### **QUEST INTERNSHIP**

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#### **THANK YOU, MENTORS!**

Each semester, we seek community mentors that are willing to take our Gwinnett County Public Schools QUEST student interns under their wings and teach them the ins and outs of the professional field. These students are gifted, motivated, passionate and academically successful. The internship experience often provides them with a level of learning that cannot be duplicated in the regular classroom. To these students, our mentors become role models, guides, instructors, employers and advisers.

Our mentors help shape the paths the students want to pursue as they graduate from high school and begin exploring the adult world. Additionally, their experience in the internship often solidifies and defines their next steps after graduation.

For all of you that have given yourself, your time and your energy, we cannot thank you enough!

## From the Interns...

I have learned so many things when it comes to communication and teamwork that I believe will be helpful no matter what I end up doing professionally. So much of what I do on this team are things that I never thought that I would have the capability to do and have become something that I really enjoy. I want to bring the lessons that I learned through this experience with me in all areas of my life." (Peachtree Ridge HS Senior)

"The internship has helped me grow professionally by allowing me to gain hands-on experience in social media marketing and video production. It has also taught me valuable skills in communication, time management and prioritization." (Parkview HS Senior)

"The most important impact this internship has had on me is giving me the confidence to pursue the career or my choice. I had a lot of doubts about what majors I wanted to study in college and didn't know if I would enjoy the jobs I was thinking about. This internship allowed me to test run a job in my desired field of study which solidified my career aspirations." (Brookwood HS Senior)

"This internship has helped me grow both mentally and professionally. I've gotten to understand myself better in various ways. I now know the conditions that I work best/worst in and I've also nurtured new skills such as organization, communication and trouble-shooting/crisis management. Overall, I am so grateful to have experienced these unique interactions that have helped me grow."

(Peachtree Ridge HS Senior)

"The internship experience can introduce you to a completely new world. It throws ou head-on into a field that you're interested in, and trusts you to learn and grow at your own pace. That makes it one of the best ways to explore a career, along with the fact that interning is one of the most accurate ways to judge what life in that career will be like 10 or 15 years down the line. It is an incredibly valuable experience to a high schooler that not many get to take advantage of, and I would recommend anyone do it." (North Gwinnett HS Senior)

"My internship has helped me grow professionally by helping me develop my professional persona and reputation within the legal field through interaction with clients, attorneys, and judges. Also, it's given me a level of responsibility that I has real world consequences for the parties involved, allowing me to take more ownership of my work as a reflection of myself and my work ethic." (Grayson HS Senior)

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