

Robert and Yvonne Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement

Fall 2006 Interns

The Robert and Yvonne Koob Fund for Student Community Engagement provides support to students who intern in nonprofit organizations, governmental agencies and UNI outreach programs in Iowa. Financial support of up to \$2,000 is available to undergraduates and up to \$3,000 for graduate students of any major.

Cheryl Lyon
Hometown: Storm Lake, IA
Graduate Student, Social Work
United Community Health Center, Storm Lake
Supervisor: Renea Seagren



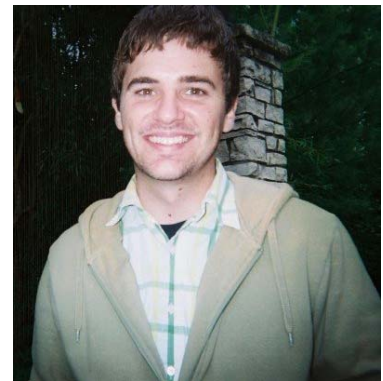
What did you accomplish during your internship?

In the first semester of my internship, I was able to gain many valuable experiences that will continue when I resume the internship next semester. Work was started on a financial services referral protocol, pregnancy follow-up program, low literacy in health care workshops were attended, and 3 low literacy brochures were created for patient teaching use at UHC.

One quote that describes the experience gained from completing this internship?

My internship at the United Community Health Center has been invaluable to allow me to experience what processes are involved in developing programs in the first year of a new agency.

Jordan Vernoy
Hometown: Springfield, IL
Senior, Leisure, Youth, and Human Services
Volunteer Center of Cedar Valley
Supervisor: Jennifer Rusch



What did you accomplish during your internship?

I helped coordinate a college volunteer fair with over 50 organizations in attendance, and over 250 students registering to volunteer with those organizations. I was also able to begin the creation of a Volunteer Center in Waterloo East High School. I guided the students in creating a mission statement, goals and objectives. As a team we created a presentation to give to the faculty, and were able to get the administration to reorganize the schedule in order for the students to have a class dedicated to the East High Volunteer Center. The students were also able to visit the University of Northern Iowa and see the opportunities that they would have if they attended to college after graduation.

One quote that describes the impact the intern had on the community?

“Our intern has become a member of our staff team. He is not merely a student who is working quietly at a desk on some simple task; he is an integral member of our team, contributing creative ideas, offering solutions to obstacles, and displaying a growing passion for our mission. He is an asset, and his contributions will have a lasting and positive impact on our agency.”

--- Jennifer Rusch, Executive Director

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Tawanna Moore

Hometown: Waterloo, IA

Graduate Student, Mental Health Counseling

McKinstry Elementary, Waterloo

Supervisor: Susan Spencer



What did you accomplish during your internship?

The internship is at the midway point. So far, I have conducted group sessions on self control and anger management and counseled individual children in the areas of ADHD concerns, self management, autism spectrum disorder, cognitive disabilities, social skills, family violence. She has learned to evaluate and interpret some children's assessments (BASC, Conners) and has learned different strategies and interventions to use with children.

One quote that describes the impact the intern had on the community?

"Because our intern was from the local area, she provided an example of perseverance in pursuing an education and a career plan to students who believe that they have limited opportunities because of their cultural backgrounds and economic situation. Her empathy in dealing with students problems make her particularly valuable."

--Susan Spencer, McKinstry School Guidance Counselor

Theresa Thompson

Hometown: Ottumwa, IA

Senior, Social Work

Crisis Intervention Services, Oskaloosa, IA

Supervisor: Jackie Allen Black



What did you accomplish during your internship?

During my internship with Crisis Intervention I was able to become a certified level 1 advocate for domestic abuse and sexual assault. I worked one on one with several clients and helped them accomplish things such as: securing employment, attending court, entering and exiting the shelter, finding permanent housing, etc. I also was able to use skills to work on press releases, publicity, and other certificates and marketing tools for the agency to use. I learned many new things while on my internship.

How did the internship benefit the student?

My internship has benefited me by allowing me to gain hands on experience with people and situations. My supervisors were very willing to let me try any new experience which arose and trusted me to handle situations on my own. This internship has given me more confidence to work with populations in crisis and has allowed me to see the potential within myself to work directly with clients.

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