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**Executive Summary**

This summer I had the opportunity to work with Pluris Valuation Advisors LLC in New York City.

Pluris is a full-service valuation firm specializing in valuing restricted securities and other illiquid assets.

Pluris is an experienced, independent firm that helps investment advisors, hedge funds, public and private companies, and high-net-worth individuals to comply with the rules and regulations of the SEC, the IRS, and other regulatory agencies. Some of the assets it values include Auction Rate Securities (ARS), Bankruptcy Claims, Mergers and Acquisitions, and Private Investment in Public Equity (PIPEs).

My pre-vision of an intern's duties included getting coffee, printing documents, shredding documents, running errands for people in the office who didn't have time to do it themselves, and other variations of grunt work. However, this myth was quickly dispelled from day one as I started my internship with Pluris. Immediately, I was handed the responsibility of researching Private Investment in Public Entity (PIPEs) and Auction Rate Securities (ARS), the type of work that the senior associates at the company were doing also. I had to keep track of all the companies holding ARS and search PIPEs as part of our new product development project. This type of work required extensive knowledge of Excel, Factset, and Bloomberg, of which I had very little. However, overtime, I have gained much proficiency in these three software programs. I was extremely confused and overwhelmed with the information relayed to me in the first week; yet, I was very appreciative of the fact that my internship would prove to be a great learning experience.

My internship was extended in August and I am currently interning with Pluris as a paid intern. I would highly recommend this internship to those students interested in the field of finance since the learning process was gradual and the co-workers were very patient and helpful. However, it would be very helpful to have a proficiency in excel beforehand. I would like to thank Sewanee and the Tonya/Wilson Fund for allowing me this opportunity to start off my career. This internship has done more than what it intended to, and I hope it continues to do so for others in the future.