

2009 - 2010 Student Advisory Board

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When they said true love didn't exist, I found Walgreens. I believed at a time if you were lucky you could find a job that offered more than good pay. Too many times you have to accept the good with the bad and simply "learn to tolerate your job until something better comes along." For all my 22 years, I worked hard academically to get myself into a place as to be so lucky. From Jacksonville, FL to the Gator Nation, I slowly came to the last stretch of hard work, studying, and applying myself in college. I labored every summer since high school with a passion to be all that I could be in school. This past summer, I took a break, only to take on a new challenge. I wanted an internship. I needed something to compliment my history as a licensed cosmetologist and other internships I've had in the past. I applied for a Retail Management Internship with Walgreens, as an effort to display my skills from working in the salon. As a BMI or Business Management Intern, I pushed to prove myself worthy of retail. I learned my products, money, vendors, employees, customers and a few things about myself and personal contribution. I now see that I am patient, diligent, passionate for learning, and genuinely in my field because I enjoy making customers happy. I took a peek into the future with Walgreens this summer. I saw tenure in the company, autonomy in store operations, comradery with my team members, and a true overall job satisfaction. Who would have thought I was not only lucky enough to find something I loved about my job; but I experienced many other invaluable aspects. What more could I ask for?