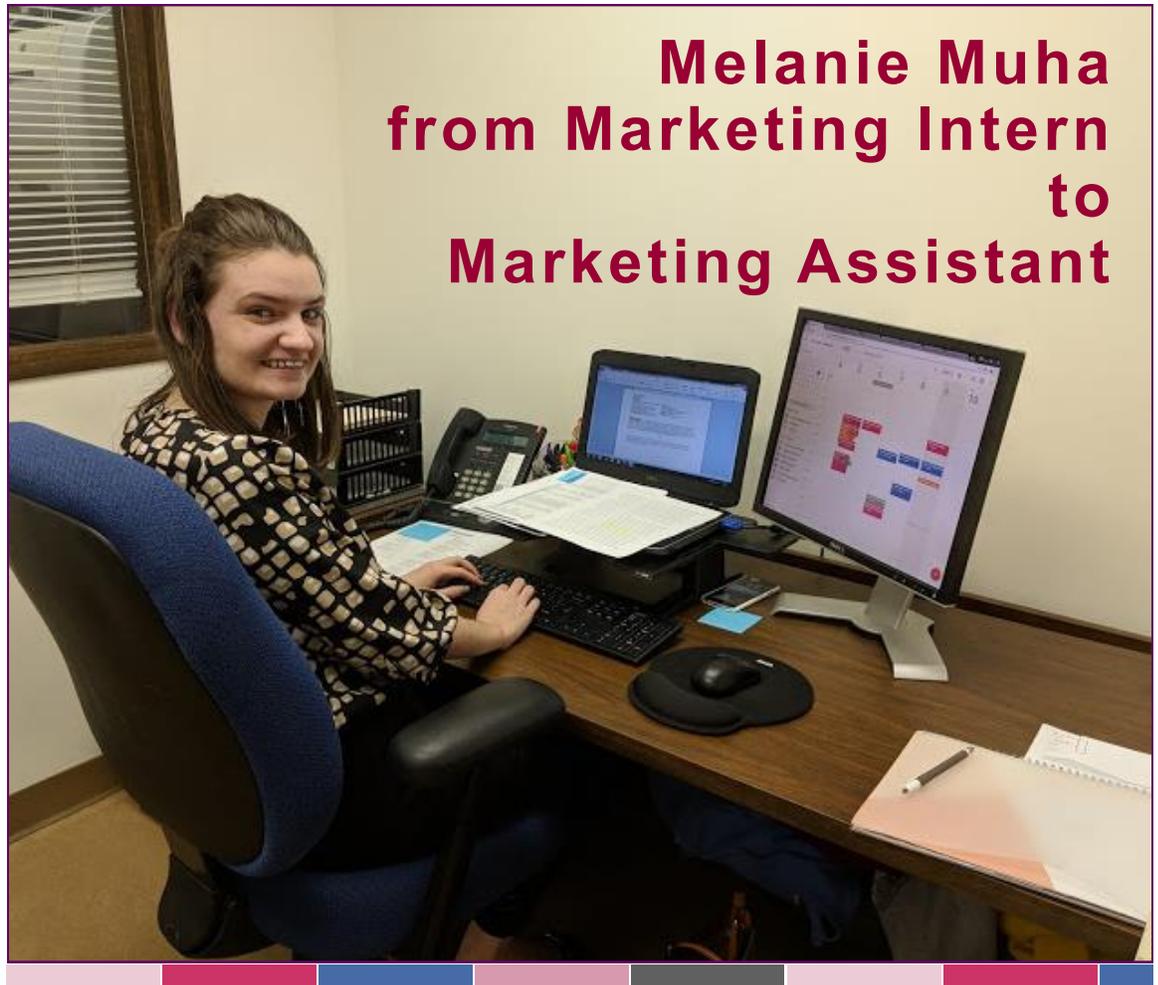


“I am very grateful to The Challenge Program for everything they have done. I have grown so much in these past few months here and I must say I look forward to coming to work.”

- Melanie Muha



Melanie Muha has been an intern with The Challenge Program, Inc. since April 2017. Right out of the gate, she impressed the staff with her ideas and ability to execute them creatively and succinctly. She has moved our social media presence forward and is integral with helping TCP understand what attracts the attention of students. From her input into our 2017 fall assembly, to tracking statistics, interviewing students, developing blogs and videos, The Challenge Program considers itself fortunate to have Mel as part of the team. Below is an excerpt from Mel's latest blog, reflecting on her first full-time career position. Congratulations, Mel!

“To make a list of things that I have gained here as an intern would take a lot of time to read so instead I will highlight the things that the organization changed about me.

**I have a voice...the type of voice that gets you to come up with plans to help a place move forward.*

**I do what I have always wanted to do...which is make a difference.*

**I see a future for myself.*

**I feel accomplished and my time here has meant something.*

I am forever grateful for [TCP's] belief in me and continuing to give me opportunity after opportunity to grow. Their choice to keep me as part of their team finally just made me think to myself 'I'm proud of you.'”

Be sure to read this blog in its entirety and all of Mel's blogs at <http://www.tcpinc.org/an-inside-look-at-the-challenge-program-inc>.

Workforce Connections

Zanesville HS/ Halliburton

Halliburton's Zanesville, OH location, business partner to Zanesville High School, wasted no time this year connecting with the students. Halliburton attended the Zanesville High School Career Day and is seen here sitting down with a few students interested in energy careers. Maria Campieri, TCP Program Development Manager, is working towards coordinating a facility tour for students at Halliburton for this spring.



Forbes Road CTC/ Forbes Hospital

Myra Bernhart, TCP Workforce Development Manager, coordinated the first meeting between Forbes Hospital, Allegheny Health Network and the school they sponsor, Forbes Road CTC. The meeting was to begin a discussion between the faculty, students, and business representatives regarding the best ways to connect and learn about the diverse employment opportunities with Forbes Hospital. Krista Bragg, COO with Forbes Hospital said she is looking forward to exciting opportunities with the students in 2018.



Conemaugh Valley HS/ G.A.P. FCU

G.A.P. Federal Credit Union (G.A.P.) is the first business partner to create a workforce connection through The Challenge Program, Inc., with the students at Conemaugh Valley High School. In 2011, through a collaborated school effort, the students built and named a credit union kiosk for their cafeteria. Twice a week, employees from G.A.P. oversee student workers who service **110** active student and faculty accounts. *The Bird Cage* has produced students who have been hired by G.A.P., part-time and full-time, post-graduation. President & CEO Diane Lopez says that she "looks at this partnership...as business development, in that it provides me with a trained pipeline."

For more on this story click: <http://www.tcpinc.org/investment-101-welcome-bird-cage/>



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Cecilia K. Community Service Purchase Line High School/ Anew Health Care

The Challenge Program, Inc. helped me recognize that helping the community can make a difference.

Cecilia stated that she is using her award money to help fund a new online book store she is working on to attract young, new authors.

Lana A. Attendance Pittsburgh Science & Technology HS/ WadeTrim

Thank you for the award and for your constant support! You inspire me to put in more effort.

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