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SUMMER INTERNSHIP 2026

Please View and Read About The Impact Of Our Summer Internship Program:



Maleah, who interned at Rising Tide children's program, shared, "I've always wanted to be a teacher, and this internship gave me a better idea of what that might be like. Working with the kids made me realize how much I enjoy helping them learn...It made me even more sure that working with kids is something I want to do in the future."

I was greatly encouraged by the following email that I received from our internship business partner at Cal State Long Beach:

I would like to sincerely thank you for considering our department as a placement site for your summer internship program. We truly appreciated the opportunity to work with Samuel Smith during the past week. Samuel brought great energy, professionalism, and a positive attitude to our team. He was an excellent representative of your program, and we are grateful for the support he provided during a very busy and important time for our office.

Best regards,

Noah Gordon, MS

Assistant Director, Men's Success Initiative

California State University, Long Beach



Samuel Smith at Cal State Long Beach

Guess where Samuel wants to go to college now. Of course, Cal State Long Beach!



Some of our Students with their Site Supervisors at Our Internship Celebration



Noemi Sanchez - "(I learned) how to effectively become an office person."



Jenna Smith worked at Farmers Insurance. The internship experience taught her some life skills for she says, "I will now know how to manage my time better and get all the tasks I need done in an orderly and organized manner."



As a result of working at the Fly Compton Foundation, Emily Vera said, "Yes, I want to be a pilot." And Prophet Shepard wrote, "While I want to be an actor, I want a safer option as well, which is being a pilot."



A number of our students served as interns at Cal State Dominguez Hills in the College of Health, Human Services and Nursing. As a result, several of them mentioned that the experience confirmed to them that they should pursue a career in the medical field. Both Barbara Campos and Robert Belton specifically said that they want to become occupational therapists.



These were our 2026 summer interns. They were greatly impacted by their internships in several ways. Some of them became convinced that they should pursue a certain career. Many of them grew in confidence and communication skills. Others developed time management and organizational skills.

Their present and future is bright. Some of them are ready now to tackle their first year of college, while most of them will return back to high school with greater motivation to excel. Thank you for your partnership!

Michael Freeman
Executive Director