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***Strategic thinking, creativity, problem-solving, and leadership skills –
HeadStart interns enjoy real-world experience at PwC Bermuda***

Hamilton, Bermuda - Twelve students enjoyed a preview of what it's actually like working in the accounting and professional services field as HeadStart interns this summer at PwC Bermuda.

The interns experienced challenging and relevant work assignments, and worked directly with partners and senior professionals in the firm's different lines of service.

They worked on client engagements, assignments to sharpen essential professional skills, and team-building activities, including helping to organise firm networking events for other students.

Outside of work, the students spent the day at Paget Island taking part in the Outward Bound Programme and they enjoyed the opportunity to impact the community in a positive way through PwC's corporate responsibility initiatives.

David Gibbons, PwC Managing Director and HeadStart programme leader, said: "PwC Bermuda is committed to developing dynamic and talented young Bermudians to their full potential. The firm's HeadStart programme is not only about becoming an accountant. Our interns are given a high-level of responsibility, have the opportunity to effect real change and also build their personal brand. If students perform well, they have the potential to secure a full-time position with PwC. This allows students to focus on university life knowing a full-time career is secured."

Intern and 2015 Peter Mitchell Scholarship recipient **Kyle Harvey**, an accounting student at Wilfrid Laurier University, who in his second year of the HeadStart programme said: "I joined HeadStart for the opportunity to experience challenging real-world problems across a variety of industry sectors. The rotation among these various industries and working with different teams throughout the summer has been an excellent learning experience that has helped me discover which industry suits me best. I truly enjoy the working environment at PwC Bermuda. Every day I am surrounded by dedicated professionals who are always willing to lend a hand. The coaching and opportunities for teamwork have been a fantastic and I have been able to build lasting relationships with my colleagues."

With PwC Bermuda being named Official Audit & Assurance Provider for America's Cup and ORACLE TEAM USA, the interns also enjoyed some unique opportunities. They were given a personal tour of ORACLE TEAM USA's base with its Chief Financial Officer. An alumnus of PwC, his insight into the accounting profession and the work it took to get to where he is now, was invaluable to the interns and they enjoyed their time at the base.

The students also had an opportunity to support the America's Cup Community Sailing Programme, Endeavour. All 12 interns joined PwC Bermuda staff for the day as they helped clear out, clean, and repair the T.S Admiral Somers Sea Cadet building in St. George's for the Endeavour programme starting in September.



Tare Brangman, a risk management and insurance student at Georgia State University, said: “One of the main things that I enjoyed about the HeadStart programme is the team building and corporate responsibility initiatives we take part in at the end of each week. The various activities on HeadStart Fridays such as Outward Bound, guest speaker trainings, volunteering at PALS, taking a tour of the ORACLE TEAM USA base in Dockyard and lending a hand to the Endeavour programme, created an environment to build relationships with each other and help uplift and encourage our teammates, while helping out in the community.”

Victoria Allison, an accounting major studying at Gordon College in Massachusetts, said: “The best part about HeadStart is the close involvement I’ve been able to have with the work the firm is doing. I’ve had other internships where they have kept me busy with menial jobs, but here at PwC Bermuda my colleagues ensure that I am making the most out of my time with the firm and allow me to expand my knowledge of the industry.”

She advises students interested in accounting: “Try and get an internship with PwC Bermuda before you graduate. Students who want to pursue either their CPA or CA will need to have several years working in public accounting for complete certification. Having some work with a big firm before you graduate can really give you a feel for what it is that you will be doing and allow you to form business connections with people in the industry that will be able to guide you on what your next step should be.”

Learn more about PwC’s HeadStart Programme: <http://www.pwc.com/bermudacareers>. Learn more about PwC Bermuda by following us online at Facebook, LinkedIn and YouTube.

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