



Glenda Frierson, an upcoming senior at Paxon School of Advanced Studies is one of eleven 2017 Summer Internship Program award recipients! Glenda aspires to become a Primary Care Physician. With this in mind, Glenda was placed at Bell & Associates under the leadership of Dr. Michelle Bell.

Dr. Bell had this to say about Glenda's experience, "I was very excited to learn of the Annie Ruth Foundation and doubly excited to serve as a mentor with the Summer Internship Program in 2017. Glenda was courteous, industrious, helpful, prepared and a pleasure to host. She was exposed to the nuts and bolts of a private pediatric office setting including filing, record keeping, and organization, but was afforded the opportunity to learn about some of the disease processes and preventive measures encountered in a medical outpatient setting.

As the medical director and owner of a small business, I have learned the value of one's time and talent. Glenda's time and talents were invaluable to my office this summer. She was extremely helpful in assisting the office members with outreach efforts to ensure that families served by the practice receive all of the resources and benefits provided by our clinic. She served as a role model for my pediatric patients and an inspiration for their parents to remain diligent in preparing their children for a successful future.

I share with the executive director, Ms. Wilcox, passion for at risk youth. I would like to applaud Ms. Wilcox and all the other foundation affiliates along with the mentors for their efforts to provide exposure and insight into potential career settings for these youth who have demonstrated a desire to set positive goals for their future and the discipline to take steps toward achieving these goals. It was truly my pleasure to spend the summer with Glenda and serve as a mentor in the 2017 Internship Program.

When asked her thoughts regarding the program, Glenda responded, "My internship experience throughout this summer really taught me a lot about the career I am hoping to have in the future. Through this experience, I did things such as interact with children on a one-on-one basis, triage patients and helped put a smile on their face by giving them stickers and lollipops. I also did administration work such as filing, taking phone calls and general office management duties. Not only did it show me insight of what is to come as someone going into the medical field, but I was also able to learn a lot about what goes on behind the scenes, especially when one has a private practice.

It was a lot of hard work, but I am forever grateful to my mentors for showing me the ropes, and most importantly to the AnnieRuth Foundation in allowing me this opportunity. This experience showed me that with preparation and determination one can do anything they put their mind to, so again thank you so much Annie Ruth Foundation for sowing the seeds I know will help me to grow in the future."

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