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CAROLINE KULIK HITS THE PROFESSIONAL WORLD

Kulik's past is filled with real life work experience from her family owned water ice and ice cream stores. As she enjoys being a part of her families water ice and ice cream shops she found true enjoyment in being involved in the community. Kulik states "There is nothing like having the whole community in front of your shop on a hot summer night. The community atmosphere it creates is like no other and I am truly proud to be a part of it." As hard as it was for Kulik to let go of her community she knew that learning from only source

is not the best way to have a full understanding of the world. Kulik has purposely taken work opportunities outside of her comfort zone and pushed herself to see the world in a different light. After holding a position in Student Activities while traveling around the world Kulik took a position on Vashon Island in Washington. There she was a Unit Leader for Camp Sealth where she was able to lead a team of twelve members and program all the summer activities for boys

grades first through fourth. She then took a position with the Philadelphia Recreation Department where she is able to create a outdoor recreation program for tweens and teens. Both positions allowed her to take a step back from being fully in charge and learn new ways of solving problems and creating new ideas. Kulik commented that this has really made her feel more rounded and ready for the professional world.



Personal Strengths

- Resourceful– If you need an answer Caroline will be able to find you the best solution in a short period of time.
- Ready to Lead– Caroline has made a point to have a diversified knowledge of the professional world to ensure she is ready for all opportunities.

Area's of Interest

- Park Recreation
- Community Recreation
- Corporate Recreation Planning
- Helping Build a business

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Some people wait to take big steps in there life. They wait until they feel finically secure, till their kids are grown up or until they retire. Kulik just could wait anymore. After making the decision at the end of High School to stay at home and take courses at her community college she felt like she was missing out on other things. She knew she was helping her family with the water ice shop but it wasn't enough for her anymore. At the end of her second semester Kulik noticed a posting for a Study abroad program called Semester at Sea (SAS). Kulik immediately spent the next two weeks do-

ing all the research she possibly could on this program. She knew this was something to fulfill her need to do more. At the end of those two weeks she sent in her application and was accepted into the program. The following fall she was heading out for a voyage of a lifetime. SAS is a program where college students live and take classes on a boat for a semester while the boat travels around the world. Students are able to travel around each country the boat docks at for five to six days. Kulik states "I took every opportunity I could while I was traveling. Most countries I only sleep about fifteen hours during the five days because I would be trying to travel at night so that I could see more during the day." We asked

this ex- what do you remember the most for perience? Kulik answered "I'm still young so I remember a lot thank goodness, but overall I remember how much people in other countries helped me. I would have missed out on seeing as much as I did if the people in each country didn't help me find my way. I was shocked when I arrived in Japan and I was having a very hard time using the ATM and a lady helped me with that and also got me on the train to head into Tokyo. You would be surprised how many kind hearted people there are in the world!" Overall this experience opened Kulik's eyes to see the world as an opportunity and to know that taking big steps is very rewarding at any age.