



Erie County Community Foundation 2020 Summer Internship Program

The “Summer Internship Program” has completing the eighth successful year in Erie County with six 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

The interns’ responsibilities and work duties this summer were modified from the organization’s original intent due to the Covid19 virus. Some work was done offsite and from home as some organizations were ordered closed. We were also unable to host the annual reception where we got to meet the interns and their mentors and also the day where the interns toured all the organizations and gave a presentation of their summer activities.

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The internship committee selected six Erie County organizations as host sites. They are Erie County Economic Development Corporation, Erie Shore Network, Humane Society of Erie County, OHgo, Parkvue Community, and Sandusky Area Maritime Museum. The six interns are from four Erie County high schools and are currently students at Mount Vernon Nazarene University, University of Toledo, University of Dayton, BGSU Firelands, and Bowling Green State University.

ECDEC selected Joseph Comparette from Perkins as their intern. Joe reorganized and updated the property database and e-mails/communications. He collected unemployment information from Erie County to update their database and developed a “Personnel Protection Kit” for distribution to local businesses.

Erie Shore Network selected Dane Murray of Huron as their intern. Dane developed a new website and trained the personnel to operate and manage it. He was also exposed to the organizations daily programs and office operations.

Humane Society of Erie County selected Tori Miller of Castalia as their intern. Tori developed a volunteer orientation program with step by step instructions involving all aspects of the operations. She also updated their volunteer application and was involved with animal behavior, and shelter maintenance.

OHgo selected Taylor Gies of Huron as their intern. Taylor was involved in many of the day to day operations of OHgo including the weekly senior box delivery, regular food deliveries, and purchase/inventory of supplies. She participated in events at Chef's Garden, St. John's Lutheran Church, and Hahn's Farms. Taylor learned was responsible for "Charity Tracker" at the food delivery sights and processed donations including from receipt to thank you letters.

Parkvue Community selected Olivia Bias of Sandusky as their intern. Olivia assisted with patient's assessments for home health referrals and uploaded documents to the resident's medical records. She was responsible for Covid19 testing notifications and delivered groceries and care packages received from family members to the respective residents

Sandusky Area Maritime Museum selected Valerie Werner of Huron as their intern. Valerie redesigned the museum's website, created QR codes that link to the museum's educational videos, and digitized DVD videos into a file format. She created a curriculum for summer camp, developed power points and worksheets for lesson plans, and created activities and crafts for children's curriculum.

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