

Diana Virgie Office of the Victim Advocate Intern



Diana is a senior at The University of Connecticut, majoring in Human Development and Family Studies with a concentration in Family Relations. Through her studies at The University of Connecticut, and her involvement in the Violence Against Women Prevention Program, Diana became interested in the field of victim services. Diana decided to intern with Office of the Victim Advocate because she believed a position with the office would be the perfect opportunity to explore her interest and, in addition, receive invaluable experience working with the crime victim population in Connecticut. During her internship, Diana was integral in planning and executing Victims' Voice Day, a new event that would provide all crime victims in Connecticut with the chance to speak out about their experiences. Diana found her participation in Victims' Voice Day was an educational and eye opening experience.

“This internship, and my involvement in Victims' Voice Day, showed me that crime victims' voices are often silenced and ignored, leaving many victims feeling hopeless and discouraged. The Office of the Victim Advocate is working daily to protect and promote the rights of all crime victims and to ensure that their voices are heard loud and clear. It is essential that victims be given more support, and as a society, we must recognize that the ways in which crime victims are treated needs to be greatly improved”. Diana plans to pursue a master's degree in Marriage and Family Therapy in the fall and will certainly remain an active member in the field of victim services.



Diana Virgie with State Victim Advocate, Michelle Cruz