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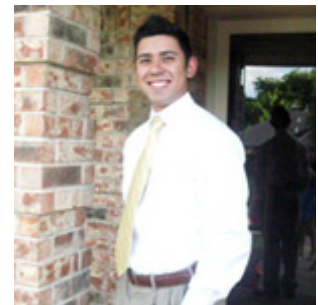
Abraham Menaldo
United Nations
Mexico City, Mexico

This internship with the United Nations in Mexico City has made me realize that I want to work towards helping not only my own country, Mexico, to progress in solving their problems, but anywhere else in the world where I can make an impact as well. A major concern I have is environmental degradation and in Mexico this is a problem of enormous proportion. The internship reinforced much of what I saw in the classroom, and has allowed me to expand my knowledge and interest in related subjects. I see this experience much like the steps someone takes when trying to learn a language. At first, we learn the basic vocabulary: reading, writing and pronunciation. However, after a while a classroom is not enough and we feel the urge to immerse ourselves deeper into the study of the language. Therefore, to try out what we have learned our next step would be to live and become part of the culture as a way to *own the language*. Through this internship, I have been given the privilege of participating in a direct way towards change.



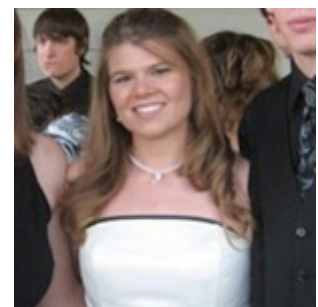
Noe Ortiz
Latino Cultural Center
Dallas, Texas

My work experience at the Latino Cultural Center in Dallas introduced me to the nonprofit world. It is much different from anything else that I had done before, therefore, I learned a lot. I got a chance to network with other Latino leaders around the metroplex. This also helped me appreciate Latino art a whole lot more as I got to enjoy many different forms of art.



Sarah Soret
Texoma Council of Governments
Sherman, Texas

I completed my internship at Texoma Council Governments (TCOG) in Sherman, Tx. The experience impacted me academically as well as emotionally. I learned a great deal about how to properly conduct research, but also discovered the magnitude of the economic problems that the United States is currently facing through research on the Community Needs Assessment that TCOG conducts every five years.



Jessica Webb
Sam Rayburn Library Museum
Bonham, Texas



I worked for 7 weeks at the Sam Rayburn Library and Museum in Bonham, Texas. The experience was awesome because I was able to be the history nerd I really am. I got to handle a cigar box sent to Rayburn from Fulgencio Batista, the previous president of Cuba. I got to see hundreds of private letters to Rayburn from John N. Garner, FDR, Eisenhower, JFK, Truman, and Lyndon B. Johnson. It was amazing to see all these different pieces of legislation being worked out in letters and telegrams. This internship complements my academics because I am a history major with a heavy interest in Texas history. I also read, indexed, and categorized all of Rayburn's letters from presidents and prominent people. All in all, this internship was a lot of work but also extremely fun and interesting. Where else would I get to see a wedding invitation for John and Jacqueline Kennedy's wedding?

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Hannah Alexander
Heard Natural Science Museum and Wildlife Sanctuary
McKinney, Texas

During Hannah's internship she learned about the nature of the Southwest. She spent her days caring for native and non-native species of animals, belayed on the Heard Rope Course, and wrote and photographed for heard publications. She also cleaned trails and continued the arduous and perpetual task of restoring the area to its natural prairie of a Texas long ago.



Ashley Cooper
Red River Historical Museum
Sherman, Texas

In my CMSM internship I was able to learn so much about what it takes to run a local museum in a mid-sized city such as Sherman. My duties were to greet and offer tours to patrons who walked inside our doors. That alone had me learning Sherman's history, and quick. I was there to offer help in any research that any person may have come in to get done. I answered phones when needed and offered assistance in daily tasks around the museum, such as cleaning artifacts or helping to set up for our weekly events. Through this internship I gained an immense amount of knowledge of the North Texas area. I was able to speak confidently to visitors who were passing through, curious about the city they were visiting. I was also able to engage in great historical conversations with those visitors who had spent their whole lives in this area, for whom, I can humbly say, I learned the most.

