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The AnnieRuth Foundation's Summer Internship Program is a six-week, needs-based program that affords high school students the opportunity to work part-time in a real life setting, learn new skills and interact with professionals. The program not only gives high school students an opportunity to earn money but a part of the application process includes understanding each applicant's post-college aspirations. The award recipient is placed in an environment that aligns with their future goals.

The program affords the receiving company the opportunity to mentor a high school student, provide training and development, and set the student on a path to be successful in life.

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This year, the competition was stiff! Each contestant was required to submit a 1,000 word essay explaining how they would benefit from the program. Three judges (two from the University of Phoenix and one from CSX) scored each essay based on pre-determined criteria. The scores were averaged and the candidates were ranked. In addition, the top three candidates had to undergo a formal interview. When it was all said and done, Ms. Daisy Dabney, a twelfth grader at First Coast High school, was victorious!

Ms. Dabney aspires to become a pediatric surgeon. Along that line, the AnnieRuth Foundation placed her at 24/7 Pediatric Care Center on Point Meadows Drive where she averaged 20 hours a week for six consecutive weeks. Daisy's internship ended on August 21, 2014.

Lisa McCormick, office manager at 24/7 Pediatric Care Center, had this to say about Daisy, "Daisy's youthful enthusiasm has been energizing for the staff at 24/7 Pediatric Care Center. She is clearly a motivated teen with a daunting goal (to become a pediatric surgeon). Daisy's excitement about learning the smallest of procedures has been entertaining. She enjoyed learning to suture on a banana, removed sutures on a toddler and experienced the use of silver nitrate on a newborn's umbilicus granuloma. She has learned about a wide variety of pediatric illnesses that will serve her well in her future career. In addition to her uplifting spirit, she has provided the staff with assistance in a variety of ways including cleaning/stocking rooms, taking patients'

vital signs and completing medical paperwork. She is an incredible person and we all have very much enjoyed her time with our office! We wish Daisy the best in her future endeavors!”