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When the opportunity of being a Junior COSTEP presented itself last fall I did not hesitate with putting an application in. The COSTEP program gave me the opportunity to be a part of an organization built by an elite team of well-trained, highly qualified public health professionals dedicated to delivering the Nation's public health promotion and disease prevention programs and advancing public health science. Through this opportunity I was able to work for the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention with the Agency of Toxic Substance and Disease Registry (ATSDR).



At ATSDR I was able to work with the exposure investigation team, the vessel sanitation program, national park service, and EPA. I was very lucky to be in Atlanta this summer and participate in two national conferences including the Commissioned Corp Symposium and the National Environmental Health Association. The experience being a Junior COSTEP gave me the training I was looking for from being apart of the ATSDR basic training course to the field experience on the cruise ships in Miami.

Now that I am done with the COSTEP program I feel like it has not ended. I was able to take my training with me to the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) in Ohio where I am currently interning until November. I am presently working on a Brownsfield Project in the city of East Cleveland that is working hand in hand with ATSDR down in Atlanta.

After November I will start my career with the Occupational Safety Health Administration in Cleveland. I can honestly say the COSTEP program is one of the main reasons why I was able to obtain this position. The COSTEP program gave me the experience at the CDC, which helped me standout among the other applicants.