I am currently interning at the Duluth Area Family YMCA with the School’s Out program. The objectives that I would like to work on throughout my internship will help me in future career opportunities in the areas of youth programming, child development and child protection. They are as follows:

**Skills:**

- To learn many new valuable people related skills, such as the ability to contact and talk to parents in regards to activities and programs that are available to their children at low or no cost.
- To build relationships with school officials and social workers which will help in the recruitment of children into YMCA programs.
- To complete a grant application to help with program funding and to aid in the development and planning of a fund raiser to benefit the children in our community.

**Knowledge:**

- To broaden my awareness of the variety of resources available to children, not only through the YMCA but through other non-profit organizations as well.
- To increase my knowledge of the funding needed to sustain an after-school program and what the best ways are to obtain that funding.
- To continue learning new ways in which to reach out to children.

**Self-Awareness:**

- To gain a better understanding of whether or not this field of work is what I really want to do in life.
- To be able to work more “behind the scenes” of children programming. I have had a lot of experience working directly with children in different programs, but now I have the ability to see and experience what it takes to make a program successful.