

Thoughts from a CMWIB Summer Intern

By Philip Saal

The Central Massachusetts Workforce Investment Board is a busy place, from meeting with clients to helping them get employed, producing newsletters on the latest news in the Central MA job market, to even producing a radio show called, *The Working Lunch*, the CMWIB does it all. While the current employees at the WIB, Ed Gagne, Ethan Brown, Jeff Turgeon, Lauren Morano and Kelsey Lamoureux, do a fantastic job keeping up with the workload, they could always use help from a new member of the team.

That new member this summer is me, Philip Saal, fresh out of high school and looking for some hands on experience in the workforce before heading off to college in the fall. As I reflect on my time here at the CMWIB, I am struck by what a great group of people my colleagues are. They work well together as a team and are willing to do whatever it takes to get the job done. The work I have been doing will be great experience for the field that I'm going into, including uploading videos to *The Working Lunch* YouTube channel, helping CMWIB customers, and writing stories about the summer youth activities. Communications is a key skill to succeed in business, and working here at the CMWIB has given me real life experience to enhance these skills. Plus, the large amount of story writing I've done (with the help of Kelsey Lamoureux's editing), will give me a boost for my English 101 course this fall!



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Note from Jeff Turgeon, Executive Director of the CMWIB: Philip was a wonderful addition to our staff team this summer. We love his positive attitude and professionalism, in all that he does. Good luck in your future endeavors, Phillip!