

INTERNSHIP Spotlight

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TELL US ABOUT YOUR INTERNSHIP.

Mr. Chain S. Sandhu—the chairman of NYX Inc.—is a remarkable man with a remarkable story. He wanted someone to write down his life experiences into a book format that could be shared with his grandchildren and others. When we would meet, he would tell me a new chapter of his life, and I would transcribe it all to words on a page. A few times I assisted with other office tasks including helping to prepare the office Christmas party.

WHAT WAS THE MOST MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE DURING YOUR INTERNSHIP?

There were many memorable parts to my internship, seeing how unique it was to begin with. Each day that I went into the office, I heard a new part of his life and how he got to where he is now. The most memorable might have been the New Employee Luncheon that NYX tries to throw every few months. The whole management team met with all the new employees and connected to them on a personal level. It made me feel like part of the family—and the food wasn't bad, either!

WHY DO YOU THINK THE EMPLOYER CHOSE YOU?

To be truthful, I'm not really sure. Seeing as it was a very original position, it is kind of hard to tell what he saw that made him say, "This girl should be the one to write my story." When I was being interviewed for the job, Mr. Sandhu picked up some of the phrasing on my résumé. I had said that I had been a creative writer for many years—which I had—but he liked the fact that I wrote creatively and didn't just state the obvious. Also, I was able to communicate my values, which aligned fairly well with his.

WHAT CAREER ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE OTHER STUDENTS?

Communication is key—and I'm not just saying that because it's my major. It really is very important when dealing with people on a professional level and in the business world. If you don't explain yourself well enough, then it could lead to some serious mistakes. Also, a good résumé can really help! The fact that the phrasing "creative writer" was pulled out and made my potential supervisor eager to learn more about me shows that a résumé can make or break an interview.

WHY DID YOU CHOOSE YOUR MAJOR?

In high school, I had no clue what I wanted to do. I loved writing, but I knew that journalism was not the fit for me, and that the writing world in general was a bit too shaky for me to rely on. I also loved working with people, and Communication Studies really is a great combination of both of those things. It's also broad enough that I don't have to be pigeonholed in just one career and can have unique opportunities like this internship!

