**Initiating your Externship:**

*1) Tell me how you got your internship? Did you learn anything about networking/persistence?*

I got my externship by approaching Will about wanting to go to Canada. Even though there were no available spots, I still made sure Will knew that I wanted to go. When a spot opened up, I was put on the trip.

*2) What is your interest in this type of career? How did this passion/interest develop?*

While I have no interest in education, I was brought on the trip as a photographer. This passion developed when I first picked up a camera when I was a little kid. I can’t remember exactly when my passion for photography developed, but I know that you could always find a camera in my hands.

*3) What did you learn from your mentor? What is their story?*

My mentor (Will Haase) taught me a lot about how the current state of education is terrible and how it needs to be fixed.

**Doing your Externship:**

*1) What was the most important thing you learned during your externship? (Memorable? Embarrassing? Thrilling?) Why? Tell the story.*

Well, the most important thing I learned is to be patient and understanding with people. I know that Jonathan made a mistake and made me run 17 blocks in jeans to get the car keys back to Will so we wouldn’t get a parking ticket. I was patient and understanding during this mistake.

*2) What surprised you most during your externship? Why was is surprising? What did you learn from this?*

**EVERY SHEEP YOU SEE. PUNCH IT IN THE HEAD.** Seriously. It’s awesome. They will headbutt your fist back. It’s awesome.

In all seriousness, the thing that surprised me most was how liberal most of the schools were. The typical stereotype of Christian schools is that they preach against the LGBT community, and I was very surprised about how open and accepting the schools were.

*3) What are you most proud of from this whole experience? Why?*

Not to brag, but I took some awesome pictures and video. Some turned out so well that I’m going to add them to my portfolio.

*4) What was your greatest challenge? Tell the story. What did you learn from this?*

The biggest challenge was finding ways to make some of the pictures and video of panels interesting. To do this, I experimented with different lenses and settings until I found an interesting mix of a fisheye lens and some video in black and white.

*5) What was the most rewarding/moving experience you had during your senior project?*

I’d say the whole trip was moving and rewarding. I met so many amazing people and I bonded with all the students on the trip. I tried new things (ketchup chips and poutine), I punched a sheep, had a cow lick me, went off-roading, kicked Will’s butt in Mario Kart and more.

**Reflecting on your future in this field:**

*1) How do you understand this career better? Do you still want to pursue this in college? Why or why not?*

I don’t really feel like I understand my career better, but I do still want to pursue photojournalism in college. I still really enjoy it.

*2) How have you grown from this experience?*

I’ve grown in so many ways. I’m totally more open now to trying new things and listening to terrible music (screw you, Pop2k!!)