 Been a senator for 28 years

Served in the House of Representatives for 10

Longest-serving woman in the history of the U.S. Congress.

Alum of the University of Maryland School of Social Work.

Currently serves on the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the Select Committee on Intelligence.

Will officially retire at the end of her term in 2017.
DUTIES

- Attended internship hearings for my mentor, then wrote up a summary so she had the information for her records
- Answered the phone when needed
- Processed and filed constituent mail
- Researched and wrote constituent response letters
- Researched and wrote memos for my mentor’s meetings
- Attended meetings with constituents
WHO IS THIS APPROPRIATE FOR?

- There is a wide range of subjects staffers must know about, which includes:
  - Government and Politics, Economics, Criminology, African American Studies, all majors
- Easily segues into a job, with Senator Mikulski or with other senators
- Can be a good job while in grad school
  - Many staffers are pursuing degrees
HELPFUL EXPERIENCES

- A basic government class, so that the structure of the Senate, Congress, and duties of senators in-state and nationally are understood
- Understanding of current affairs, foreign and domestic
- Involvement in leadership roles/student government of some kind
WHAT I GAINED

- Inside look at how the government works, with more of a view on the politics involved
- Understanding of the work of a congressperson’s office
- Knowledge of a job I can use to start a career that is education-friendly
- Networking experience and contacts
- Outside enrichment opportunities
  - There are many lectures, hearings, events, etc. which interns are permitted to attend
How to apply:
http://www.mikulski.senate.gov/students/internships

Go to her website and click the “Students” tab.