

This past summer I have been interning for the Guadalupe-Blanco River Authority in various legislative meetings with Todd Votteler, to field work, and even analysis within the environmental lab.

Responsibilities varied vastly as I learned multiple facets of the environmental science landscape. Detail oriented work has been prevalent within the lab, as we learned proper state procedures as well as learning to fill out Quality Control charts, a very imperative step for state auditors as well as making certain the equipment is in check. We participated in bioassessments as well as direct sampling events. I spent an afternoon recently surveying and sampling with the USGS. These responsibilities have all been incredibly imperative in learning the environmental science community and how it effects litigation.

I learned detail oriented work and the pace at which it needs to be done within a workplace. Having the ability to see all aspects of these processes from the field work, to analysis, to ultimate litigation. I learned how the interpretation of water analysis will be vastly skewed within a governmental setting as there are many other facets other than the cold hard facts from the analysis. The greatest lesson I learned throughout this internship is the many facets of interpreting data to be placed within a governmental setting. I will directly bring this experience to my fall internship before I finish Sewanee in the Spring.

This has affected my career goals as I am now headed to Washington, D.C. to work directly within government. Due to all of the meetings, as well as analysis I realized that a

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political scene is something I can truly see myself thriving in. Although I came down here with the intention of concentrating on field, I instead spent my time within the lab and at various meetings to see how the machine truly works.

Overall this internship has been an incredible opportunity and aided in developing my ultimate career goals, as I finish my college career.