Tell us about your internship?
At the Fort I am part of the interpretive corps, this involves living the lives of the people at the fort during a certain time period. During most days I interpret the hospital steward at the post in 1868. The internship involves a lot of research into military history and in my case, medical history, in order to better understand the lives of the people who lived there.

How did you find your internship?
Ian Mumpton, the supervisor of the interpretive corps came and spoke to our class.

What is your major and did it influence your decision to become an intern?
I’m a history major and it greatly influenced my choice to do this internship, it is a historic park. Although, I could see anyone interested in military history working here.

What are your main responsibilities as an intern?
Answering questions, setting up learning programs for the public, doing tours of the buildings and weapon demos.

What type of experience have you gained so far that you wouldn’t have learned in a classroom?
I’ve learned a plethora of different handy skills that would not have been taught in the class room. Its one thing to read about history but it’s an entirely different thing to bring life to history.

What is the most exciting part of your internship?
Talking with the public, having the opportunity to teach others and learn at the same time.

Do you have any suggestions for students who would like to do something similar?
Be open minded, it may seem nerdy to dress up in period uniforms but it’s a blast.

Do you have any internship advice you would like to pass on to other students?
It should be mandatory to do an internship; it’s so fulfilling to use the skills we learn in school in a professional setting.

Antonio is the fourth person, standing in the back