Every day, I go to work in the place where I grew up learning Jewish values and culture. I am surrounded by familiar faces and everywhere I look I am reminded of all of the things this community has taught me. I am happy to be giving back.

I began my internship with the Jewish Federation of Greater Harrisburg in May, through the Federation’s Summer Leadership Intern Program (SLIP). After finishing my sophomore year at the University of Pittsburgh, majoring in Media and Professional Communications with a minor in Legal Studies, I knew I needed to find an internship close to home that I was passionate about.

SLIP was perfect for me because I wanted to be in Harrisburg and I knew the internship would give me a lot of guidance for a future career. I knew that the required weekly meetings with my supervisor and career workshops with other SLIP members were a great benefit of this internship program. I love to write and have a passion for helping nonprofits, so my internship in the Federation’s Development and Marketing Department has been a wonderful experience.

At my internship, I write articles for the *Community Review*, help with grant writing, assist in program planning, and learn about the “behind the scenes” of a nonprofit organization. The best piece of advice I received so far is everyone’s individual strengths benefit the organization. Don’t focus on the negative, bond with your co-workers over the positives and strengths of the organization instead. Through my experience I have also learned that communication, organization and time management are keys to success in any workplace.

I would recommend SLIP for any student looking to return to Harrisburg for the summer. I am happy I came home because I don’t think I would have had this same, great experience at another internship.

Be on the lookout for more current student’s stories in the coming weeks to learn more about all SLIP has to offer!