

Alabama Affordable Housing Association

Sharing Success Program Statement

I was introduced to Hall Group through the Alabama Affordable Housing Association (AAHA) scholarship program, which gave me the opportunity to learn more about affordable housing and job shadow with different groups within the state. I went into the experience of knowing very little about real estate development and almost nothing about affordable housing. During my time with Hall Group, I was able to visit a site that was actively being built while also learning about everything that had to happen before construction could even begin. I learned how a project goes from an initial idea to determining whether it makes financial sense, securing financing, completing planning and approvals, and eventually moving into construction. The biggest thing I took away from the experience was how much goes into taking an apartment project from an idea to a finished community. I learned more about affordable and workforce housing and how tax credits and bonds help make these projects possible. After the experience with Hall Group, I had a much better understanding of the process and how all the different pieces must come together to make a project work.



As someone who is interested in becoming a real estate appraiser one day, this experience also helped me see how a future career in real estate could fit into a business like Hall Group and the communities it serves. I would highly recommend job shadowing to anyone my age who is interested in real estate or considering a career in the industry. Getting to see how a

business operates, learn about different roles, and see how those roles contribute to a larger project, and the community is something you cannot really get from a classroom. I am grateful to the AAHA community for creating this opportunity and connecting me with Hall Group, and I especially want to thank everyone at the Hall Group for taking time out of their week to show me how they operate and answer all of my many questions.

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