

As I begin to wrap up my internship here at WNYK, I can look back and say I've actually grown as a person during this period. I say this because I went from never thinking I'd do something like this to it's almost like a second hand nature thing to me now. This changed my perspective on how I look at a lot of things from a speaker's point of view. Just by me simply experiencing going through the motions of being a radio host already has put my speaking skills in a better position. This internship has taught me a life lesson of you can do anything you put your mind to.

Also, a big reason why my self confidence is through the roof is because of what I gained from this internship. I never was this confident to speak publicly and it didn't help that I'm not that much of a talkative person. I then began to feel that day in and day out, I'm feeling more and more comfortable when speaking. It has even gotten to the point that my interactions with strangers are more animated than bland. The variety of ways that I've grown in are all beneficial. My organization has taken a leap as well when it comes down to writing my notes and scripts. When you become confident, anything is possible which is how you want things to be when striving for goals in life. Confidence makes everything that much easier and you hesitate way a lot less than you would when you're feeling worried or nervous. The first step in building my confidence was going at my own pace about things. I was making sure I understood what needed to be taken care of but I wasn't in a rush to learn. The biggest perk I wanted to take away from this internship was to learn as much as I can. Whenever I wasn't completing my work, I would become a sponge while being on my shift. Coming into this I told myself I wasn't going to act like I know it all because that would be a silly thing to do. I like to be the best in everything I do and I was going to make sure to follow every step in doing so.

I've personally given this internship some thought and can really picture myself doing this radio host gig for real. I love the game of basketball and while chasing my dreams it definitely interests me in having my own podcast in the future. When speaking about the topics I'm passionate about on air, I imagine myself thinking what I would ask the person sitting in front of me. Being passionate about radio broadcasting and excelling as a host, can lead to career changing opportunities. Such as the radio industry or similar fields such as podcasting, journalism, or media. When live on air, I even tend to ask the listeners questions even though I can't physically hear them reply but I want them to know that they're always a thought of mind.

This internship also showed me how I can come across a lot of networking opportunities. I literally got my opportunity to network when I decided to take this course. It introduced me to new people and a new skill. This also puts in my head how many more people I could connect with from being a radio host. As a broadcaster, I can have the chance to meet and interview interesting people from all types of fields. This can include celebrities, politicians, and other experts. This can expand your professional resume and keep leading myself to new open doors.

You know what they say, communication is key. I learned being a radio host can be challenging but very rewarding. My communication skills were not the sharpest when it came to being around new things or areas. After experiencing this beneficial class, I will always treasure how better my delivery has gotten. To be serious in this field it requires effective communication skills, including active listening, clear speaking, and engaging storytelling. These skills can lead to other areas of your life, such as where you work or in personal relationships. The more you're into what you're talking about, the simpler it will become to reach your audience.