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Interning With Duke Energy by Danielle Peoples

I spent this past interim interning with Duke Energy South Carolina. The design of my internship was that I spent each day with different people from different departments in the company throughout the state.

I learned about the detailed process the engineers must go through each time they undertake a project, and then I got to go out with distribution crews to see how the work is actually done.

The individuals in Economic Development and Government Relations that I got to spend time with taught me a lot through their interactions with customers, their peers, and me. They provided me with the opportunity to meet with city officials, regional planning directors, and politicians.

I feel like I have true connections with the people I worked with and I could come to them in the future for advice and networking. I was able to attend several annual chamber banquets and attend Business Speaks at the State House.

This interim has been one of the most important things I have experienced to be able to prepare myself for my future career. I have a greater appreciation for the complexity of providing energy and the importance of all utilities.

Danielle got to ride in a bucket truck during her internship with Duke Energy.

HUB-BUB Showroom

Green Screen Film Series

Wednesdays

7:00 PM

March 2nd “Food Stamped”
March 9th “The Bicycle Thief”
March 16th “Coal Country” (with guest from Appalachia)
March 23rd “Walden-The Ballad of Thoreau”

All Films are FREE!
Upcoming Events and Opportunities

March 6th
Deadline for applications for Environpreneur Institute fellowships sponsored by the Property and Environment Research Center (PERC): 16 fellowships will be awarded for a two-week educational training in Bozeman, Montana from June 26 – July 8, 2011 and includes lodging, some meals, and fellowship stipend paid to all participants. For more information visit: www.enviropreneurs.org

March 15th
SPACE and Upstate Forever “Planning The Future of Your Farm”: A symposium of land conservation options for agricultural land includes a guest speaker, panel of landowners and BBQ dinner ($5 per person). 3:30 PM – 6:00 PM at Cleveland Park Convention Center. Go to http://www.spartanburgconservation.org/ for agenda and registration form.

March 16th
Deadline for applications for The Best Internship On Earth: Spend the summer hiking, rafting, and exploring with the Sierra Club’s youth program around the country. Earn some extra money and outfit yourself with gear from The North Face and Planet Explore. Visit: http://sierraclub.org/bestinternship/ to apply.

March 19th
Sierra Club Waterfalls Hike: Hike to waterfalls off of Route 11 near Jones Gap State Park. Call or email Chip Green (579-0164 or jwgmaps@gmail.com) for details and meeting location.

March 22nd
World Water Day

Ongoing for Summer 2011
Coal River Mountain Watch: An environmental justice organization, fighting mountaintop removal in southern West Virginia. Recruiting students for summer research positions. These are unfunded but may be suitable for senior thesis topics. Contact: Cathy Udall Kunkel ’05, cathykunkel@gmail.com or visit http://www.crmw.net/crmw/content/research-internships.

GRAD SCHOOL PROFILE OF THE WEEK:
Bard College – Bard Center for Environmental Policy

Bard College, a private liberal arts college, is located on the shore of the Hudson River, which is just north of New York City. The Bard Center for Environmental Policy (Bard CEP) was founded in 1999 and the graduate program was launched in 2001.

Today, Bard CEP offers a M.S. in Environmental Policy and a M.S. in Climate Science and Policy.

The Peace Corps Master's International Program also provides the opportunity to incorporate the Peace Corps service with a master’s degree.

A joint program with Pace Law School, one of the nation’s top five environmental law programs, provides a M.S. degree, in environmental policy or climate science and policy, and a J.D. with a certificate in environmental law. For more information, visit http://www.bard.edu/cep/.