

Co-op/Intern Spotlight

Aran

Aran completed her internship with the Cedar Falls Police Department and had the opportunity to really get a first hand experience in what goes on in a crime lab. Some of Aran's responsibilities included taking evidence to the evidence room, logging it, dusting for proofs, and assisting the "Crime against Children" Task Force. Aran was able to see first hand how the department works - the gathering of evidence, search warrants, and the diversity and depth of what all can occur in a police investigation.

One thing Aran learned was that cases are not as quickly solved as portrayed on TV - it can actually take weeks to build a case. She now has a better idea of how long each case can take and realizes that you cannot always quickly identify people by their fingerprints and the evidence originally obtained.

Aran believes her internship was a very worthwhile experience because it really helped her to realize that she wants to be a criminologist. She now knows that this is what she enjoys doing and the experience will help her to get her foot in the door for what she wants to do in the future.



Major at UNI:

Chemistry

Location:

Cedar Falls, Iowa

Organization:

Cedar Falls Police Dept.

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