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Your institution: College of Lake County

1. Tell us a little bit about yourself, including what you are studying.
I am in my last semester in CLC looking to get my associates degree in science. I plan to transfer to ASU for next year and study in their Environmental Science program.
2. Where did your internship take place, and who did you work with?
I am currently working with ESIP, because of Covid-19 I worked with them on zoom.
3. What are some things that you learned as a result of this internship?
I was able to see how big of a community ESIP helps and how willing to help everyone was. I learned how important communication was when working with a group and also how important ESIP really is. I learned that sometimes when you do not have an answer for a question that it never hurts to ask for help. ESIP really helped hone down on these skills that will ultimately help me for my professional future.
4. Do you see yourself engaging with SGCI again in the future? Perhaps when you begin your career?
I definitely want to keep working with SGCI. I believe that SGCI basically catapulted me into the field I wanted to be in. I was able to create connections and see what I really loved. SGCI helped me learn a lot of professional skills and definitely provided an edge ahead of many when looking for future employment.
5. Anything else to add about your internship experience?
I was able to see how important being able to locate data is. I learned that sometimes information can be out there for you but the only issue that you might run into is actually finding it. As ESIPs first batch of interns I feel like they did a great job of keeping us busy with tasks we would be interested in. They led me to people that I could make connections with and possibly find more information on the fields I am interested in.