

Insider: Working at the White House

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During a course taught by Tulane professor James Carville, a guest speaker by the name of Doug Band would change the path of at least one student's life. Band, who serves as chief adviser to former President Bill Clinton spoke of his experiences as a White House intern. Recent Tulane graduate Sarah Smith then knew she wanted that same experience.



May 2012 Tulane grad Sarah Smith takes a moment to pose for a photo on the White House lawn during her fall semester internship in the Office of the Vice President.
(Photo from Sarah Smith)

Insider: In what department do you work?

Sarah: I work in the Office of the Vice President for the White House Advisor on Violence Against Women.

Insider: What's your favorite part of the job?

Sarah: Having the opportunity to engage on policy issues and meeting with individuals from various backgrounds working on violence against women.

Insider: What are your post graduation career plans?

Sarah: I'm currently looking for jobs in the law and public policy sphere. I plan, within the next few years, to also attend law school. Ultimately, I want to work in a public servant and service role.

Insider: Have you met any of our leaders?

Sarah: In complete awe, I had the opportunity to meet the vice president just a couple of weeks ago during a surprise visit to his staff as well as in a talk he gave to the intern class. [Joe Biden] is an incredible man and one of my role models.

Insider: Do you have any advice for students who are interested in a White House internship?

Sarah: My advice to them would be, quite simply, to go for it. It is attainable and the experience is life changing. I am so grateful, humbled and thrilled to be here each and every day.

Information on White House internships can be found [here](#).

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