

My Experience with College Works Painting
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To whom it may concern,

It is a difficult task to sum my entire summer experience into a brief message, but I will attempt to do so here. In order to fully understand the CWP experience you have to understand the type of people who go into it and what they are like when they come out. I am, naturally, a very shy person who isn't quick to go out and meet new people. So when they told me I would be coming face to face with thousands of people I have never met, I was at first reluctant. It isn't easy to overcome one's fears, but in the end it is by far more rewarding than doing nothing. It is very easy to see that CWP not only takes your fears and shoves them in your face, but rather they show you the routes to overcome your worries. However, I am not here to plainly state that CWP is something to be taken lightly or something that is easily done. Quite the contrary, I had an incredibly difficult time in the process. Never had I created so much revenue for a company and then lost so much money for myself.

I was booked around 60k and in the end of it all I only made about 3k. The average intern was to make around 22% and it doesn't take a mathematician to know that 3k is much less than 22% of 60k. However dismal it may seem, I did learn quite a bit along my trek. Don't take me wrong; I am not one of those people to tell you growth is everything and that a difficult experience gives you more than money is worth. I would rather have a difficult experience and earn a lot of money, than a difficult experience and not earn much.

Nevertheless, when I look back at CWP and what I had learned along the way I know that I will be able to use these skill sets and create a lot more money for me than I could have ever made in this program. There is no way to get around it. I find myself, nearly everyday, looking at what other people did over the summer (back packing through Europe, working average Joe jobs, etc) and it dawns on me what I had accomplished. I mean how many people do you know that have tried to run their own business at the age of 19? Not only that, but how many of them created 60 thousand dollars in revenue? In light of it all, I would much rather spend my summer struggling through a program that most would find daunting, than sit at a desk and take orders from clients ordering from a catalogue. So if you are the type that comfortable with being complacent and only want a mediocre life with mediocre accomplishments than I would persuade you to steer away from CWP. On the other hand if you are looking for achievement, urging for something more, and are so sick and tired of people telling you that you cannot accomplish something for yourself, at a young age, then CWP is for you.

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