

Meet Michelle Gatlin, Career Counseling Intern

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Michelle is a graduate student at Appalachian State University and is from Murpheysborough, NC. When she was little she wanted to be a marine biologist. She kinda grew out of that one. Then, she wanted to be in printing technology. It was her first major in undergrad, but when she started working in the field she decided it was too lonely. She needed more people! That's when she decided to do career counseling. She was having so much fun being a college student that she wanted to stay in college forever. Since this was an impossibility, she settled with working with college students instead. She loved the relaxed atmosphere in the "college setting" as opposed to the deadline riddled jobs of the corporate world. She loves the career counseling program mainly because of the students, but it also provides opportunity for easy transfer into similar programs. She especially enjoys helping women and the issues they deal with on campus. Michelle enjoys helping the students achieve their career goals. She wants to "challenge those who think they might want to go into something nontraditional and help them achieve that goal." She says it is very rewarding to have a student update her on career/job opportunities that have worked out for them (hint, hint).

Michelle started off in a junior college and made it on the President's list. Then she went to Appalachian where she freaked out on the first day (so now you know you won't be the first). She recommends getting involved. It makes everything seem smaller and less scary. Michelle came to Wilkes to do her internship for her graduate program at ASU. She volunteered in several career offices at ASU and has thoroughly enjoyed her time at WCC. Michelle will be finished with her program in May and would like to find a job somewhere in North Carolina.

Michelle has no pets, although, she would like to have a dog, preferably a lab or golden retriever. No gifts though, her apartment at this time won't allow her to have any "fuzzy luvvy's." In her free time she loves doing outdoorsy things, of which there are a lot in Boone. She doesn't ski though. She tried that once and prefers to be the one watching everyone "snowball" instead of rolling down the hill herself. She also enjoys movies of any sort, although lately all she seems to have been doing in her free time is look for a job on the net.

Well, Michelle's personality could in no way be crammed into a five minute interview, so take a few minutes to meet with her in the Student Services Office.

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