What is the name of the company and the location of your internship?

Elle Magazine; Rockefeller Center in NYC

How did you find your internship?

I found the internship on www.Ed2010.com, a website created by a group of writers whose goal was to become editors by 2010. It lists hundreds of magazine internships.

What is your major and did it influence your decision to become an intern?

My major is Journalism; it absolutely influenced my decision. I never imagined I would get the chance to see how such a great magazine worked, let alone be a part of it.

What are your main responsibilities as an intern?

I work in the Accessories Closet, so I work with the editors to prepare for shoots. I communicate with PR companies, pack and unpack for photo shoots, and organize hundreds and hundreds of shoes, necklaces, bracelets, and everything in between.

What type of experience have you gained so far that you wouldn't have learned in a classroom?

Getting hands on experience, and seeing the way a magazine works is something that definitely can not be learned from a textbook or in a classroom.

What is the most exciting part of your internship?

I can't choose one thing. As much as I would love to name glamorous things we do, it's hard work and long hours, and every day I feel so lucky to have gotten the opportunity to experience it all.

Do you have any suggestions for students who would like to do something similar?

I would recommend to everyone to do an internship. Whether it's a local business or a big city magazine, getting experience is totally worth it. It gives you a hint of what you want to do after school, or if you don't like it, what you don't want to do. Apply. Everywhere. There are so many websites out there that provide internship opportunities for every major including the Compass at Oswego. Also, if you have a business you would love to intern for but can't find a "now hiring" ad, just contact them and see if there is anyway they are hiring interns, and tell them about your interests.

Do you think your internship will play an important role in your education and career?

I absolutely think it will. I think that having experience shows that you are willing to work hard. Every resume has your degree listed on it, but having an internship shows that you didn't do the bare minimum, but you used your time to further your career. It shows you are ambitious. It makes your resume stand out, which is the ultimate goal.

Do you have any internship advice you would like to pass on to other students?

When interviewing, send a thank-you card and follow up a week or so after. Again, it shows you are ambitious. Once you get the job, be prepared to work hard. And, treat it like a job. Even if you're at a fashion magazine, an internship is not like they show on TV. You may be running errands, getting coffee, or dealing with Devil Wears Prada-like bosses, but stay polite and don't complain. Always dress like it's an interview every day of your internship, because in reality, it is an interview. If there is ever down time, don't play games on the computer or text message, ask your boss what needs to be done, or in most places (especially in a closet like me), just clean! When you're leaving at the end of the day, say goodbye to your bosses, and make sure they don't need anything done before you head out.

Since this interview, Emily was one of 5 students selected out of 500 applicants to intern with Lauren Berger, the Intern Queen for the Spring of 2012!