

Teaser: Abby Sholar loves pushing herself out of her comfort zone.

In Oklahoma City, Abby's current project is planning Oklahoma Dental Association's (ODA) free medical clinic in February.

"I got my job offer a month before graduation," Abby said. "It was nice to relax that last month of school, and I was thrilled to have a job in my hometown."

Prior to graduation, Abby interned at multiple companies and even studied abroad in Zaragoza, Spain. Abby spoke highly of these experiences and said her internships prepared her for the real world.

"I mostly had marketing-based internships, and I benefited from that because I learned skills that I use every day for my job now," Abby said.

SMSC students produce many videos throughout their college career. Abby recalled a fond memory of shooting a video for a class.

"I really loved making videos in my electronic communications class," Abby said. "I remember shooting one in front of the building, and everyone around me looked so uncomfortable watching me film myself. I loved it."

Always going the extra mile in college helped Abby become successful in her professional career. As a special projects manager, Abby leads countless meetings. Some of her responsibilities are designing brochures, drafting internal and external communications, delegating tasks and handling social media accounts. At first, Abby always asked her co-workers questions. Now, her co-workers go to Abby for the answers.

Abby said this is her biggest accomplishment in the workforce. Abby emphasized how important it is for sophomores and juniors to try their best.

“You’re always taught to try your best and to not take shortcuts,” Abby said. “When you get a job, you’re paid to do your best work. It’s better to put the work in during college, so it’s a habit to always try your best and go that extra mile after you graduate.”

Along with trying your best, Abby also stressed the importance of putting the effort in during college to learn the material in your classes to the best of your ability. For graduating seniors, this is a top priority.

“If you don’t know how to do something, then you should learn how to do it now,” Abby said. “Once you graduate, you really do use so many concepts and tools you learned in college, so it’s easier to learn it when you’re in the classroom rather than in the real world.”