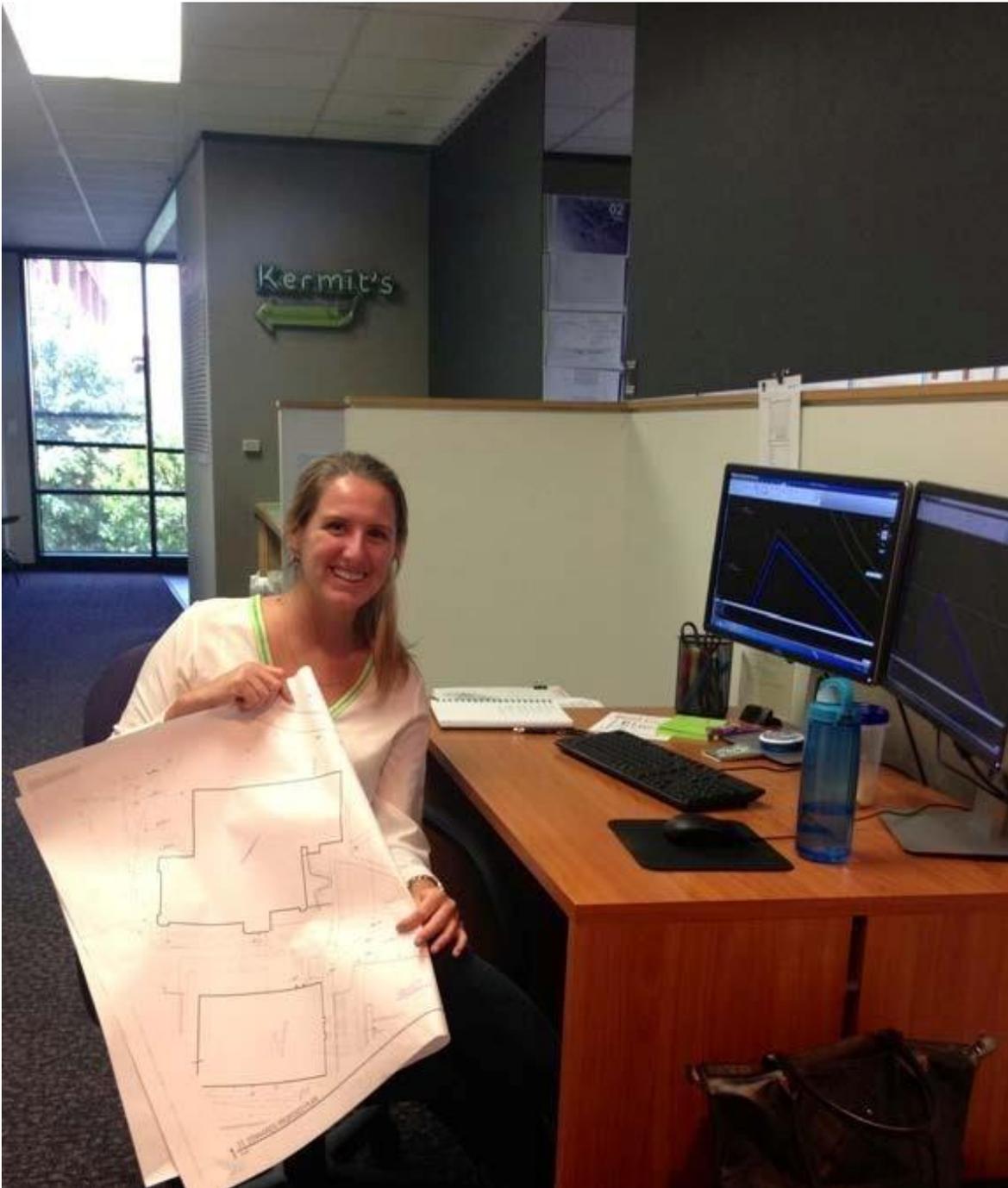


Internship in Austin, TX – Alice Kirchoff, 5th Year BLA

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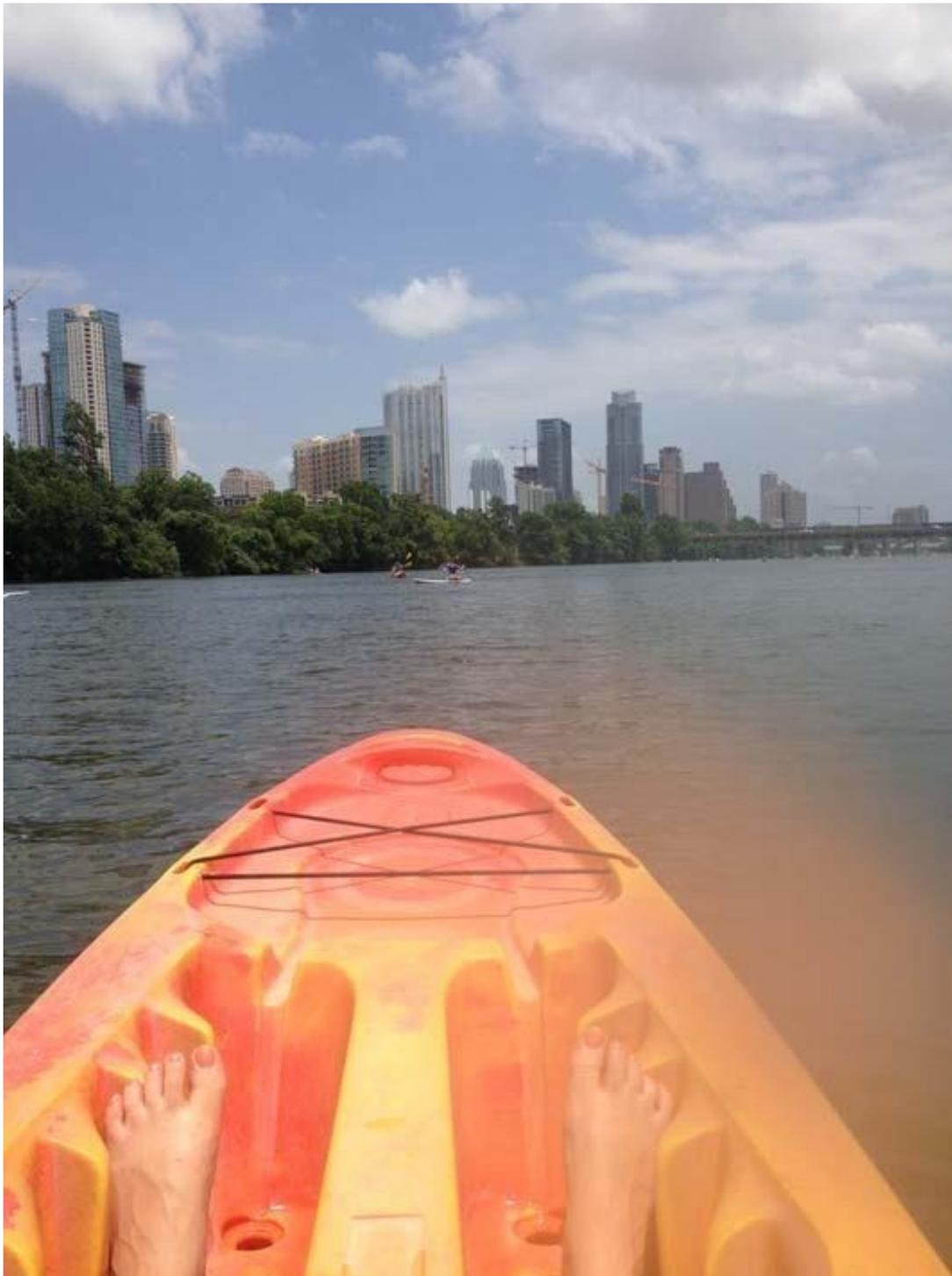


This past summer I spent my break interning at TBG Partners in Austin, TX. I could not have asked for a better experience because I fell in love with the city and really liked where I worked. TBG Partners is a Texas based landscape architecture firm that focuses on designing planned subdivisions and large commercial spaces. Their main office is in Austin, but they also have large office locations in San Antonio, Houston, Dallas and Fort Worth. The economy is finally improving, so this summer the office was loaded down with large amounts of work. This was great because I stayed busy and was able to get my hands on a wide

variety of projects. I even got assigned to some more challenging projects because the office needed as much help as possible to get everything completed on time. Working on these more complex jobs allowed me to learn a large amount of new information this summer and really expand upon my landscape architecture skills.



To have this amazing summer experience I definitely had to put forth a large effort towards researching internship opportunities and compiling my application information. I knew that this summer internship would be crucial to finding a job once I graduate this May, so any extra time I had went towards my internship hunt. When I began my search I had no idea where I wanted to go, not even what state. To get started I pulled up a map of the United States and listed out what states I would be interested in being in for the summer. Once I had my list narrowed down to California, Colorado, Texas and North Carolina I began asking people about the different areas. When talking about the opportunities each place provided, Texas kept standing out. My focus began to move solely to this state and as time progressed I continued to hear about Austin. Everyone talked about how great the city was and how much they thought I would enjoy it. After these conversations, I began to put all of my focus towards looking for internship opportunities in Austin. TX.



As my research continued, things began to look really positive for Austin, TX. I landed a few interviews and was in contact with people currently living in the city. In early March I had a phone interview with TBG Partners and was pretty nervous because I had decided they were my number one firm. After completing the interview I felt like it had gone really well and had a good sense that interning at TBG Partners could become a reality. Not even a week later I heard back from the firm and was excited to learn that they were giving me an offer. I waited about a week to make sure this was really where I wanted to be and then I accepted the internship. All of my hard work ended up paying off because I was able to become part of an amazing firm and experience the city of Austin, TX for the summer.

