

INTERN SUCCESS STORY



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I felt like I was part of the team right from the get-go and was always welcome to ask questions.

Starting my internship with the Comptroller's office the same month that I graduated was certainly a rollercoaster. Ultimately, I was looking for a career that would teach me the ins and outs of the industry, without being too much for my first real job. My only similar experience was working alongside my peers in the Business Professionals of America, which had been a glimpse into working with others in a professional environment. When I applied to the Comptroller's office, I wasn't sure what to expect from such a large agency, but the transition from school life to work life was seamless with the help of team members and colleagues.

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While I had some baseline knowledge coming in, the amount when I finished the program was hardly comparable to that initial amount. Being brought on and taught how to approach different problems that had yet to be solved was new and allowed me to gain more experience, and at a rate quicker than I had imagined possible. If I ever had any questions or doubts about my work, my team was there to help guide me along the right path. Between providing new documentation to learn or systems that hadn't

been working for quite some time, each new puzzle allowed me to benefit from those much more experienced around me. The promotion of growth and education, while still focusing on work, has been an excellent balance.



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I'm succeeding on the path the Comptroller's office has put me on.

Working with my team, I was pleased to receive the IT division's 2024 Rookie of the Year award. When the Comptroller's office offered me a full-time employment opportunity, I was honored to be able to continue working and growing alongside everyone here at the agency. I want to continue to make my team and fellow workers that I have the privilege to work with proud. Someone I've looked up to for quite some time always told me that to succeed, I had to first "know my battlefield," which I've been able to do with everyone who has encouraged and motivated me at the Comptroller's office.