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During the latter part of my freshman year I had the opportunity to intern with College Works Painting and had a great experience. There are many great lessons that I learned from the experience, but the most important was the realization that although things might be challenging nothing is impossible. I started early during my second semester driving back home on the weekends to work on my marketing and cold calling. It was a struggle to give up my weekends at first, but I learned how to manage my time with friends and school work so that it didn't become a problem later on. I eventually was able to start doing estimates and booking work which was very exciting. I remember how my friends and family couldn't believe that I was booking work for thousands of dollars, they were impressed.

During the summer my responsibilities increased even more when getting prepared for the production phase of my business. I had to go through the process of interviewing employees and learning a lot about how to be a successful manager. Furthermore, I began to build substantial relationships with not only the members of my team but also interns from all over the state. This helped to create a huge network of support, friendship, and opportunity. As the summer went by I continued to do estimates and book work while moving forward with production. My experience with production went well, but it certainly was a learning process in the beginning. By the end of the summer though, everything was running smoothly. The summer was a lot of fun because I was able to see the fruits of my labor in the form of a both paychecks and the payroll Friday events. It was nice to take a day off and enjoy time with the other interns.

I enjoyed building the relationships that I did with other interns, clients, and the employees of CWP. These relationships helped to open other doors for me after my time with College Works Painting. In addition, the experience with College Works Painting was exactly what I had hoped it to be. It was difficult at times because there were things that I didn't know and had to learn, but now that I know what I know I feel like I have a true advantage over my peers that were not involved in the internship. Furthermore, I gained a lot of respect and admiration from friends and family after I completed the internship because they saw the hard work that I put into it and the amazing results that came out of it.

-Tyler B.