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The presidential race has left an impression on me. Donald Trump is the Republican candidate and as we all know he has very specific ideas. He has raised the bar concerning issues of racism, causing more violence than peace. Trump makes very specific remarks about certain races, such as Hispanics. Most, if not all the remarks he has made about Hispanics have been negative. His opinion about Hispanics makes our race look bad. I live in a diverse community and we all live in unison. Racism only leads to more problems. Another impactful event that connects to racism is the police shootings. Police shootings are one of the reasons that the movement of Black Lives Matter evolved. Racism makes it seem like the movement means only black lives matter when it doesn’t. Black Lives Matter is a movement to save the lives that are being impacted the most negatively.

Marilyn Mosby made the biggest impact on me this summer. I was so inspired and motivated after hearing her speak. Her story could inspire any young woman with goals and dreams. After being turned down, she never was discouraged or gave up. She knew what she wanted and she fought until she got it. I am a rising senior and have been spending my summer preparing to apply for colleges as well as completing my internship. I can relate to Mrs. Mosby experiences. She showed me not to let SAT scores or my GPA deny my potential or capabilities- I am worthy of living up to my potential giving the opportunity to prove myself.

From this internship, I will take away a few things and they are ownership, professionalism, and productivity. Ownership is a skill that can go a long way in the courts. Judges appreciate when people take accountability for their actions, which puts a different perspective on the case. In the eye of the law, when a defendant is able to admit guilt it means they acknowledge their wrongs and accept the consequences of their actions. Professionalism is another skill that I will take and apply every day.

Working in an office and wearing professional attire made a huge impact on me this summer. It is really amazing to be treated like a professional and not a student. I will take what I was taught regarding the things that I did in my worksite and implement them into my everyday life.

Obama on police shootings: 'This is not just a black issue'
The reoccurring national event that impacted me the most during 2015-2016 are the police involved killings. I relate to this issue because the people that are being killed are of the same race as I am. I feel there have been too many un-explainable deaths. It has made me more cautious of authority and I am terrified for the people that share the same race and skin color as me. I believe the people around me feel the exact same way I do, scared and yearning for a change in this cruel world we live in. The legal system can do a better job at prosecuting the men who are murderers. I would change policies around police-involved crimes.

A current local issue that has impacted me the most is the money allocated to the Baltimore City Public School System. The money in the budget has been getting smaller each year and in turn, has caused a lot of controversy. In the world we live in education should come first because the education that my generation is receiving is what will prepare us for our future. Without proper education we will not be prepared to navigate the world and be independent. There should be more money allocated towards the funding of the school system. All students should get the same quality education in order to succeed in the future.

The experiences that I have gained throughout this internship will last a lifetime. I have gained knowledge about different types of law and how it affects the people around me. Going to the Circuit Court and seeing my first domestic case has been an eye-opener. I learned that the things that I do and the people around me can be seen as harmful and the consequences that can come from those actions.

This summer, my job has made a huge impact on me. Working at the Department of Juvenile Services has shown me that this is my calling. This is what I want to do when I grow up. Being in the court room every day and just seeing the incidents that go on with children saddens me. Working in juvenile law will allow me to actually make a difference in some of these children’s lives. Although I want to be prosecutor, I still want to assist in helping the youth turn their lives around. This internship has taught me how to network and be proactive. Every day I will show that I appreciate the opportunities presented to me and put my best foot forward.
The Baltimore riots would definitely be the event that left the biggest impression on me during 2015-2016. It impacted everyone that I knew because we’re all from Baltimore. Nationally, it made our entire city look bad, when in fact, it’s just the opposite. I was definitely disappointed in my city. The legal system has to make many changes to fix the problems surrounding Baltimore and other major cities. Too many blacks are getting arrested, leading to mass incarceration. Sometimes a small crime can have a negative domino effect in your life. You should not be marked for an entire lifetime because of one stupid mistake.

Growing up in Baltimore City, I have witnessed the good and the bad in criminal and civil law. Witnessing law enforcement agents abuse their power has increased my desire to campaign for victims. I admire the law enforcement agents who uphold the law and give back to the communities they serve. These life experiences are just a few of the catalysts inspiring my decision to serve the people.

This internship has taught me so many things. I have learned that professionalism is key and that it can help me succeed at life. I should always maintain a level of professionalism in whatever I do because it is what will leave a lasting impression on whomever I come in contact with. I learned that it is okay to make mistakes because every mistake I make is a learning experience. I should not be afraid to fail. Without failure how will I know what success looks like? Most importantly I was able to break out of my shell through Law Links. Everyday I have to get up and introduce myself to a classroom full of my peers. When I first started I thought it was tedious, but now it’s second nature. I appreciate the push that I received every time I did it.

