

While the big snowstorm put a damper on our second-day plans, I still had a great time at CareerQuest! I enjoyed going to Bustle, Hawkins International PR, and Playbuzz. All of the site visits were very different from one another, but they were all very informative. At Bustle, we heard from a panel of writers and editors that spoke about Bustle's unique mission and their content creation process. At Hawkins, we were able to hear from the intern coordinators and tour their boutique PR firm. I was very interested in this particular site visit because I plan to pursue a career in PR. I loved hearing about the work that Hawkins does with the travel and leisure industry. I was also very grateful for the chance to get a taste of what it's like to work at a smaller PR firm. At Playbuzz, we received a lively presentation and thorough description of the internship application process. It was awesome to learn about the super cool content that Playbuzz produces and how I could potentially fit into that as an intern.

My advice for future CareerQuesters would be: be confident in yourself and don't hold back! Don't be afraid to ask questions if you are genuinely interested in knowing the answers. To further strengthen your questions, I would definitely suggest doing a little research on each company before leaving for CareerQuest. You will be able to ask targeted questions during the site visits and the companies will appreciate the extra effort. Be bold in your networking and be sure to connect with everyone you meet on LinkedIn. And, last but not least, take the time to get to know your fellow CareerQuesters! It will make networking seem a lot less nerve-wracking and the whole experience a whole lot more fun!