

## **Peyton Eggers, B.A. in Hospitality and Hotel and Restaurant Management**

Hi, my name is Peyton Eggers and I'm currently a student at the University of North Carolina at Greensboro with the department of Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management. In about a month I will graduate with my degree in Hospitality Management. I chose the hospitality industry because I enjoy the job where I can make a difference in someone's day. My passion for hospitality started in high school and it has flourished since being at UNCG with the department of Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality Management. Through the department I received a scholarship. I'm an undergraduate research assistant for two years. With that I was able to introduce seventeen general managers in the Greensboro area and it was a great networking opportunity for me just still being in college. Through the department classes, I have learned about service management, trends and issues affecting the industry and other managerial skills to help me. I'm currently here at the O'Henry Hotel where I've completed my 480 hour internship. I made a contact with the O'Henry at one of the career expos on campus and they hired me as an intern this past summer. After completion of that, they hired me as a part-time employee. I will be working here – it'll be a year and a month – and I'm happy to say that after graduation they've offered me a job as manager on duty. I'm excited about that and I get to continue my hospitality career. My favorite part of the program at UNCG, the department, is the faculty. They're very supportive and I would not have been able to get through these past four years without them. Choosing this major and the Recreation, Tourism, and Hospitality department has been the best career move for me so far.