Job Description:

Please provide written description of your role as intern. What will you be doing? How will it be assisting the agency/organization? How will you be applying your Sociological Imagination to your role as intern? How will this internship help you in your future career goals? What connections might you make from this position that will be beneficial to your long-term plans?

At the Hayes-Taylor YMCA, I will be working with executive director, Larry Burnett and his assistant Zitty, who is currently completing her PhD at North Carolina A&T State University. I will be fulfilling more of an assistant role to the executive director. I will attend staff meetings weekly that allow me to understand what the YMCA is all about and how day-to-day operations are being implemented in the new facility. I will also be offering my opinion on any concerns I come across while working with the different directors in their area of expertise during my biweekly meetings with the executive director. I will be working on a project that will be very beneficial to the Hayes-Taylor YMCA during the semester. The project that I will be working on consists of the history, pictures and interviews to create a scrapbook and/or an informational visual for the public and as a way to condense the large amounts of paper and printed items such as pictures, transcripts and newspaper articles. My responsibilities include providing a smooth transition from the old Hayes-Taylor YMCA to the new, maintaining historical aspects as well as introducing a “new chapter”, and help promote stability through day-to-day operations within the administration. I will be applying my sociological imagination through witnessing a transition from a historically black non-profit organization to a more accommodating facility for all races and ethnicities. I will keep an open mind set at all times regardless of negativity from those who are less accepting of the changes occurring.

In my future career as an Air Force officer, I will travel constantly while working with pilots as part of the flight crew. I will come in contact with many different cultures and persons of different ethnicities. My choice of internship is helping me to understand how to transition from one familiar place to another. I am currently working at the old Hayes-Taylor YMCA on East Market Street and I travel to the new Hayes-Taylor YMCA once a week. Some of the employees travel between the two facilities daily. Many members as well as the employees have been accustomed to something for many, many years and now they are facing a change that may not be comfortable for them. As for the executive director, he is a retired Lieutenant Colonel from the United States Army. He dealt with a lot of what I will encounter as a member of military personnel. This transition for him will be easier than most because as he travelled both internationally and within the United States, he became accustomed to different cultures, races and ethnicities as well as adjusting to new living arrangements. I am making a great connection with the military and the civilian world, such as opportunities after retirement. Lieutenant Colonel Burnett (Retired) is also a great connection for me by himself because of his encouragement, his understanding of the military and his ability share valuable stories and information pertaining to military life. I am looking forward to what all this internship has to offer and making the best of it.