

Tom Foran's Internship Experience



I had the opportunity to work as an unpaid intern for Congressman Allen Boyd in his Washington DC office. Congressman Boyd represents Florida's 2nd Congressional District, which includes counties along the panhandle.

Interning in Washington DC was a great experience. It allowed me to gain a firsthand knowledge of the day to day operations of a US Congressional office. It also provided an opportunity for me to live in a city as large and diverse as Washington DC. Additionally, this internship allowed me to interact with students from all across America who shared the same passions and interests as me. Overall, the experience helped me gain highly valuable knowledge that I could not have otherwise attained without interning.

I conducted standard duties for most interns such as answering phones, sorting mail, etc. However, the most interesting part of my job was giving Capitol tours and writing letters to constituents.

When I first started my internship, I took a class that taught me how to give tours of the Capitol. Tours of the Capitol are provided by every Congressional Office and are given, upon request, to any constituents visiting the Capitol. I averaged about one tour a day. It was such a rewarding experience to serve other Americans by giving them tours of the Capitol, especially if it is their first time visiting.

Writing correspondence on behalf of the Congressman was very enlightening. This allowed me to learn more about the various issues facing our country by working with the legislative aides who advise the Congressman on a daily basis and seeing firsthand the issues that face our citizens.