



Margaret Jane Dickinson Summer 2021 Internship at the Barrier Islands Center

Opened to visitors in 2002, the Barrier Islands Center (BIC) is a non-profit organization on the Eastern Shore of Virginia. The mission of the BIC is to preserve and perpetuate the unique culture and history of Virginia's barrier islands through education and the collection and interpretation of artifacts. Nestled between the Atlantic Ocean and the Chesapeake Bay in Northampton County, this educational and cultural hub provides enrichment to an underserved rural population. Offering enlightening experiences in a friendly and respectful setting, the BIC has won the trust of local island descendants, watermen, farmers and their families, and the community as a whole.

The focus of the 2021 internship will be on film and oral histories. The student will be expected to interview Eastern Shore of Virginia locals and document these interactions in the form of film and audio under the auspices of caring mentors. A compilation of these interviews will serve as the student's "final project" which he or she will present at the conclusion of the internship. Other duties as assigned.

The Barrier Islands Center is an organization that requires maximum creativity and problem-solving skills. The ideal candidate will excel in team support, small business skills, working with the public, and technical problem-solving. He or she must possess a good nature, humility, and genuine intellectual curiosity. Cultural differences should be seen as opportunities.

The intern will learn how to: conduct a successful interview, film subjects, and contribute to an oral histories archive. He or she will also learn how a successful nonprofit operates as well as develop an appreciation for the unique nature of rural and coastal life on the Eastern Shore.

Successful applicants will be current sophomores or juniors in college who are interested in film and oral histories. He or she must also be able to show a demonstrated need. A stipend of \$4,000 and a possible housing subsidy will be provided if needed. The intern will be expected to work five days per week over an eight-week period (June 1st-July 24th).

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