

Executive Summary

I must express my deep gratitude and appreciation to the Tonya Board for giving me the opportunity to work unpaid on Capitol Hill. I cannot thank Sewanee and the people at Career Services enough for this wonderful opportunity. It is absolutely incredible that as a recent graduate I was still eligible to receive a stipend through the University for my summer internship. Having recently been hired upon completing my internship in Congresswoman Harman's office, it may come as little surprise that I found my internship highly valuable and enjoyable.

From the onset of my internship I knew I would have a unique experience. Everyone in the office was very helpful and accommodating. It is not uncommon for interns to get lost in monotonous administrative work. My colleagues provided me with ample room for an enhanced role in the office. From day one I was advised to be proactive and energetic in my pursuit of projects and substantive work. Aside from directly assisting the Staff Assistant and Press Assistant, I was able to work side-by-side with almost every staffer in the office on a number of substantial projects. I had my hands in several tasks, and was given more responsibility to work on larger projects as time progressed.

In my first week in the office I was given the task of researching and compiling a post 9/11 domestic terror plot database. This database is still in use, and has served as a reference for both the Congresswoman, and our terrorism and homeland security staffer, Meg King, a Sewanee graduate.

I am particularly proud of a Google map I created for the Communications staffers that showed in a clear, understandable manner the American Recovery and

Reinvestment Act funding as administered locally in the 36th district of California. This map consistently receives the most hits of any link on the Congresswoman's website. As Staff Assistant, I have retained my role in updating the map and will continue to do so as more data is released.

I am quite thankful for this great experience and the chance to work with a great group of people. All of the staffers were quite helpful in my pursuit of a job. I was constantly forwarded job openings and the communications staffers continuously helped tinker with my resume. I am very happy to have been hired in the Office, and to continue to work in an office as exciting as Congresswoman Harman's. I will continue to serve as an ambassador of the University of the South and the great opportunities it has afforded me. It is unbelievable that I was able to enjoy yet another summer as a representative of Sewanee and the gifts they have provided for their students. I thank you again for providing me with the foundation needed to survive in the real world and the tools needed to secure a wonderful job.