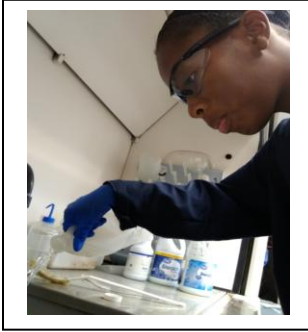


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My summer internship experience was one of the best summers of my life. I loved this experience because I did not just receive my main focus of biology. I received information in other fields such as metals, sampling, waste transformation, and more. I was also able to take a lab tour and I saw all the steps of turning waste in to reuse water (water that goes into some yards and into the river) and actual drinking water. I learned the difference between influent (waste that has not been treated) and effluent (waste that is almost done with the process.). I also loved this experience because I made valuable connections with my mentors at JEA; they were kind and understanding, and they were honestly the best part of the experience. It also is great to know that they want me back next year.

To end my statement, I am so grateful to the AnnieRuth Foundation for this unforgettable experience.