

Co-op/Intern Spotlight



Internship
helps student network
and gain experience at
Silos & Smokestacks

Major at UNI:

**Communication/
Public Relations**

Location:

Waterloo

Organization:

Silos & Smokestacks

Beth

At Silos and Smokestacks National Heritage Area, Beth has had many opportunities and real world experiences. She has enjoyed being treated as an employee rather than an intern at SSNHA. In fact, due to her experience, Beth was the only student awarded the Flora A. Schmidt Scholarship to attend the 2006 Iowa Tourism Conference.

Silos & Smokestacks is one of 27 National Heritage Areas in the U.S. They are a non-profit organization that preserves and tells the story of American agriculture. As a Program Assistant Intern, Beth has had the opportunity to help plan and organize a few different events, including the SSNHA booth at the 2006 Iowa State Fair and the organization's 10-Year Designation Celebration.

Beth has discovered how non-profit organizations run and through working in a smaller team, she has noticed a lot more freedom to learn the different aspects involved. With more flexibility, Beth has been able to take on more responsible tasks, increasing her level of experience.

Beth recommends being open to different job opportunities - "don't apply for only positions that look cool or have fun titles, they can be deceiving. By trying new things, you may be surprised how great a fit that company could be for you!"

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