My Internship at the Moyer Foundation was an experience I was proud of.

Being a Program intern was fun and I learned skills such as data entry and learning about media and programs like excel, that promoted the organization. I contributed to all the tasks necessary and I felt honored in having to join a non-profit that helps others as the Foundation does. I learned from this experience how a non-profit organization is run, how things run behind the scenes, how to expand and better my oral and written communication skills, and how to develop time management skills. There were certain deadlines I had to meet and I completed all of the projects in due time. I learned that I developed a strong work ethic. Doing the work is one thing, putting the time and effort to get it done is another thing. Bethany, who is my supervisor, mentioned during the end of my internship that I take the initiative for things and have a strong work ethic to get things done. I learned about administrative duties and how to use excel. Excel was a challenge for me at first because I was only familiar with the system once, but with help and the eagerness to learn I was able to know more. I learned about the Moyer Foundation in general, it's dedicated to help kids who have dealt with addiction and loss of a loved one. I felt
empathy for the kids who I saw and the grief letters they wrote, because it's hard to lose a loved one, my grandma, Edna Jones passed away in 2010 and I hardly knew her. Seeing how kids cope with life altering issues such as loss of a loved one and addiction is amazing to see because they know that it's okay to grieve and that there are alternatives to live healthy and sustainable lives. For the Parents who lost a loved one, and parents, I had to send candy bars, blankets, and other items from inventory to different camps because it shows them that we care about them and that they are not alone in dealing with tragedy. I learned about the different camps that Moyer Foundation has to offer. The organization has around 40 camps throughout the US and more locations are expanding. There were something's that I liked and something's that I least liked. Taking the time to assist the organization not only to know the non-profit sector but to know who I am and what I can take away from this experience.

What I liked the most about my internship was the fact that I was doing tasks that require full responsibility. I liked this because it shows that you are dedicated, reliable and have eagerness to learn new things. For instance I did Outreach, where I had to call different camps, hospices, churches, schools, and treatment centers. Outreach was a way I could represent the company in a professional way. The people who received the calls will tell if you are sincere about your purpose and how they can make an effort to spread awareness. Before I had to call and send emails, I had to check with my supervisor and practice on the things that I would say. For example I would say: "Hi my name is Glenn Jones, I am an intern at the Moyer Foundation, I am calling to spread awareness about the different camps and services
that we offer, is there an executive that I could talk to? Or an email so I can send 
more information." Everything that I said, I was representing the company and if 
something was out of place I was held responsible. Hearing the different people I 
called was interesting because once I informed them of what we do, the people took 
interest and conversations would last to about an half an hour. In addition I learned a 
lot about data entry. I had to keep track of certain things online such as media 
coverage, and entering camp information. For one of my projects I was responsible 
for entering updates in the media guide. The media guide is a way to show that 
whenever a camp in the US is advertised on the news or in general I would add the 
link in the excel tracker. The point of the project was to stay up to date about the 
different camps and to see how their progress is shown in the public eye. An 
example, in Connecticut there is a new camp for the tragedy that occurred in 
Newtown. The camps show that kids can deal with grief and that they are not alone.

What I enjoyed about my experience as a program intern is that I was given 
feedback on the work I was doing, that helped me to get a sense on how I should 
come across things better. Also I enjoyed the fact that I got to work with other staff 
members and watch videos on kids and their experience with the foundation. The 
least thing I liked about the organization: I wished that my time here was longer; it 
felt too short for me. Another thing I liked the least is that fact that I didn't meet the 
founders, Jaime and Karen Moyer; they are a household name in Seattle. Jaime used 
to play for the mariners and gained fame by starting the Moyer Foundation in 2001. 
Another regret that I have is that I wish I got to meet with the kids who have gone 
through life changing moments. One of the projects that I did was photo-shop where
I got to look at all of the photos of the kids during their time at different camps. Seeing their faces I got a firsthand look on how they felt, they wrote letters, they played; they hugged other campers, by seeing that it makes me happy that I am contributing to the organization.

I loved being a Program intern; I got to learn about the different programs, which Moyer Foundation uses to stay afloat also the skills I learned from those projects. One of my main projects was working in the national bereavement guide which has all the contact information of all the camps throughout the United States. I was responsible for updating all of the information, which took about 4 weeks. When the project was done, Bethany was proud because she gets to see which camp to contact and see which camps are still around the area. I contributed to the organization by applying the things I learned from previous jobs and using that here at the foundation. For instance I was making labels to ship candy bars and teddy bears to campers, I learned about mailing things through my time at the mailing center. And my friendliness and my eagerness to learn were very helpful. My skills in: Oral and written communication, Strong work ethic, organizational skills, attention to detail, curiosity, interest, willingness to work, administrative tasks, using excel, outreach and finally learning about the aspect of non-profit. As I mentioned before, Bethany provided me weekly feedback and that was helpful because it made me grow as a person and it showed me that you have to own your skills. During the last day of my internship, Bethany told me one of my weaknesses is asking more questions and clarify things, a mistake I made was that I accidently called the wrong
hospice, and Bethany told me to ask clarifying questions to understand how to do the task properly.

Calling and career, to me its means that if there are signs that show your interest go after them. Reading this, it shows me that you have to trust God and your gut feeling. I like to help others and all of the jobs I have had involve helping others which is something I take pride in. With calling it says that it means “purpose to use one’s time, energy, and abilities to serve God in the world.” God loves all people and he cares. My calling was to help others by sending candy bars to kids, calling other people in different locations about what we do, to say that we care for you and that you are not alone in this. I followed God’s calling because I helped an organization that helps kids. With calling, if you love to do something pursue it and let no one stop you. I like helping others since day one, and now it’s something I want to do, God knows this too. It’s a hobby that could be a career. If you love something about a career it’s a calling. Having a purpose and a strong reason to help others is a calling. Calling is something that you love and that you’re not forced to do. Calling is deep, within yourself to make something good out of something you love. Seeing the kid’s perspective makes me want to help them. One of my projects was to type all the letters the kids wrote and send them to Bethany. I liked it because I got to see what they said and how they felt about loss, some where okay with it and some dealt with it better than others. Calling, it’s something that comes with time, everything will come with it, you have to enhance your senses and see the light of things. My calling is to help others because god created me with a purpose and that purpose is to help others in whatever ways that I can. I devoted my time to help run
and sometimes facilitate the organization. A calling, as I said earlier is a sign, something that tells you that you want to go into this. Helping others makes me feel happy and appreciated and this internship I felt honored and appreciated to help the organization. I would definitely do this again if the opportunity comes. After this experience I now know that Non-profit is my calling. Helping others is something I have been doing since volunteering at Earth corps, it's something that I'm not forced to do, but something that you love to do, that's calling.