



# Providing Higher Education through the Nonprofit Sector

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Professional Development

## SUMMARY

*I was granted the opportunity to intern with IDEA Public Schools this past summer. As an alumni of this nonprofit organization, I personally was eager to invest the skills I was given, back into the organization. I was hired as the Executive Director's Second Assistant and received insight to the day to day operations. Often, people assume that a nonprofit is simply run by people with a passion and while this is true, there are lots of logistics that also contribute greatly., I assisted in administrative projects and helped coordinate events as well as execute them. I was surrounded daily by individuals much older than me and was expected to present results just as equally qualified. Additionally, I came to understand what it meant to cultivate professional relationships with the staff around me.*



## SPICES

*Professional Development: The environment I worked in was beneficial to improving my workforce skills. I learned how to complete diverse tasks on my own as well as strategically manage projects that were given with guidelines.*

## HERBS

*Benevolent: Being able to have the heart and willingness to help those less fortunate than myself takes someone willing to serve for a cause rather than a profit.*

## LEARNING OUTCOMES

*This experience helped me by making me realize victimizing myself gets me nowhere but instead, I must address problems by communicating and making a plan of action to move forward. In my field of study, relationships with individuals is extremely present and my feelings cannot interfere with that of the greater good. My greatest takeaway was the ability to take constructive criticism well and actually CONSTRUCT.*



## IMPACT

*IDEA Public Schools is changing the education system drastically. They provide children from undeserved communities with a top tier education by purposely placing their schools in low-income areas. I was once a student at one of their schools and I'm a product of just how much of an impact they are making. Being able to contribute to the organization this summer allows me to give back to someone just like me.*

## ADVICE

*USE YOUR VOICE. Through this internship, I learned to actually vocalize what I was feeling. Don't go into an experience expecting to come out the same. Allow yourself to be molded by mentors!*