In their own words ...  
Experience – Grow - Make a Difference

Sara’s aha moment:
“My eyes were opened to the world of non-profit organizations and I realized this is the kind of organization I want to be a part of. These people truly are about the arts and about making the community a better place through the arts.”

How are you spending your days?
No day was ever the same. I created documents and contracts to be used for the Dubuque Chorale Children’s Choir. Other days were spent at music festivals, farmer’s markets, and community events spreading the word about the upcoming children’s choir. I also got to try my hand at selling advertising!

What type of skills are you learning?
The skills I’ve learned this summer are unbelievable! Grant writing and professional document writing are skills that I improved on and are great tools that I will be able to use in my future career. Organization and time management have played key roles in making sure that all of my tasks are completed on time. I have learned how to maintain and build professional relationships and how to network effectively. This is only scratching the surface...

How did your internship opportunity happen?
I was approached by Dr. Demaree because of my experience working with the Platteville Children’s Choir.

How does your internship complement your academic goals?
My internship with the Dubuque Chorale allowed me the opportunity to see what starting a new choir entails. My eyes were opened to the process of how procedure is decided, how auditions are held, and how imperative it is to market and advertise. These are only a few of the decisions and tasks that go into starting a community-based choir. My goal is to be a choir director, and I know that having this experience and understanding of what it takes - even before the singers sing a note - is invaluable and has given me an even greater appreciation towards making music.

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“I was surprised at the growth of the Chorale over the past 3 years. It has happened because of the passion from these volunteers!” - Mueller