Where is/was your internship (Company and City)?
The Robert Evans Company (Paramount Pictures, Hollywood, CA) and The Burstein Company (Pacific Palisades, CA)

Tell us about your internship? What are your main responsibilities as an intern?
Some people go that extra mile to pursue their dreams. I went an extra 2,789 to be exact. I knew for a long time that I wanted to ultimately be in LA for a summer internship and I wound up landing not one, but two! Alternating daily, (except my Monday off-days), Wednesdays and Fridays I worked on the prestigious Paramount lot at the Robert Evans Company, headed by legendary film producer Robert Evans. Here I got to read dozens of scripts, write coverage and cast lists, answered important phone calls and assisted in all aspects of film development. On Tuesdays and Thursdays, I worked at The Burstein Company, which is a talent management firm that represents many actors, actresses, and even writers and directors. Here I also read scripts, wrote coverage, managed schedules, and made everyone’s lives easier by performing tasks in and outside the office.

How did you find your internship?
They always say landing an internship or job in TV and film is all about who you know. After meeting with my screenwriting professor (Juliet Giglio) towards the end of last year, she put me in contact with her friend Joannie Burstein, who manages a long and talented list of clients. With the help and generosity of Juliet, I received an offer to work for her friend’s company. Knowing that I was going to make the big move out west at this point, I figured I might as well do two internships. A few years ago I came across a program called Dream Careers, a renowned internship program that provides college students with not only the summer of a lifetime but also gets them one step closer to their “dream career”. Through Dream Careers, I landed my internship at The Robert Evans Company.

What is your major and did it influence your decision to become an intern?
Every broadcasting major needs an internship to get started on their career mission, end of story; that is, unless your uncle is a bigwig at NBC or some major network.

What is the most exciting part of your internship?
I can describe it visually! The top picture is of me and Jeffrey Tambor, the star of Arrested Development and other critically acclaimed movies and TV shows. The Burstein Company represents him and one day he came in and we got to hang out for at least an hour! Safe to say we became buddies. Also, working on the Paramount lot was an experience I’ll never forget. My first day of work, I saw people getting a tour of the lot and I said to myself, wow I work here! Walking through those iconic gates gave me goose bumps every time.

Do you have any suggestions for students who would like to do something similar?
Never be afraid to dream big. Just like Eminem’s song, “Loose Yourself”, you can do anything you set your mind to. I used to be the shyest kid, and now I can say I will have completed three internships before I graduate; two of which were in the entertainment capital of the world.

Do you think your internship will play an important role in your education and career?
Without a doubt! First, I have to give major props to Dream Careers. I made lifelong friends, major contacts while in LA, and the greatest summer any college student can possibly have. After I completed my internships, my bosses thanked me for all my hard work and told me it will soon pay off.

Do you have any internship advice you would like to pass on to other students?
Apply early and often. Summer internships are very difficult to get. Do not get discouraged by no’s. In two years, I applied to roughly a hundred different places, and only heard back from a handful. But it always works out in the end, if you think positive all the time. After landing an internship, work hard, set your goals high, and don’t stop till you get there.

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