

ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

*The Speaker
Dennis M. O'Brien
Internship Program is
available to any student:*

- ◆ Who is a resident of Pennsylvania or who attends a Pennsylvania college or university
- ◆ Who has completed their sophomore year with at least a 3.25 GPA. Graduate level internships are also available
- ◆ Who has strong writing and research skills
- ◆ Who has sent in a complete application, including transcript, resume, writing sample, and letters of recommendation
- ◆ Who is willing to work hard to educate and elevate the Office of the Speaker of the House

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Speaker

Dennis M. O'Brien

Since 1976, Dennis M. O'Brien has been an advocate for the residents of the 169th Legislative District in Philadelphia. In 2007, he was elected Speaker of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives.



Pennsylvania Speaker of the House
Dennis M. O'Brien

Providing disabled children with the resources they need is a top priority of O'Brien. He is widely recognized for his advocacy for those with autism spectrum disorders. Reforming the criminal justice system, health care, veterans' rights, economic development, early intervention and maintaining nursing services also are high priorities.

In his first official act as Speaker, O'Brien formed the Commission on Legislative Reform to help make the legislature more open and accountable in conducting the people's business.

He is a graduate of Archbishop Ryan High School and La Salle University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business administration. He is active in numerous community organizations. He and his wife, Bernadette, have three sons.

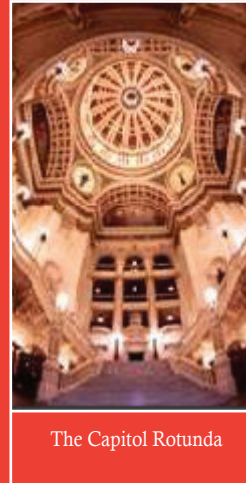
RESPONSIBILITIES

Interns for the Speaker of the House will each be responsible for the preparation and execution of at least one special event during the course of their time in Harrisburg. These events will either be sponsored exclusively or partially by the Office of the Speaker.

Past examples of these events have included Arts in Education Day at the Capitol Complex, a program which involves nearly 1,500 students from across the State.

Speaker's Interns have been responsible for Black History Month and Women's History Month celebrations in the Capitol. They also help organize the Annual Speaker's Ball.

Interns will effectively work as a team on these projects. They also assist the Director of Special Projects and Chief of Protocol in drafting remarks, working with foreign delegations, and performing research for the Speaker on various issues and occasions.



The Capitol Rotunda

OTHER INFORMATION

- ◆ Housing and board will be the responsibility of the intern
- ◆ Internships are unpaid, however college credits can be earned
- ◆ Interns work within the Capitol Complex
- ◆ Interns should be resourceful and professional
- ◆ The Office of Special Projects produces special events for the Speaker
- ◆ Internships are confidential positions
- ◆ To request an application, please contact Jeanne Schmedlen by using the information below.



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