

Highlights from Saunders students on co-op

What Do You Do?

During my time at Wegmans, I had a ton of learning opportunities. For the first six weeks of my co-op I was training on the front end.

I had various tasks including: balancing the draw in the accounting office, providing customers with lottery tickets, managing employee breaks and lunches, providing coaching to employees, properly handling tender, providing customer service recovery. On a normal day, I would assist employees and customers with questions they have about our products or services, as well as work on the sales floor with my team to ensure customers have an enjoyable experience at Wegmans.

In the next six weeks, I learned more about checking inventory, reporting sale numbers, gaining a lot of knowledge on the types of seafood that we carry, and learning how business is created and transacted in the world of the fish. I learned how to make reports and analyze them to figure out what caused the change in our sales from the previous year to the present year.

Where Do You Do Your Work?

With customers everywhere. About 95% of my training was done with real customers or around the customers. Not much space to practice techniques but I still had to learn in a fast-paced environment.

What's Great About Your Co-op?

I had a lot of fun at my co-op: they had events for the interns; allowed us to participate in a lot of in-store activities; and gave us the chance to travel to different stores. I met a lot of cool people and built up a lot of confidence and pride in the work I can produce, as a college student. Since coming back to classes this Fall, I have been more engaged in the lectures and have a much better understanding of the concepts and ideas I am being taught in the classroom.

Accounting Major Class of 2017

Co-op Company: Wegmans Food Markets

Co-op Position: Store Operations Intern



Devren Purdie

"My Co-op with Wegmans was the best experience I have ever had in the workplace. Not only did it provide an exciting environment for learning, but it gave me skills that are transferable to my classes and other aspects of life."



Wegmans Food Markets, Inc. is a family-owned U.S. regional supermarket chain headquartered in Gates, New York, near Rochester.

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