FSU Senior Gains Experience through Internship with Non-Profit Organization in Washington DC

Frostburg, MD August 10, 2010 – Ashley Phillips, a senior at Frostburg State University who currently resides in Hyattsville, Maryland, has recently completed an internship with the non-profit organization Jobs with Justice. Phillips is Communication Studies Major and Computer Science Minor. Phillips is also the Public Relations Chair of the Student Communication Studies Association (SCSA) on campus. She is the youngest daughter of three to Germaine P. Evanson and Cecil Evanson and is anticipating graduating from Frostburg in December.

Phillips completed her 9 credit Capstone experience this summer with Jobs with Justice, often referred to as “J with J” or JwJ. JwJ is a non-profit organization focused on achieving social change and economic justice. JwJ works with community groups, religious groups, student allies and other non-profit organizations. As a communication intern, Phillips was responsible for blog entries, work reports, simple website upkeep and assistance with the various JwJ projects. While interning with JwJ, Phillips has gained a personal sense of achievement in integrating her knowledge from both the communication and computer science through tasks such as building media contact lists and updating the JwJ website. Phillips also learned how to further utilize social media and the internet to further effectiveness of communication in as a role in an organization. Interning with JwJ also allowed Phillips to improve her interpersonal communication skills through work on team projects and one-on-one encounters with fellow interns and JwJ staff. Phillips also gained an important understanding for how organizations function and while seeing the concepts learned about in her Organizational Communication class played out in real life. Interning with JwJ also has had unexpected benefits such as a unique first hand insight into the political process and politics themselves. Phillips reflects on her experience: “Working at JwJ was a wonderful experience. I learned a lot about not only communication but politics and people in general. The highlight, of my experience I would have to say was attending USSF2010 in Detroit. I would recommend interning with JwJ to students of any field because you experience so much and learn so many different things while there.”

For more information on the Communication Studies Major at Frostburg State University, visit http://www.frostburg.edu/dept/cmst/ or contact the Communication Studies Chair and Leadership Studies Coordinator, Dr. Elesha Ruminski, at 301-687-4480 or elrumsinski@frostburg.edu. For more information on Jobs with Justice or interning with them, visit www.jwj.org or contact Administrative Assistant, Naomi Demas at (202) 393-7408.