

Learning through Internships

Learn outside the box with an internship and find a career you love.

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Transcript

[K. Taylor] This summer I spent doing my internship at Christel House International, which allowed me to merge my love for the international dimension of philanthropy--philanthropy that reaches beyond the borders of our country and our city, of course--as well as my love of children. I suspect that my work in the nonprofit community will be focused on helping kids, and if there's an international dimension that I could add to that, that would be wonderful. Christel House has really given me a wonderful opportunity to do that. I've worked in fund development this summer, and that's been a joy--I've learned so much--and have been working with a wonderful team.

Well, what's extraordinary about Christel House International is that it has a very far reach. Within the Christel House family, I have the opportunity to meet people from other countries, specifically India, South Africa, Venezuela, and Mexico, and those people run Christel House Learning Centers within their countries, serving the poorest of the poor. So what was wonderful about my experience this summer is it wasn't confined to just Indianapolis; it was far reaching, made so by the fact that there are Learning Centers all over the world, touched by Christel DeHaan and her belief that through education we can break the cycle of poverty.

I love all the dimensions of our city; I think what's been extraordinary is to find all the strong philanthropic roots. There are so many people in our city trying to do good for the community, as well as--there are so many wonderful international initiatives as well. It's just inspiring to see, and I found so many mentors, and so many people have inspired me to do more and reach farther.

IUPUI has been a very important part of that, I think, in terms of developing my love for the city and knowing this is exactly where I'm supposed to be. The staff at the Center on Philanthropy is extraordinary; I've have the best professors. I've learned so much about the kind of person I want to be, and the leader I want to be in the nonprofit community. But beyond just my teachers, my fellow classmates have inspired me as well. Just, the smartest of people, the kindest, most compassionate of people, all with hearts for doing good and serving the world. All of those things have led me to conclude that this, this is now my home.