The Maryland General Assembly

- Meet in 3 month sessions a year
- Create the state’s laws
- Senate and House offices need interns
Senator DeGrange’s Office

- Location: Downtown Annapolis in the James Senate Office Building Room 101
- Committee Rooms in Miller Senate Office Building
- Represents District 32 in Anne Arundel County
- Legislative Aide Sam Deschenaux and Chief of Staff Don Rau
- Great atmosphere and always busy
Internship Duties

- Email and speak with constituents about their concerns on policy and other state issues
- Draft testimony on bills to present before committees
- Create newsletters on legislation, legislative process, and Maryland
- Observe bill hearings and briefings, while taking notes
- Running errands, such as taking pictures, getting citations, greeting visitors
Who should apply?

- Students interested in the government and how the legislative process works
- Excellent writers and students with strong oral communications skills
- Any major may apply, especially those who may have an interest in a particular committee
  - Criminology and Criminal Justice
  - Government and Politics
  - Psychology, etc.
Helpful Classes and Experience

- ENGL101
- Professional writing can be helpful
- No previous internship experience is required
- Knowledge on the Maryland legislative process is beneficial
What I gained

- Real world experience in government
- References for future internships and employment
- Networking opportunities
- An understanding of how the government interacts with its constituents
How to Apply

- Also can contact GVPT advising through the MIP program.
- Another method is through the English department’s program with an English professional writing seminar before the internship begins.
- Note that while you can intern during the Fall, the legislative session does not begin until January and lasts through March.
Thank you!