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This summer I interned at a political news website based out of Washington, DC known as The Daily Caller. I was hired as an Editorial Intern. My responsibilities included writing stories in the topic of my interest, editing stories, and monitoring the website. I *never* had to grab a cup of coffee for anyone. I truly believe that this internship is one-of-a-kind. I was treated as a member of the staff rather than an intern, which was extremely comforting.

On my first day of work, I was told to search for potential stories that I wanted to write for the website. The other interns and I were told that we were able to “make the internship how we want it”. In other words, if I wanted to get stories published, that was more than possible! I was specifically interested in writing for the sports section of the website. The interns sat in the Newsroom along with the editors and other reporters, which helped build relationships and made work more efficient. The founders of The Daily Caller, Tucker Carlson and Neil Patel, both made an effort to meet each and every intern, and encouraged us to learn as much as we could throughout the summer.

I found it remarkable that I was able to get my first published bi-line on my first day! I got to actually research, write and submit my article to the editors. I was officially a published journalist! After my first week, I had approximately a total of five bi-lines on the website, something that is extremely rare as an intern.

By week two, I was getting more comfortable with the editing program and learning more about how to write journalistically. The editors and reporters were more than willing to help when I had questions, and I learned so many valuable things from them, such as how to write a strong and enticing headline.

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An incredible aspect of being an intern at The Daily Caller is the ability (and the encouragement of the reporters!) to attend an event at both the White House and the Capitol. My second week at the internship, I went to the White House and covered an event held by President Obama. I received a Press Pass and stood amongst the photographers and those from CNN trying to catch every word of the President. Following the event, I wrote a story, which was immediately published. How incredible!

I took advantage of the opportunities to attend press conferences at the Capitol. I was lucky enough to experience incredible events, such as Eric Cantor's resignation speech and Kevin McCarthy's victory speech. I got to sit in proximity with politicians such as Paul Ryan and John McCain. I got to experience the every day feel of a journalist and absolutely loved it.

The most memorable experience this summer would have to be my visit to former Vice President Dick Cheney's house. My oldest brother, Alex, is a political reporter at The Daily Caller and was asked to interview Cheney on multiple different matters. We were invited into his home to conduct the interview, which was a rare opportunity. Although I did not get to participate in the actual interview, getting to see my brother do so was an experience I will never forget. I strive to become half the wonderful journalist that Alex is.

After my internship at The Daily Caller, my dreams of becoming a journalist have only become stronger. I hope to make my way into the business of Sports Journalism, and I strongly believe that this internship has taught me incredible skills, provided me

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with greater journalistic confidence, and created incredible contacts within the journalism work sphere. Through my contacts at The Daily Caller, I was able to attend an ESPN sports radio show in Maryland to see how the sports radio business worked. My confidence has strengthened, and I now know that the business of journalism is the place for me.

I would happily recommend this internship to anyone interested in journalism. This incredibly unique workplace is an exceptional environment filled with brilliant and kind people. My time at The Daily Caller is something I will forever remember and appreciate.