Summary
For seven weeks, I worked at New Horizons in the computer science department. As it was a summer internship, classes were not in session. Instead of teaching, I developed the curriculum for the inaugural year of an AP Computer Science Principles class at the school. New Horizons is the first school in the country to offer this course, making my task important not only for computer science education at the school but also for the country as a whole.

Funny Cultural Experience
Alexis (the other GT intern) and I could speak almost no Spanish at all, and apparently on Sundays in the Dominican, everything closes very early. One afternoon we were grocery shopping, and a woman ran down the aisle, crying, "Rápido rápido," as she got one last item. We realized five minutes later that she was in a hurry because they were lowering the gates, and the store was closing, something we would have known had we been able to understand the announcement over the intercom. Oops!

Relation to Your Major
Before this summer, my perspectives on computer science, education, and the world had been almost entirely shaped by my experiences in the United States alone. Through my internship at New Horizons, I was able to see how computer science is perceived, learned, and taught in another country and how culture influences technology. I have a stronger appreciation for my major because I was given the opportunity to see how my education compares and contrasts to similar learning in a different part of the world, and I attained valuable work experience at the same time.