



Maurice Henderson, II, an upcoming senior of Robert E. Lee High School is one of eleven 2017 Summer Internship Program award recipients! Maurice aspires to become an Industrial Engineer. With this in mind, Maurice was placed at JEA under the leadership of Shellina Reeves.

Ms. Reeves had this to say about Maurice's experience, "Maurice is a very energetic and proactive young man. I often challenged him by teaching him to operate in new systems such as Maximo, Oracle eAM, and GIS. Not only did he accept these challenges but he always went a step further by inquiring more about the system. He learned how to create work orders and assets in these systems.

Maurice came when I was a business Unit leader for a major project. He constantly found ways to assist the project by taking on small tasks that had a great output in terms of the project's status. This helped him to gain project management experience which is vital to the success of an industrial engineer's career.

Maurice received hands on experience with the pole replacement process, the downtown underground Network electrical system, receiving tickets through our work management system, determining when an asset is going to fail, and much more.

Participating in the AnnieRuth Foundation's Summer Internship Program provided me the opportunity to show someone with a similar background that there are many opportunities in the STEM field. Having participated in an internship program myself, I know the importance of having real world experience before entering the job market full time. This opportunity allowed me to pour professionally into a young person's life, and for that I am thankful. I hope my mentorship has allowed Maurice to solidify his desire to become an Industrial Engineer as well as gain a better understanding of what JEA does for the community."

When asked his thoughts regarding his summer experience, Maurice responded, "As an aspiring Industrial Engineer working at JEA alongside an accomplished Industrial Engineer, I was introduced to a world that, before now, I had only imagined. During my six-week experience, my mentor introduced me to different environments ranging from business meetings to actually being in the field reviewing assets. Each week I worked on something new which allowed me to gain insight on exactly what industrial engineers do.

Participating in the AnnieRuth Foundation's Summer Internship Program was phenomenal! Through this program I received hands-on experience in the field that I will pursue in the future. The program has truly allowed me the opportunity to gain better insight in terms of what being an Industrial Engineer is all about so that I can determine whether this is the best choice for me."

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