Summer Internship

This past summer I had the opportunity to intern with South Carolina’s fastest Inc 5000/500 growing company, Cantey Tech Consulting. The company recently changed their name from Cantey Technology and it became one of my tasks this summer to help wrap up this complicated process. The task included multiple intense components such as going online and updating the information on more than a handle full of platforms. In addition, I quickly realized that changing and updating documents that have been around for the past decade can be challenging since the technology used then differs from the current one. This project was just one of my numerous tasks for the summer, and one that taught me a lot.

Willis Cantey runs a company of twenty-five employees; however, the word “employees” in this case may be an understatement. In my opinion, Willis has gone above and beyond to create a friendly working environment, thus the word “family” seems more fitting than employees. A typical day in the office was actually rather exciting on many levels. Tracy, the Vice President of Operations and Services, was my direct supervisor; we referred to as the “boss lady” because she did a phenomenal job at de-escalating situations and solving abrupt problems. I reported to Tracy for daily and weekly tasks. Little did I know how much of a mentor she would end up being to me as Tracy has over 13 years of technology consulting, and has worked for, or alongside, big name companies such as SAP.
This internship awarded me the opportunity to travel and live in a state and city that I had never been. I mainly worked in the office every day, but sometimes I was needed to assist with big projects and I would travel to different cities in South Carolina like: Columbia, Greenville, Beaufort, and Aiken. Staying in hotels and working with other interns and professional technicians allowed me to experience working in the real world. I learned how to face adversity and problem solve when things did not go as planned. Cantey Tech also started Cantey Edu this summer, which provides services to colleges, universities and high schools all over the country. I was charged with managing and re-imaging and imaging 600 laptops to ship out to individual students. Not only was I in charge of re-imaging laptops, but I also had to coordinate with FedEx and UPS account managers to find the best rates for these 600 shipments.

With all of the gained experiences, I could not have been more fortunate than to have worked with Cantey Tech Consulting. This internship allowed me to make life-long friends and obtain experiences that I will remember for a long time. Willis Cantey is a great man, friend, and boss; he is someone I would be honored to work with after college.