she quickly grasped the company lifestyle.

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Host Hotels & Resorts is a premier lodging Real Estate Company in Bethesda, MD. Nevena worked in the Acquisitions and Development sector of the company. Her day-to-day responsibilities included working with Excel, researching locations for potential hotels, phone calls with brokers, and meetings. One of her best experiences was attending the New York University Conference during the summer. Nevena was able sit in meetings with some of the hotel industry's most elite! In addition to that, she was able to research a property on site in New York, an amazing opportunity for an intern. Nevena had a wonderful experience and highly recommends an internship at Host Hotels & Resorts. Her plans after graduation are to move back to Maryland and work for Pebblebrook Hotel Trust. Nevena received a job offer after the company came to campus to recruit in the fall.

Her Advice

Nevena's biggest advice to students is to get involved. Her ability to network and become so active in *The School* has continued to pay off! Before her first internship Nevena had no operations experience, however her strong ties within the hospitality community at Michigan State University helped her score her amazing internships and full time job. Currently holding the head position for numerous clubs in *The School* Nevena has been able to travel all over the country because of her extremely hard work and involvement. **Attend CAREER EXPO, join clubs in *The School*, and look into Real Estate Investment Management.**