

## What Brought me to OSOT

For those who do not know me, I am the summer intern at Operation Support Our Troops and I have been here since May 2020. I am going into my senior year at St. Norbert College in De Pere, Wisconsin and I am majoring in political science. I hope to work in local government or the nonprofit sector after I graduate from school. My family currently lives in Plainfield and we moved here about a year ago after living in Indiana.

Like everyone else, March was a very crazy month for me as a result of Covid-19. I had been doing a semester program in Washington D.C. and had to abruptly come home and finish my semester online. I was also doing an internship in Washington D.C. at the House of Representatives and that too was canceled and as each day passed on, the idea of me being able to do a summer internship seemed very unlikely. I had been in communication with a few different companies prior to Covid-19 about summer internships and all of that got put on hold once the pandemic started and I did not have anything planned for summer. I started looking at companies around the area to contact to see if they had any summer positions available and I stumbled upon the OSOT website and loved everything I saw about their mission. I contacted Scott and he got back to me a few days later and we talked on the phone for about an hour. I was very impressed with Scott and how personable he was and I could tell that he was genuinely interested in my experiences and what I wanted to get out of an internship. I felt in my heart that this was the right place for me to be able to learn more about my passions and be able to give back at the same time.

Throughout my time at OSOT, I have been able to shadow multiple people within the organization and work on many different projects. Some of the projects that I have worked on so far include setting up some of the restaurant fundraisers, looking for potential new sponsors/donors, and taking part in the Over the Edge preparations. I have also been able to participate in multiple packing/shop and drive events and have been very impressed with the precautions and safety measures that the OSOT staff has taken to ensure that volunteer events are done as safely as possible. Whether it be wearing masks/social distancing, taking temperatures on the way in and out, limiting the number of volunteers, and having one-way walkways throughout the facility, I have felt very safe during all volunteer events. The OSOT staff has worked tirelessly to make certain that their mission carries on while following the proper safety guidelines at the same time.

While my time at OSOT has been short and will be coming to an end in the next few weeks as I head back to school, I know without a doubt that I absolutely made the right decision in coming to OSOT and I cannot thank Scott, Sue, Rich, Linda, Joshua and the Board of Directors enough for giving me the chance to join their team. OSOT has an amazing mission and I am confident that the company is under the correct leadership and will continue to flourish in the years to come and I am forever thankful that I was able to be a small part of that and give back to the people who put the lives on the line every day for our great Country.

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