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Clarion University offers many valuable resources to its students, however the CUmentor program is something that I can truly say from personal experience that I support and would recommend to anyone.

Every mentor and mentee will form different relationships and communicate in different ways depending on their situation. As for my mentor and I, we were fortunate enough to live very close to each other, which gave us the opportunity to meet in person. Usually meeting once a week for lunch to discuss current events. Our conversations varied, topics could range from my

classes, upcoming interviews for summer internships, issues my mentor is facing at work or just in general what was going on in our lives. No matter what we talked about, I always found our discussions or his advice to be extremely beneficial and I always felt like I was learning something new from him.

Now that we are getting to know each other better, my mentor is exposing me to his industry. I have been fortunate enough to go with him to some of his company's warehouses, where I was able to meet with managers and employees of his company. I also received a personal tour of their warehouse where I saw first-hand the complex equipment they use on sites.

As I enter my junior year of college, I have realized the importance of having a balance between learning in the classroom, as well as getting involved and learning outside of the classroom. With that being said, I think one of the most important benefits of the CUmentor program is the real world exposure that you wouldn't be able to experience in a classroom. Furthermore, the CUmentor program has been great to have on my resume. I have been interviewing for summer internships and every interview I have had, the employer was interested in the CUmentor program because it is so unique and it certainly set me apart from other candidates applying for the position.

The only advice I can give, is to at least try the program because you can only benefit from it. As a mentee, you will be matched up with someone who truly wants to help you succeed in life and have a bright future, so it would be crazy for anyone to pass up an opportunity like this! The relationship that I have been able to form with my mentor has been truly incredible, and I can only hope that everyone participating in the CUmentor program will be able to have the same amazing experience that I had.