Helping Men and Women Leaving Prison Make a Positive and Permanent Return To Our Community

Marquette Internship Program

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I’d like to start with a note of strong gratitude to all the intern Mentor/Supervisors for their willingness to take on an intern in the midst of all the challenges created by the pandemic. Knowing these folks well, I was not surprised by the amazing skill and compassion with which they were able to involve student-interns in serving clients and communities. Not surprised, but extremely grateful. Marquette’s Jesuit mission holds that we are enlightened through self-reflection and engagement in social justice. The mentors provided those opportunities to our students.

The eight interns included here are part of the REDEMPTION & REENTRY cluster and were placed in one of three sites: Project RETURN, Table of the Saints, and the Federal Office of Probation and Parole. The other 3 internship clusters include Domestic Violence, LGBTQ+ Support and Advocacy, and Faith Leaders Doing Social Justice. While the program has grown, Project RETURN was the first agency to host interns, beginning about 10 years, and has continued to be the foundation to the program.

I have also been continually impressed with the student-interns this year, all of whom were facing drastic changes due to covid-19. Their resilience overall and commitment to their internship responsibilities speaks to their integrity. It has been great to get to know them this year and to hear of their plans for the future.

As a professor who gets to regularly bear witness to the internship experience – reading their papers, listening to their updates, hearing from mentors – it is immensely gratifying to know that these internship activities have such a positive impact on their development as men and women for others.

Project RETURN’s 12th Annual Golf Outing to be held August 17, 2021

In just a few short months Project RETURN will be hosting our 12th Annual Golf Outing. We have been blessed to see this event grow every year.

This year’s event will again be held at Western Lakes Golf Club (W287 N1963 Oakton Road) in Pewaukee, WI. The event will start at 8:00 am with a shotgun start with a meal to follow catered by Saz’s.

Donation of $125/person includes:
- Golf Fees with Cart
- Catered Buffet Lunch
- Locker Room Facilities Available
- Driving Range Opens at 7:00 am
- Prizes & Golf Awards
- Par 3 events
- Continental Breakfast
- Beer & Soda sold on the Course
- Raffle Prizes to be Won

If you are interested in registering a foursome please fill out this form and send your check payable to Project RETURN in the enclosed envelope. We hope to see you there!

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Meet the 2020-2021 Marquette University Interns

Jane Bolton
Hi everyone! My name is Jane and I'm a senior majoring in criminology and law studies at Marquette University. I work with Amanda at Project Return and spend a lot of my time writing letters to currently incarcerated clients. I work to address the individual concerns of each client and connect them to the amazing resources and services that Project RETURN offers. I also do a lot of resume building with clients so that they can begin their job search process once they are released. My internship at Project RETURN has significantly influenced my post-graduate plans and long-term career goals. For my plans after college, I am pursuing a master's degree in social work at the University of Chicago this upcoming fall. I will be specializing in social policy and administration and hope to have a career in advocacy and push policies and laws that will benefit criminal justice reform.

Kaitlyn Bross
My name is Kaitlyn Bross, and I am the Communications and Marketing Intern at Project RETURN. I am a junior at Marquette University studying public relations and political science. My internship at Project RETURN has thus far been my favorite part of my education at Marquette. I love this internship because it gives me the opportunity to interact with the staff, clients, and board at Project RETURN. I work with my mentor and board member Maggie Kuhn to create and execute a communications plan for the non-profit. We work together to pitch stories to the media and create social posts to represent the organization. I am grateful for this chance to learn more about the systemic problems with incarceration and racial social justice through my internship.

Kara Burrows
Hello! My name is Kara, and I am a 3rd year undergraduate student studying psychology and political science. This past year I have been interning for the Milwaukee Federal Office of Probation. Most of my time with the federal office has been spent with my re-entry team. The re-entry team runs the START program in which a plethora of resources are available for those who have been formerly incarcerated. I have gotten the pleasure to witness firsthand the growth of the participants through being the recorder for court sessions. I have been able to get to know an abundance of amazing people within the office including my mentor, Jennifer Morgan. I’ve learned a lot about the ins and outs of our federal justice system and would strongly recommend that everyone seek the opportunity to intern for the Federal Office of Probation because it has not only taught me about the justice system but also a lot about myself.

Morgan Greiber
Hi, I am Morgan Greiber, and I am a senior studying Psychology, Social Welfare and Justice and Criminology and Law Studies at Marquette University. I am blessed to be interning at the Table of the Saints Inc. where I work under the supervision of Sharon McMurray. I’ve had the opportunity to interview the founders of the organization and other individuals who were previously incarcerated and share their life stories. I researched children of incarcerated parents and incarcerated mothers and presented on those same topics to members of the Milwaukee and Marquette communities. I also helped document the “curriculum” of the Table of the Saints Inc. which outlines the way in which the organization functions and serves the people who walk through its doors. Through the creation of a new Facebook page and new website as well, I’ve been working towards sharing the mission of the Table of the Saints with as many people as possible so they can continue to positively impact all of the lives they touch!

Lauren Lipp
Hello! My name is Lauren Lipp, and I am currently a junior at Marquette University studying psychology. In the future, I aspire to continue on in my studies and become a nurse practitioner. At Project RETURN, I have been working with Andre Brown as his intern. My work mainly consists of finding job opportunities and connecting with local organizations to curate community partnerships. I chose to intern at Project RETURN because I wanted to apply my psychology background while giving back and advocating for an underrepresented population of Milwaukee. I believe this internship has connected to my overall career goal of nursing by connecting to the growth and development of individuals to curate an all-around healthy citizen.

Vanecia McCullough
Hi! My name is Vanecia McCullough and I’m from Atlanta, Georgia. I am a senior at Marquette studying psychology and I intend to go to graduate school to continue my academic career. This past year I have interned with Teri Woodley at Project Return. At my time in this organization, I have been able to help clients find housing resources and other resources in the community connected to the pandemic. Overall, it has been very rewarding to make a difference this past year with Project Return!

Monet Thomas
My name is Monet Thomas, and I am a junior at Marquette University studying psychology and sociology. My future career goals are to become a sports psychologist and open a nonprofit psychology firm in Milwaukee’s impoverished communities to spread mental health awareness and give those in need free psychological services. I have had the pleasure of working with Eugene Nelson at Project Return. Throughout my time at this organization, I have experienced valuable and meaningful community outreach regarding enrolling community members into the FoodShare Employment and Training Program. I have also learned many things about the criminal justice system, specifically in Wisconsin, by attending meetings, doing research, and assisting Eugene with clients who have recently been released from incarceration.

Katelyn Updike
Hi everyone! My name is Katelyn, and I am currently a junior at Marquette University double majoring in psychology and criminology and law studies. At Project Return this year, I’ve been working alongside executive director, Wendel Hruska. I’ve gotten the opportunity to get a behind the scenes look at all of the projects they are working on and meet with the different organizations that they collaborate with in the Milwaukee community. The most impactful aspect of this experience has been speaking with the individuals directly involved with Project Return and learning more about their own triumphs and challenges. As I move forward with my educational studies, I plan on attending law school in the hopes of becoming a defense attorney. With my experience at Project Return, I intend to utilize my increased compassion and empathy to advocate for my clients by implementing alternative sentencing programs, rather than solely incarceration as a form of reform.