

## City enjoys services of eight good interns

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### It is a good summer for interns at the city of Lake Oswego.

That means better service for the citizens of Lake Oswego.

The city staff is now bolstered by a record eight interns, and they are having an impact in much more important ways than making trips to the copying machine or making coffee.

“The interns help us tremendously,” said Megan Phelan, director of human resources for the city of Lake Oswego. “They help projects get done that have been inadvertently neglected.”

These interns are not only young, bright and promising, in some cases they are very well qualified, with past experience in area planning and engineering departments.

Some of the interns are groundbreakers, like Kenton Alldrit, the Civil Engineering Co-op Program intern, or Kevin Gerretson, the first-ever police department intern.

The most unique internship, though, is the Robert Kincaid Public Administration

Memorial Internship, which honors Lake Oswego’s late former assistant city manager and chief of staff. Kincaid spent his entire 32-plus year career with the city of LO.



Kenton Alldrit examines a lot of maps while working for the City of Lake Oswego’s engineering department. The Oregon State student is the city’s first intern under the CECOP Program.  
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Now in its third year, the Kincaid Internship promotes similar skill and dedication in future city administrators.

“Public administration is a difficult field,” said Patty Kincaid, his widow and founder of the internship. “My main intention with this is to get more people exposed to the public sector. The applicants all come to this program with a different twist.”

This year’s Kincaid Intern is Brent Dorig, who beat out 20 other candidates from far and wide for the position. One reason Patty Kincaid liked Dorig so much was his desire to work in the public sector, from city council meetings to Rotary Club luncheons.

“My specialty is local government administration,” said Dorig, who will soon complete his master’s degree at Portland State University. “What I really like is seeing all of the Lake Oswego faces and interacting with people. I also like analysis of process and working on human resources projects.”

Wherever Phelan and other city department directors plug in an intern, they get the job done.

Alldrit is just 20 years old, but Lake Oswego is already his second internship and he has a third internship lined up. The Oregon State senior was seen as an excellent candidate to be the city’s first CECOP intern.

“I want to contribute as much as I can to the city’s engineering department,” Alldrit said. “The biggest thing that has helped me here is learning about things I couldn’t learn in the classroom. Like relationships with contractors. You don’t learn that in math class.

“Being here gets me more familiar with industry, and I’ll be more confident when I’m back in the classroom.”

Lake Oswego is a big city for historic preservation, and Adrienne Donovan-Boyd is well qualified to enrich this department. She just received her master’s degree in history from the University of Oregon and is serving as an intern for the first time. She is enthusiastically digging into archives and working to preserve this city’s history.

“I guess historic preservation runs in my family,” Donovan-Boyd said. “My aunt does this in Hood River, and I’ve worked with her on some projects.”

Donovan-Boyd is currently working on 10 Lake Oswego properties for the state Preservation Office, writing a context about the development of modern architecture in Lake Oswego, and doing an amount of research that would boggle the mind of a non-history lover. Like going through every issue of the Lake Oswego Review from 1935 to 1948.

Totally unfazed by this, Donovan-Boyd said, “I plan to do the issues from 1958 to 1965 over the next few weeks.”

Of such hard work, good history is made.

All of the interns, however, are making Phelan quite happy. They will also help assure that city governments are well run in the future.

“We want to get the word out that city management is a good career,” Phelan said.