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"The water that comes out of your faucet is not good for making beer," he said, adding they would use triple-filtered brewer's water to make the beer. "Tap water has chlorine in it to kill off the microbes and any pesticides, and it has fluorine in it to help with our teeth. Those are things that are not very good in beer. Chlorine actually makes the beer taste soapy."

"What I learned while I was there is that lab work makes me happy," Rivera told the audience, explaining that it was the second internship of his academic career but the first at USFSP. "Going into his internship, I suspected that lab work was something I had wanted to do with my life, but I wanted to make sure it was something I actually wanted to do."

Lipsey, who graduated from USFSP in Fall 2015 with a bachelor's degree in Finance, discussed her experiences as an intern at Northwestern Mutual. She said the internship helped her to grow personally and professionally, and she landed a position within the institution as a Financial Representative.

"My experience with Northwestern Mutual was amazing," Lipsey said, adding that the internship experience helped her realize that she doesn't have the type of personality to sit behind a computer or at a desk all day. "I was able to work my own schedule and meet with clients face-to-face, doing exactly what I'm doing now. And then through that, I was able to meet incredible relationships with senior advisors that are there now, and I utilize them now in my business."

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