The legal system can make a change by providing someone with a second chance to correct their mistake. The legal system provides an opportunity for someone who is on the edge of being a criminal to be pushed back in the right direction through rehabilitation. For a lot of people these consequences will deter them from committing a crime again.
The thing that made an impact on me this summer was my internship in the Office of the Public Defender. During the internship I went to court for the first time, talked to judges, I even enjoyed doing office work and delivering things. I'm also proud of a project we did which was making a closet for clothes for the clients. From this internship I will take away the idea of always being professional because you never know who you will meet. I will implement the idea of always being early, dressing for success, and just being more sociable in my life. But the thing I'll takeaway the most from this internship would be the connections I have made.

Something that I will take away with me after this internship and implement in my own life is how to conduct myself in a professional environment. I truly understand how hard everyone works in the legal profession to get the job done. This will inspire me to strive and work harder towards achieving my goals and dreams.

An event that has impacted me this year is the death of Christina Grimmie. This tragic event was caused by a psychotic person who had a gun in their possession. Christina Grimmie was killed on June 10, 2016. Her death impacted me personally because I was a fan of her voice and her music. When I was about 12 years old I came across Christina's videos on YouTube and I fell in love with her voice. To hear that someone you support was killed is very shocking and upsetting. The legal system can help prevent innocent lives from being killed by having more requirements towards purchasing a gun. There have been far too many incidents with people who had a gun in their possession and wrongfully used it.

My father has been my biggest supporter throughout this summer internship. He has pushed me to work harder, take ownership of my actions, and to not make excuses. My father has helped me navigate through any problems that I have encountered this summer.
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The ongoing conflict between African-Americans and the few police officers that misuse their authority has made a huge impact on me and the community. There are days when I wake up and am terrified that I could end up as one of the next victims of police brutality. Something has to change in the United States because the rights of African-Americans are not and have not been protected. My community has become more united and has been actively supporting the Black Lives Matter movement.

Judge Cynthia Jones and Toni Steptoe made a significant impact on me this summer. Judge Jones gave me one-on-one tutoring and taught me about the law. She showed me what an attorney does on an everyday basis. I have also learned the legal process and what it takes to build a case for court. Ms. Toni Steptoe taught me about case law throughout my internship. She supported me, gave me real-world advice, and made this internship feel less like a job and more of a learning experience.

All the interns in the Law Links program have made an impact on me. In this program, I’ve had the opportunity to see the future of the legal system through the eyes of 21 other young Baltimore City youth, and I like what I see. The legal system is on the rise and this generation is going to take it to its highest point. This game of life is all about relationships. All the networking I’ve done should make it almost impossible for me to fail in life. My networking has not only given me professional relationships but friendships as well.

The legal system should implement new and better ways to assist people after they have been released from jail. Many of these people are having a difficult time getting acclimated into the world outside of jail. There should be programs in and outside of the jails where people can get quality education and assistance with getting a job to support themselves and their family.

On June 11, 2016, 22 year old internet singing sensation Christina Grimmie was shot to death at an autograph signing after a concert in Orlando, Florida.

Nude Snapchat Blamed For Teen's Suicide
The killings of African American males have impacted me the most. Seeing and hearing about a national event like this has not only impacted me but also the ones I care about. When you have to start worrying about whether your brother, father, husband, or son are going to come home or fall victim to a police shooting it causes nothing but fear. The legal system needs to find a better way to handle this, they need to know that not all black men are dangerous or thugs and should not be treated as such. Instead of going for your gun first try reasoning, killing should never be a first option especially when your job is to protect and serve.

This summer I was very much impacted by the words of Jerome "Sam" Tarver. "I am Sam. I am the Black Man. I am invisible and I am at war. For my mother I will be an attorney. For my grandmother I will be judge. For my people I will be president. For myself I will be in control of my own destiny." He pointed out to us all the statistics that said we wouldn't succeed (jail, boyfriend, girlfriend, and teen pregnancy) and then told us what we needed to surpass them (hustle, ambition, determination, and drive). He could relate to our generation- He has overcome worse things than most of us and still found the courage to succeed and become the man he is despite all odds. It gave me... hope.

"Don't tell me the sky's the limit when there are footprints on the moon"
-Paul Brandt
Left: Interns working as judges in a group to solve a murder case

Right: Intern Keondre Robinson with Mr. Sam Tarver

“You can allow others to define you, but you will never be anything in life” - Hon. Marilyn Mosby

Intern Naysia Rose with Judge Brown

Interns working in groups to create a presentation for the class on Stephen Covey’s 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens

Interns with Deputy Attorney General, Thiru Vignarajah
KICK-OFF LUNCHEON

Dean Tobin speaking on the importance of making positive impressions on people.

NEWSEUM

Left: Just another day “dabbing” at the Newseum
Bottom: Interns enjoying the virtual reality exhibit

Left: Dr. Haynes speaking with the interns about their First Amendment Rights and how they are affecting the current Presidential election.

Above: Intern Mia Campbell practicing her news broadcasting skills.

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