

The Internship

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

Allison Langley



The Resort World

Hometown

Dearborn Heights, MI

Graduation Date

May 2014

Internship

Aspen Meadows Resort in Aspen, Colorado

Area of Interest

Hotels/Resorts

Campus Involvement

President of PCMA, Director of Corporate Ambassadors for CAREER EXPO, Volunteer for Hospitality Association Events (Relay for Life).

Future Plans

Allison will work for White Lodging at the Boulder Marriott in Boulder, CO as an Event Manager.

The Perfect Candidate

This is a great level 2 internship if you are interested in living in a beautiful location, meet amazing people, and obtain a well-rounded experience in the conference resort atmosphere.

About the Spartan

Allison Langley is a true Spartan with a passion for the hospitality industry. With involvement in nearly every aspect of *The School*, Allison has used these experiences to complete three internships and graduate with an amazing job in the hotel industry. Allison transferred to hospitality business after attending Marathon of Majors her freshman year. Quickly getting involved within *The School*, Allison is now the President of PCMA, held a Director position for this year's CAREER EXPO, and remains very involved in many other events through Hospitality Association. The summer of her freshman year Allison worked as a server at a resort on Lake Michigan. She immediately loved the fast-paced nature of the industry. Her Level 1 and 2 internships were completed at The Inn at Bay Harbor and Bay Harbor Yacht Club. Because of Allison's can-do attitude, she chose to do an additional internship at Aspen Meadows Resort. All three companies that Allison worked for came to campus for recruiting, either through spring recruiting or CAREER EXPO. Allison loves the hospitality industry because she enjoys getting to know the guests and that every day is different. A huge perk of this sector of the industry is the variety of departments within each hotel, giving her the option to move around to find the perfect fit!

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Aspen Meadows Resort is located in the heart of Aspen, CO. Surrounded by all the beautiful mountains and wildlife; living in Aspen for a summer is an experience in itself. Allison worked in the food & beverage department, specifically working different events each day. Daily activities included bar, table, and food set-up before the event. Managers would hold a stand-up before each event to go over individual assignments and specific details for each event. Allison loved this internship because she learned a lot. The managers were so eager to help. Management was constantly looking for beneficial experiences for the interns. Allison expanded her bartending skills while in Aspen, which started with the beverage manager holding a hands-on bar training for all interns during orientation. Working at Aspen Meadows was fun for Allison, the entire resort staff wanted the interns to work hard but also enjoy their summer in Aspen. In addition to Allison, there were four other Michigan State interns. Her coolest experience while living in Aspen was jumping off cliffs into a river while camping. It was the best summer of Allison's life.

Her Advice

Allison stressed how important it is during your internships to ask questions. Do not be shy to get to know your co-workers and expand your experience. Communication is key in the industry, specifically knowing what is expected of you when it comes to getting the job done. Her advice to fellow students is to get involved. Many of Allison's closest friends are those she has made through participating in *The School* clubs and events. These experiences have given her leadership positions that provide an advantage among recruiters. Particularly with interviews, Allison stressed on how much more you have to talk about when you're as involved as she was at Michigan State University. Students like Allison Langley are the perfect representation of all the opportunities that *The School* of Hospitality Business has to offer. Get involved today.

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