**Baring Boulevard Veterinary Hospital Internship**

For the last six months, I have had the honor to work with the medical staff at Baring Boulevard Veterinary Hospital.  This experience has provided me with a hands-on experience on how a veterinary practice functions.  Observing these practices has given me insight on beneficial skills to use in a clinic, such as on how to interact with patients and clients, how to keep a clean and manageable clinic, how to become accustomed to a large number of animals in the treatment center, and how to deal with emergency situations in the hospital.  I have completed 100 hours at the hospital.  These hours were spent shadowing the veterinary doctor and doctor’s assistant, working with the veterinary technicians and veterinary assistants, and observing complex procedures in the surgery room.  Overall, I had a positive experience with the veterinary staff, the clients, and the animals in the facility.  I enjoyed meeting with these community partners and I recommend that others in the Natural Resources and Animal Science or Medical academy try for an internship at Baring Boulevard Animal Hospital.

* Assisted in drawing blood, taking urine samples, and administering medicine to many animals
* Fed, bathed, and provided exercise and contact for animal patients
* Cleaned, organized, and sterilized the emergency room, the surgery center, and the individual cages.
* Assisted with various clerical duties
* Worked with three doctors and seven veterinary assistants
* Helped interact with general public and manage waiting room during busy times
* Obtained paid internship/summer job