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**Mosmiller Internship Scholarship Report**

The internship took place at Bachman’s Floral, Home, & Garden out of Maplewood, MN. Bachman’s offers a wide array of products to help you make your landscape look its best, from the plants to the outdoor art. In addition to garden products, they offer interior accessories, from tables and lamps to pictures and candles which are completely set apart from the cut floral products. Included in the cut flowers would be market bunches, fresh designs, and accessories. Here in the floral department is where I had completed my summer internship.

Working in the floral department, I was exposed to all aspects of that sector within Horticulture. I wore many hats while strengthening my educational training with hands on experience within the field. At any point within my internship, I could have been considered customer service representative, designer of fresh flowers as well as displays, and even inventory control specialist.

Some objectives I had hoped to and succeeded in accomplishing during my internship included: Demonstrating the ability to accurately describe all the plant material and be able to inform customers of the plants cultural requirements; Enhancing my ability to create not only upscale floral designs but also designs that were specified by customers’ expectations and price ranges; Demonstrating the ability to receive and process orders which included walk-ins, phone, and online orders; Gaining an understanding of the inventory control process; Gaining an understanding of the company’s internal and external lines of communication. These were just a few concepts/activities that took place on a daily basis that I was able to learn and take part in.

Simultaneously with the above objectives, I was put in charge of creating a floral arrangement each week. This arrangement had no limitations except that it is placed in the corner display section of the retail cooler. Here is where we displayed some of the higher end designs or those designs created around a theme, i.e. Holidays. With this opportunity, I was able to not only demonstrate my ability to create such designs but it also strengthened and enhanced that same ability.

For the past five years I have had the opportunity to work with Bachman’s at the Maplewood location where I concentrated a large majority of my time on the garden center end of things. I wanted a change of pace as well as to broaden my horizons in the field of Horticulture. After this internship’s completion, I grew to find working within a floral retail setting equally if not more enjoyable and rewarding. I could definitely see myself after graduation working in that type of environment. I am truly grateful for the opportunity to take part in such a life changing experience. Before this, I was dead set on managing a garden center but now this eye opening experience has made me reevaluate my goals and options. I now am considering going after a career in the floral industry.
The following are some designs I had created during my summer 2008 internship.

For this design I had wanted to show customers how to bring the outside in. I chose to order in flowers that anyone would have access to during the summer time that may even be right out their backdoor.

Flowers Used:
- Snapdragons
- Sunflowers
- Asiatic Lilies
- Scabiosa
- Delphinium
- Millet
- Liatris
- Rudbeckia
- Bear Grass
- Lemon Leaf
I wanted to create a floral design using one color, but various shades, tones, and hues of it. I envisioned this to be used for a special occasion such as a wedding, funeral, or dinner party. I opted for more of a “structured” look rather than a “just picked” look like with the previous design.

Flowers Used:
- Long stem Roses
- Alstromeria
- Celosia
- Oriental Lilies (Stargazer)
- Wax Flower
- Curly Willow
- Seeded Eucalyptus