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When asked what motivates her, she explains how she’s inspired by the stories of those around her. Her four years at Gettysburg, she says, have helped her to develop her communication skills in order to not only be a better story teller, but to be a better listener as well. She’s been given the opportunity to use her skills through her job as a tour guide, a Peer Learning Assistant, and through her work in the Communications and Marketing Department.

While Erin has most definitely impacted many realms on campus, she excels especially in her work at the Communications and Marketing Department. By being an intern there, Erin has had the chance to hear incredible things students, professors, and faculty are doing on campus. Whether it’s a Black Student
Union event, a note-worthy academic accomplishment by a student, or a professor touring the world, Erin gets to publish those stories on the Gettysburg website.

After graduation, Erin would like to stay in the communications and marketing realm with a company that has highly ethical moral values. For her, it’s extremely important for an employer to encourage the storytelling she yearns to partake in, but the company must also be aware of how it impacts the lives of others and act accordingly.

Thanks for doing great work Erin!