



BPA Professional Development Certificate Students' Upcoming Summer Internships

The Student Professional Development Certificate program is a unique campus opportunity for BPA students to better prepare for their career ambitions. One of the components of the program involves preparing for a job/internship search. The economic impact of the global pandemic has affected the ability some of companies and organizations to offer summer internships, but some students across BPA and in the SPD Certificate program have been fortunate enough to secure great experiences that will assist them in their career development.

Andrea Ruiz is a Senior majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Ag Business. When Grimmway Farms announced its internship opportunities in October 2019, Andrea had already drafted and revised her resume in anticipation of submitting her application. Wanting to pursue a career in agricultural health and safety, her goal was to ensure she was as competitive as she could be for an internship with the company. Andrea further prepared by taking part in mock interviews in her Professional Development class and with the BPA Internship and Career Development Coordinator. She was selected for a spring semester role as a Quality Assurance Intern at Grimmway Farms in January and, at times, has been able to work extended hours during this pandemic period. In her role, Andrea is learning about Grimmway Farms' safety programs, policies, and procedures and is assisting to identify opportunities streamline processes and improve efficiency. She has learned that her internship has been extended thru August, which will offer Andrea further opportunity to gain relevant experience before her graduation in May 2021.

Saviana Metter is a Junior majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in General Business. Working as a student assistant in the Office of Student Involvement, Saviana acquired excellent experiences and accomplishments to include in her resume. After attending the CSUB Spring Career Expo, she was selected to interview for Target's Stores Executive Internship program and, in April, was offered a summer internship. As a Stores Executive Intern, Saviana will gain a realistic job preview of the Executive Team Leader career opportunity. The 10-week summer program (now offered for 6 weeks due to the pandemic) will allow Saviana to work closely with a mentor while learning the different departments and functions within Target's stores. Through the internship, she will gain first-hand experience in leading and motivating a team, driving sales results, merchandising products, and interacting with guests throughout the store. She will also be able to enhance her leadership skills by having the opportunity to be the Leader on Duty and spend time shadowing a next-level leader to observe different career options. After this internship, Saviana will have a more nuanced understanding of what she might like to pursue in retail executive management when she graduates.

Alex Carrillo is a Junior majoring in Business Administration with a concentration in Accounting. While Alex has worked in several jobs, including his current role as a student assistant with the campus HEP/CAMP program, he had yet to hold a position that was closely related to his desired career. That changed when Alex was recently selected for a summer internship opportunity with Anthony Vineyards in Bakersfield. Alex used his time in the Professional Development class to craft his resume and engage in mock interviews, both of which successfully prepared him for this opportunity. During the internship, Alex will assist the Accounting department with the day-to-day financial operations, including AP/AR, maintaining general ledger, bank reconciliations, and payroll reporting, all of which will assist in making him more competitive for jobs when he graduates in May 2021.