

## Mount Airy Christian Academy Offers Amazing Career Opportunity Through the High School Internship Program

How does an 18-year-old senior in high school make a wise decision regarding the college major or career God has chosen for him or her? How can we provide students with valuable opportunities to experience careers and gather information about potential opportunities?

To help answer these questions, Mount Airy Christian Academy has created the MACA Internship Program. The purpose of this program is to enable high school students to explore fields of employment which will help them determine whether future studies or career pursuits are desirable. The program offers an outstanding opportunity for students to gain insight into the workplace and into their vocational gifts and interests through a week-long workplace shadowing program. These experiences can be a great way to network with individuals who can offer students a window into a day-in-the-life of a professional position and may even offer a student future employment. The students gather experiences which help enable them to determine whether their chosen field of study is right for them – or not – both of which are valuable things to learn!

MACA students enrolled in grades 11 and 12 participate in this annual 35-hour unpaid internship in a field or business of their choosing. Over the 4-5 days, they perform tasks that are helpful to the companies and appropriate to their capabilities.

Past MACA internship hosts have included doctors, the Goddard Space Center, a county police forensic science department, dentists, attorneys, videographers, nursing homes, government offices, photographers, insurance offices, computer companies, engineers, teachers, daycare providers, counselors, pastors, construction companies, music stores, electricians, animal rescue centers, national corporations, nurses, non-profit organizations, police offices, schools, and other organizations. Internships may be in or out of state.

While the internship is a wonderful way to learn more about different fields, each internship is also a graded assignment. Students create and submit a report about their internship experience and they receive high school credit in the form of a class posted to their high school transcript. Below you will find links to some sample internship journals created by past MACA interns. Through these documents, you will learn about the amazing opportunities the MACA Internship Program makes available and how valuable these learning opportunities are to our students. Enjoy these student reports about how their internship experience impacted them, both for today and for tomorrow!