

# Gary Sanitary District: Summer Internship 2022

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Gary Sanitary District (GSD) is a sanitary wastewater utility that gave eleven young adults the opportunity to intern for the summer in the different departments. GSD supports not only Gary but areas such as Hobart, Lake Station and Merrillville.

The departments range from warehouse to finance and the interns work to learn more about not only their job but the wastewater plant as a whole. “If you ever wondered where the water goes when you flush the toilet, this is the place,” says high school senior Myon Lobdell.

Interns were taught about the process of cleaning wastewater that comes into the plant. Beyoncé Buckingham, a second year GSD intern created two raps about the water cleaning process and the plant’s department roles.

On Aug. 4, 2022, Buckingham and other interns participated in one of her rap videos that will be released soon.

At the webinars, interns learned how to communicate effectively verbally and through telecommunication so that they can take what they learned and apply it for their future. “GSD is helping me with communication, and helping me become more confident on how to handle situations,” says warehouse intern Terrell Ivy.

With words of wisdom, support and from the supervisors at GSD, the interns will remember the lessons that have been learned while working throughout the summer.