**What is the name of the company and the location of your internship?**
I work for the University Development Office through The Fund for Oswego.

**How did you find your internship?**
I found this internship through a posting on the SUNY Oswego Facebook page I think...can't really remember.

**What is your major and did it influence your decision to become an intern?**
I am a Communications Major and that didn't really influence this decision but I wanted to become involved on campus through an internship and I knew that it would help on my resume.

**What are your main responsibilities as an intern?**
My main responsibilities so far are gathering Senior Class gifts for The Fund for Oswego. So far this semester I have sent out a mailer to December Grads, their parents, 2 email blasts, I've done a calling to the December grads and now I am tabling in the campus center to promote a Kick off event 150 Days Until Graduation for the May and August Seniors. Some experiences I am gaining are abiding to deadlines, staying organized and on track with my tasks, trial and error with planning, and so much more.

**Do you have any suggestions for students who would like to do something similar?**
Suggestions that I have for students are to try for an internship even if you don't think you will like it. I had no interest in Philanthropy but as soon as I got to this internship and saw that I was very good at connecting with people, I started to like it more. I am working on so many different aspects of the position so that I feel like I am much more prepared for a job in any field.

**What is the most exciting part of your internship?**
One of the most exciting things about this internship is the opportunity to work on so many different projects and to see them completed. I wrote, and stuffed an entire package of letters, I have written the email blasts and sent them out and now I am in the process of planning an event for the gift Kick off.

**Do you think your internship will play an important role in your education and career?**
I think this internship will definitely play an important role. I am interacting with an important department everyday and learning about how it works and interacts with the students. I have a huge respect for the people that I work with and I am learning how important it is to have volunteers who will help in the job. I can definitely pass on this wisdom to another job.

**Do you have any internship advice you would like to pass on to other students?**
Some advice I have is always staying positive and open minded. You may not think that something will work or that you will get anyone to help when you’re trying to gather volunteers but as long as you don’t take it personally you will be able to keep thinking that everything will work out in the end. Positivity has helped me a lot in this job but it’s not just a silver lining. I know that even though sometimes it’s hard to get people to help me, I can still try and get more help if I need to.