

Since the inauguration of Governor Musgrove in January of 2000, many new and innovative ideas have taken form in and around the capitol. One of the ideas that has become a reality for Shannon McMullan and me, Kimberly Farley Gross, is the Governor's internship program. Shannon and I are both seniors at Mississippi University for Women and we were chosen to begin an internship with the Governor's Office in January 2001; little did we know where this opportunity would lead.

College juniors, seniors, and master's level students in any academic discipline are encouraged to participate in the internship program. Even if you are not interested in "politics", the internship program provides the opportunity to meet a variety of people as well as learn how our state works. It has been a wonderful experience that has raised my awareness of events throughout Mississippi and also events on the national level that have an affect on our state.

Shannon and I have both had a great time over the last three months and were thrilled beyond words when we were presented with the opportunity to become a permanent fixture on Governor Musgrove's Staff. This internship experience can only be described as unforgettable; the people we work with are great, the work is truly interesting and the opportunities are endless.