



Externships Provide Valuable Experience

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Career Services facilitates an externship program where IPFW students are placed with company hosts to give them a short-term job shadowing experience, the opportunity to network with professionals, an inside look at company operations, and sometimes the chance to work on a small project. This semester **24 students** committed 2–5 days over their spring break to extern with 18 host companies.

New host sites this semester included ACRES Land Trust, Lincoln Financial Group, Long Tail Technology, Indiana Tech, Ivy Tech Career Services, and IPFW Student Life and Leadership. Returning hosts included Allen County Department of Health, Allen County Superior Court, Boy Scouts of America, Aunt Millie's Bakeries, Fort Wayne Youtheatre, IPFW Athletics, IPFW Career Services, IPFW Human Resources, IPFW Information Technology Services, IPFW Special Events, PBS39, and YMCA Youth Service Bureau.

Students reported valuable experiences, including:

- Attending business meetings
- Touring company facilities and receiving orientation presentations
- Meeting with staff and conducting informational interviews
- Working with new software and equipment
- Learning how to set up and arrange events
- Drafting applications for grants
- Observing interactions with clients
- Sitting in on hearings and court trials
- Helping with fundraising events
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The externship program chiefly targets university breaks in the spring and fall, but some students have expressed interest in this opportunity during other times. If you are interested in becoming an externship employer host, please contact Kayla Klimasko, career development graduate intern, at klimkr01@ipfw.edu or 260-481-6139.

