Lizzy Parker

Please give a brief description of your job/role in your host organization:
NCSL publishes a monthly magazine called State Legislatures. As the publications intern, it is my responsibility to edit future stories, help organize content, and work on researching and writing articles for upcoming issues. I also answer media calls, as NCSL is a respected resource for journalists reporting on the political climate. Later, I will have the opportunity to edit, and possibly write, a LegisBreif.

What’s the most interesting thing you’ve learned about your host organization so far?
As I mentioned, since NCSL is a nonpartisan organization, it is a respected and often used resource by the media. NCSL is featured in the media about 60 times a week. Though I knew of NCSL’s reputation for accurate, factual information, I was surprised to learn how frequently NCSL employees and specialists are quoted in major news outlets every day.

Why did you want to become a PIFP Fellow?
I thought it seemed like a great opportunity, so I went for it. I wanted to see how the skills I have developed at CC translate into the professional work force. I have worked at nonprofits in the past and have always met the most interesting and dedicated people. PIFP appealed to me because I knew I would be working alongside people who love what they do.

What activities (outside of your work!) do you enjoy?
I enjoy cooking, so I love going to summer farmers’ markets to get fresh and seasonal produce. Other hobbies include hiking, reading, and making jewelry.

What is something most people would be surprised to know about you?
I learned how to do self-acupuncture a couple of years ago. It’s the best way to relax and take a nap!