Many students do not realize the benefits of completing an internship as a part of their academic program here at Davenport University. Amy, a student at the Lettinga campus shared her story below. Special note: Amy will enjoy a full time career in her MBA Concentration of Accounting at Rehmann after graduation; she chose to take on an internship and gain experience to build her resume, even knowing her future was secure.

**What were your primary responsibilities?**

Research and benchmarking on specific facilities related budget metrics

Perform basic Internet searching for contact info. Place some calls and/or emails to reach out and gather some data points from other area Colleges and Universities for benchmarking project.

Pull details together into a legible matrix via MS Excel document

Review current budget breakdown and recommend improvements in reporting / categorizing

Summarize and compare information for leadership use in explaining budget needs to management

May be requested to assist in presenting findings to CFO

Maintain ongoing communication with the supervisor
Perform other duties as assigned

Attend staff meetings and special budget meetings

Was your internship for course credit? If yes which internship course did you complete? (Example CAPS790, MGMT490 etc)

Yes, CAPS 790

What are two benefits that you will take away from your internship?

The ability to achieve real business experience was a tremendous benefit and the final 53-page document compiled for the capital budget is a takeaway I can showcase in the future.

What did you find was the most exciting part of the internship?

By attending meetings with various individuals from DU included higher management. I was able to get a feel for how decisions are made, and observe different thought processes.

How has completing an internship prepared you for your career?
Completing an internship has allowed me to gain irreplaceable experience whether through everyday office life to meetings with higher management. When I begin my career, I will be equipped with the soft skills developed throughout this opportunity.

Please add any other information that you would like to share about your internship?

I had a great experience interning for Davenport University, and I was able to see the “other side” of business. Along with being a student at DU, I was able to see the behind the scenes action. I would like to thank all those who helped me land this internship, as I have many life lessons to take with me into the future.

If you would like to share your story please contact me at debora.crudele@davenport.edu or 586-620-4041.