

# THE SUMMER OF THE OLYMPIC Internship

Megan Erspamer's summer internship wasn't just *any* internship. Because of her Augustana experience, she had the chance to work for the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Senior Megan Erspamer, far right, and colleagues pose for a photo at the U.S. Olympic's Emerging Sport Program facility in Colorado Springs, Colo., this summer.

Meet senior Megan Erspamer. A Business Administration major from Madison, Wis., she spent the summer as an intern for the U.S. Olympic's Emerging Sport Program in Colorado Springs, Colo.

**Q. What types of things did you get to work on during your internship?**

**A.** The main aspect of my internship included collecting, cataloging, and managing information on more than 400 developing athletes.

It provided me with a ton of networking opportunities! Setting up meetings with as many people as I could for informational interviews was key. The connections I was able to make were very valuable. I also had the chance to review and respond with personalized feedback and advice to athlete questionnaires and quarterly performance plans.

I had the chance to lead and initiate the "Intern Games," which were Olympic and Paralympic sport competitions between members of the intern



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class. I was in charge of coordinating with coaches, athletes, operations staff, and intern teams to plan and execute the events.

I also had the chance to travel to Oklahoma to represent the USOC's Paralympic Division and support more than 200 athletes competing at the Endeavor Games.

**Q. What was your favorite part of the experience?**

**A.** A really fun part of the

program was living and eating meals at the Olympic Training Center with the resident athletes and my fellow interns. I was totally immersed in the Olympic culture! There was never a dull moment, as all free time was spent working out, playing games, and exploring new places. On the weekends, I was able to enjoy Colorado and take part in hiking and camping trips.

**Q. What did you take away from the experience?**

**A.** The internship provided me



with the unique opportunity of exposure to the spirit of Olympism. I cannot even begin to explain how awesome it was! The experience definitely enriched my life on a personal

and professional level. I see myself returning to work with the USOC in the future. I love the culture and people, and I have found a passion in working to further the Olympic Movement.