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PSU Student Interns for Pepsi-Cola Company of Pittsburg

For many students, summer is time to take a well-deserved break and relax from academics before returning to school in the fall.

Some students, however, use the summer to continue their education through internships that provide them with practical, real-world experience to accompany the knowledge they gain in the classroom.

Akash Verma, of India, has spent his summer interning as Shop Manager and a Service Technician in the automotive department of the Pepsi-Cola Company of Pittsburg. He works on the service vehicles used by the company.

Verma is pursuing a Master of Science in Technology in Automotive Technology. The program's reputation helped Verma land the internship which he found through personal networking.



Photo Courtesy of Akash Verma

"PSU has such a good reputation that the company knew automotive students here have been well educated and wouldn't require any other special training," Verma said.

Verma feels confident performing his duties throughout the internship, crediting the hands-on, practical education he receives in the program.

"PSU classes gave me the prior knowledge and skills I needed in order to succeed in my internship," he said. "I work on HVAC systems and they are the main focus in my internship, it was helpful to already have worked with these hands on in class before doing this on my own."

Verma said he enjoys the internship, and knows it will benefit him in the future.

"My favorite part of this internship that I meet lots of different business people every day which will help in future," he said.