



I graduated from Delaware Valley University, in May 2022, with a Bachelor's in Animal Science: Livestock Science and Production. Over the course of my time at Delaware Valley University, I was able to gain on-farm experience both on and off campus. I graduated with experience working on dairy, beef, swine, and crop production farms. I have known for a while that my heart was set on working in the agricultural field, but I was still searching to see where I would fit in. I was lucky to have Dr. Gambino, as a professor because he was also a previous American Society of Animal Science (ASAS) intern. Through his encouragement, I applied for the summer public policy internship and was lucky to be chosen.

I am extremely grateful for my time interning in Washington, D.C., this past summer. I had the honor of interning at the United States Department of Agriculture's National Institute of Food and Agriculture with Mr. Josh Stull, Senior Advisor, Stakeholder Engagement and Congressional Affairs. While at NIFA, I wrote three blogs that were eventually published on the USDA website, performed policy-related research, and prepared briefs on issues for use by congressional and USDA staff. I was excited to be involved in the USDA's preparation for the upcoming Farm Bill discussions and to be exposed to issues and conversations that are happening in agriculture today.

Soon after my internship was over, I was lucky to be accepted to intern for the U.S. House of Representatives Committee on Agriculture under Rep. David Scott. An opportunity I would not have had without the help of the ASAS Foundation and Mr. Stull. After a month of interning on the Committee, I was hired as a Staff Assistant and am currently working here on Capitol Hill.

My experience through my ASAS Foundation internship has been tremendously valuable to me and has helped me begin my career in the agricultural policy space. I am extremely thankful to generous supporters of the ASAS Foundation and Mr. Josh Stull for providing me the opportunity to work in Washington D.C. and discover my true passion.