CM435 Internship Self-Evaluation (~ Midpoint in the Semester)

- 1) Intern's Name: Andrea Binnick
- 2) Internship Firm/Organization: Visual and Performing Arts (VPA) Media

Internship

Think seriously about your internship performance thus far. Reflect on the items below and use them to help clarify areas of strength and weakness so that you may improve the outcome of your internship.

3) This internship provides me with an adequate learning experience for my background.

This internship allows me to learn how to interact with other colleagues, be

professional, and maintain positive energy. This internship is an adequate learning

experience for my goal order to work in the music industry.

4) My mentor at this organization understands my goals and objectives.

My mentor at my organization would understand my goals and objectives to be

able to improve my skills to encourage me to grow and advance to prepare for the future.

My career goals are working in the music industry, I want to work at

the *Pitchfork* company, and *Billboard* magazine. She had a chance to understand my needs to help me to achieve my goals and objectives through interviewing and conducting with clients. I learn to edit and develop my writing skills effectively to be able to write for a music magazine. I also learned how to quote people. 5) I did adequate preparation investigating the sponsoring organization and level of placement before accepting this position. I became eligible enough for the preparation of the organization and they accept

this position for me to be able to work with them with a lot of dedication and hard work. I came to the organization as a motivated person. I want to be a successful journalist and to be close to that goal and come with any specific ideas. I came to this position with a lot of discipline to stay on top of my game. I prepared for this position as an organized person by working on time management. I chose this level because there were so many internships for other media positions in the communications department (photographers, graphic designers) and I wanted to focus on the news and improve my writing. I am passionate about working for a magazine in the future so I decided to participate in this position as a news writer. I work hard because I want to get better at these skills. I am well-dedicated with my determination and drive in my work. I enjoy the position that I am in because it is very interdisciplinary and diverse. It combines music, art, and theatre.

6) This organization expects too much work or requires more polished work than I was prepared to do.

This organization became very flexible for my college career; therefore, it became more manageable and less overloaded. I did not want this organization to become overwhelming, it became masterful and helpful. It gave me techniques for what I need to be successful. The amount of work they give me is appropriate because it fits into my daily routine. I do not need to stay up late or wake up early to finish my work. I do meetings with my mentor and we can work together virtually instead of working independently. It makes it easier than working alone. I enjoy working in a remote work environment.

7) I cooperate with my colleagues in our work or to accomplish joint goals at the organization.

I cooperate with my colleagues in their company to be an active listener and good team player. I do interviews with other VPA faculty members and meetings with Andrea Binnick. This position helps me to be prepared to be a successful writer and helps me to gain work experience.

8) I cope with annoying situations without losing my temper or poise?

I do not cope with any obnoxious issues and I need to learn to control my temper to maintain my professional behavior, especially when I am working in public places. I need to learn to stay quiet and be kind. I am doing the process of being elegant and professional to learn to maintain silence and learning that I do not always know what's going on in their lives or their situation and continue to reach my career goals.

9) I am eager to learn new skills.

I am always looking forward to learning new skills while participating in an internship with responsibility, work ethics, and communication skills to show my dedication, hard work, and positive attitude. I am very determined and driven to work on new skills.

10) I find something new to learn even in the most routine tasks.

When I found something new to learn. I learned to take notes to brainstorm. I came up with ideas to interview clients during the meeting. I learned how to interact with people virtually. I learned the easier ways to interact with others. I am learned how to integrate quotes into news articles. I am learning new things every single day. Due to what I have learned, I feel more comfortable with these skills I am working on.

11) I consider my internship position challenging and worthy of my talents.

This internship would be challenging and worthy of my talents to show them how well and dedicated I am. It encouraged me to learn new things. I am challenged to be more organized than I am in other courses I thought the structure of the internship would be challenging, and therefore, I enjoyed the flexible nature of it. It was worthy of my writing ability. It improved my journalism style.

12) My attitude toward colleagues and clients is helpful and concerned.

My internship performance with colleagues and clients became useful and considerate. My main colleague is my mentor Andrea Binnick. We work together. My attitude towards my mentor and other VPA staff members is professional in addition to being helpful. I am interested in what my colleagues in the VPA department have to say. I am helpful to them because I am flexible with meeting times and meet when it is best for them.

13) I easily recognize clients' needs and then try and assist them.

I provide them with questions through emails with their time and patience because it becomes easier for us to interact and figure how they professionally approach reporters through electronic writing. Instead of recording and asking questions, it is easier to write an email and send it to them. It takes up less time for myself and the client I am interviewing It is easier for my clients to be interviewed through writing because it gives them more time to think through their answers. I interviewed one of the VPA faculty staff for the first time, and it performed successfully.

14) I demonstrate ease in initiating conversation with colleagues and clients.

I demonstrated ease in initiating conversation with colleagues and clients through introducing myself, asking questions, and getting support from colleagues as much as possible.

15) I show confidence and poise in dealing with colleagues and clients.

I showed the internship with self-confidence and poise in dealing with colleagues and clients. I showed confidence and poise through the professional tone that I use when writing emails and when communicating with Andrea Binnick. I am not afraid to ask interview questions to the VPA faculty members.

16) This organization can point to me with pride as one of their employees.

This organization can point to me with pride as one of their employees through self-knowledge, positive attitude, good reputation, and growth.

17) I approach all tasks, even low level ones, with enthusiasm and a commitment to excellence.

I am a very motivated and driven person to be able to approach all levels of tasks with positive energy. I had to interview VPA staff members and I make sure to be enthusiastic in my approach and to make sure I come out with excellent work. When I am working on news writing, I am committed to excellence and always enthusiastic.

18) My work patterns and quality of work produced justify the time and money the firm is investing in me.

My work patterns and quality of work produced to satisfy the time and money which they invest in me because it is a part-time job and an eight-hour shift where I could do my project without going to any events and be able to work in a remote environment. I am not doing anything unrelated to my position when I am working. I am very dedicated to producing work that is very high in quality. I am always attentive and willing to participate during my meetings with Andrea Binnick to justify the time she spends with me.

19) I look forward to each day enthusiastically.

I always come to the internship as an enthusiastic person for every Friday meeting. I am always enthusiastically prepared for new things. I am also very optimistic for every new day.

20) Although this internship is a short-term position, I am personally committed and involved for the present.

I am personally committed and involved for the present and in the future to accomplish the goals of this position. I will always be prepared for whatever the task is that I have to do. I am committed to doing my best in this position and being an involved member of the VPA department as a news writer.

21) This internship experience has helped me clarify future goals.

This internship experience has helped me to clarify my future goals because it guides me to improve my writing skills to transform from a college student to a young professional employee. This would be a stepping stone to gain work experience and become a huge impact on my college career. This internship was able to encourage me to learn and understand my true identity and how to be ready for the real world. This internship has helped to prepare me for a future in Journalism writing in the field I want to write in. I want to write about music and this internship has helped me to see how I can achieve that goal.

22) Describe areas of personal interest and ability that you had not been aware of before working for this organization.

I tried other career paths and other internships, however, they did not get the chance to interact with me because the position was limited. I was not aware of how strong my ability is to be a news writer. This internship has shown me that I have an interest in writing about all fields of the performing arts. I want to do more than just music, and this internship has revealed that to me. Waweru W.

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