



Erie County Community Foundation 2021 Summer Internship Program

The “Summer Internship Program” is completing the ninth successful year in Erie County with three interns being employed by Erie County non-profit organizations. The program was started with the idea to introduce Erie County students to working in the non-profit corporate world and to attempt to have these same students remain in Erie County.

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The internship committee selected three Erie County organizations as host sites. They are Main Street Vermilion, Firelands Forward, and Perkins Township Development. The interns are from three Erie County high schools and are students at the University of Cincinnati and Bowling Green State University.

Main Street Vermilion selected Hayley Carter a graduate of Margaretta High School as their intern. Hayley set up a blog where she daily highlighted the activities and events of the organization. With this being Main Street’s 20th anniversary, she researched, catalogued, and digitized archived files showing the organization’s history. Hayley was also involved in the summer events, including Broadway Mary’s, Vermilion in Blue, Shore Thing, and All Washed Up.

Firelands Forward selected Makenzie Finneran a graduate of St. Mary’s Central Catholic High School as their intern. Makenzie arranged and planned the “Intern/New Hire Day” on July 29th as part of Young Professionals Week. She also developed a webinar series to improve employee/management relations focusing on improving job retention, successful companies, and their practices, and recognizing employee value.

Perkins Township Development selected Adam Panas a graduate of Perkins High School as their intern. Adam researched and processed zoning and permit applications and updated zoning maps to produce a final searchable map for the township’s website. He also mapped all the storm sewers and catch basins for the entire township and updated the “Safe Routes to School” program.