

Email exchange from June, 2014

Hey Dr. Burton,

I heard some disheartening news yesterday and just wanted to fill you in. USAA was transferring me the stipend they were going to give us when they realized there was an issue. The contingent offer was withdrawn in April, even though they failed to notify me. I'm discussing logistics about the next step now.. with damages, reimbursements, all that jazz.

I was going to ask you for advice. Do you think it's still worth it to look for other internships this summer? Especially in San Antonio? I'm just really confused and upset with the corporate world. That is all!

Zachary Higgins

Sent from my iPhone

Zach,

This is definitely disheartening. Will they compensate you for the loss? Did they explain why the offer was withdrawn?

If you have no other options, it is worthwhile to look. However, commitments for summer internships are typically confirmed by this time. Because you are graduating in December, it might be better to look for a more permanent job and use the summer to search and prepare for this. In the interim, a company might offer you a short term appointment for part of the summer with plans for you to go permanent after graduation. Definitely consider contacting SAP. Last year they were looking for December grads and having a hard time filling those spots. If you don't remember the contact person, I can locate their information and forward it to you.

Praying for this to work out as a better solution for you. Let me know if you have additional questions.

Take care,
Dr. Burton

Dr. Burton,

USAA is currently figuring out what the next best step for both parties is. I happened to receive a phone call late this evening from an employee that thinks they have scheduled a meeting to discuss the matter tomorrow, and wants me to still consider working at USAA; potentially with a later start date. Regardless I'll keep you posted in this situation. I'll be sure to look into other arrangements for San Antonio for interning. If you're able to send me contact information for SAP that'll be great to have right about now. Thanks for the continued prayer!

Zachary Higgins

Thanks for your praers.

Response on June 13, 2014

Dr. Burton,

I've been reinstated as an intern and have successfully completed orientation!!!! I just wanted to thank you for your prayer and support, the process worked itself out and everything is fine. So I'm sure you're wondering what type of position I have! I'm classified as a software developer intern working with..you guessed it.. SAP Business Objects! I'll have a unique internship position (above the other interns I've recently learned) for a spot to design dashboards to be used by upper management! Managers, Directors, VPs, and the CIO are among the clients i'll be working with. Thank you for your support these past few months & years. Thank you for patience this summer. You really knew best throughout your classes, don't ever doubt your teaching abilities (:

Have a great summer!

Zachary Higgins

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