



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

Dr. Bell had this to say about Kennady'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. Kennady was punctual and reliable. She was exposed to the nuts and bolts of a private pediatric office setting including filing,

record keeping, and correspondence, 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. Kennady'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 the 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 these ladies and serve as a mentor in the 2017 Internship Program."

When asked her thoughts regarding her summer experience, Kennady responded, "Being a part of the Annie Ruth Foundation was far more than just an opportunity, it was more like an honor. To be given the opportunity to work in the field of my dream was nothing short of amazing. From the first day at Bells & Associates, I felt at home. The staff is friendly and willing to teach and help. As an aspiring pediatrician, this opportunity was perfect! Being in the office setting really gave me insight on how a pediatrician's office function and prepared me for the road ahead. I look forward to a career as a pediatrician more now than ever before. It has been a very exciting and insightful process. I am grateful to have been chosen as a 2017 AnnieRuth Foundation Summer Internship Program award recipient as exposure to the field of pediatrics, at this age, would have been merely impossible."

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