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I have spent the last five weeks interning at the administrative department of the African American Policy Forum (AAPF). The AAPF is a think tank that collaborates with scholars, activists and policy makers to research and discuss contemporary social issues such as racism and inequality through an intersectional lens. Due to the health pandemic, my internship has been fully remote. Despite having a virtual internship, I am learning about the day-to-day administration of a nonprofit. Additionally, I am appreciative to the Jessica Jennifer Cohen Foundation; their support has allowed me to afford this internship.

Since my first week of the internship, I have been supporting the AAPF to successfully host their virtual webinar series *Under The Blacklight* (UTB). UTB is a series that hosts leading scholars, political leaders and activists to discuss the social, financial, and political inequalities caused by the Covid-19 epidemic. I assist in the process of planning the theme of the episodes. I also help advertise the event by reaching out to individuals and organizations who contribute their efforts to pursuing racial justice. Furthermore, as an administrative intern, I contribute to AAPF's #SayHerName Campaign by creating social media content which raises awareness about women who have passed away at the hands of police brutality. We have recently conducted the campaign for the fight for justice for Breonna Taylor and Sandra Bland. Lastly, I have also supported the APPF by researching potential grant opportunities the organization can apply for.

Through this internship at the AAPF, I am learning a lot about nonprofit management. Specifically, by observing and contributing to AAPF's ability to run several programs concurrently I am learning how to effectively manage multiple projects with a team to achieve the set goals. Additionally, I am learning a lot about how organizations reach out to donors and manage their relationship with existing donors. These lessons will be essential to my career as a nonprofit leader. For the weeks ahead, I am excited to learn more about how organizations apply for grants and form partnerships with different corporations to achieve racial justice. I am very appreciative to the Jessica Jennifer Cohen Foundation for providing me with the financial support I need to make this internship possible!