

McMinnville WORKS 2022

Internships | Professional Development | Trivia | Friends



Overview

This summer there were 15 McMinnville WORKS interns involved with 8 local businesses. Our 2022 host sites were MEDP, the City of McMinnville, McMinnville Water and Light, Vesuvian Forge, Solid Form Fabrication, Chapul Farms, HBF International, and Swedemom Center of Giving. These hosts are a fine sample of our community's government, for-profit, and non-profit firms.



Workshops in the Community

The intern cohort attended nine Professional Development workshops over the course of the program, focused on life skills like personal finance, leadership, interview skills, and entrepreneurship. To learn about community engagement, the cohort volunteered with Edible Yamhill, a local effort to encourage community gardens and accessible produce for people without access to gardens. Pulling weeds, organizing boxes, and labeling plants all took place along Alpine Street, where community garden boxes are nurtured by volunteers and businesses.

Interns also took a tour of our own 3rd Street, learning about the history of the buildings and all of the best spots to eat, shop, and enjoy in our downtown McMinnville community! Most of the interns are new to the area, so getting a true introduction was helpful to get them even more connected.



After Hours

Fun was had by those who attended Trivia Thursdays at Mac Market, where the interns used their diverse knowledge to ace several categories. This summer was a warm one, and through it all, the interns maintained great relations and made an effort to gather outside of work and the workshops included in the program. They could be seen at the Yamhill County Fair, Downtown Farmers Market, and making plans to grab dinner on 3rd Street.

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Swedemom | Videos | Programming | Teamwork



Intern Videos Boost Sales!

Swedemom has Lassen Anderson interning for multimedia projects. Lassen specializes in video creation and photo editing. She created a video about the history of Swedemom for the Ebay page, with an immediate result of more visitor conversions to sales!

Link for Lassen's Video on the Swedemom Ebay page:

<https://www.ebay.com/str/theswedemomstore#tab1>



Production Metrics: Making an Impact

Swedemom interns Benjamin Harper and Jamie O'Connell are working on computer programming and algorithms, while intern Annika Sellke is working on data analysis. The team is implementing a program and algorithm that produces production analytics for Swedemom administrators to look at, developing a useful tool to optimize business. The functioning program was built in 8 weeks, check out the video to learn more about it! This video was made by Lassen Anderson and Dominic Humlie of the McMinnville WORKS program!

Swedemom Program/Algorithm Video:

<https://youtu.be/brhePVegaGo>



Connecting with Cami

All of the interns made connections over the 9-week program. At Swedemom, you can see these bonds come to life as the interns eat lunch together, work collaboratively on their code, and passionately devote time to director Cami Nyquist's non-profit. Cami's eyes shine with admiration and pride when she talks about the impact of her interns. She has hosted McMinnville WORKS interns several times, and each year she is beyond impressed by their work ethics and skills. All four of Swedemom's interns will continue on a part-time basis with Swedemom, both as programmers and as product intake employees. This conversion from an intern to an employee is the goal of the McMinnville WORKS program, and it comes to life at Swedemom.

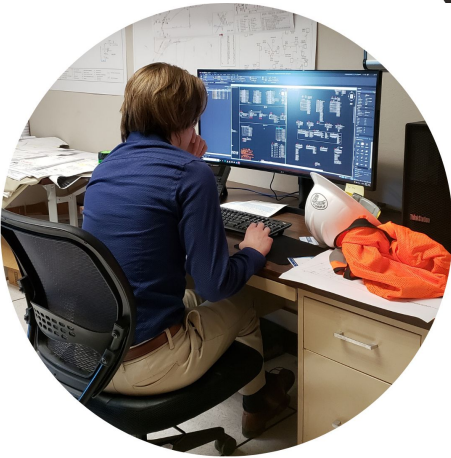
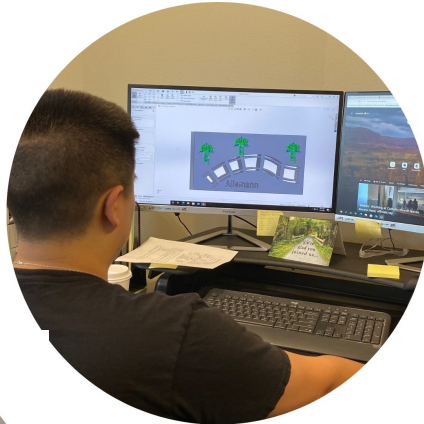
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Engineers | Designers | Drafters



Styling Solid Carbon

Sam Rodriguez is a web design intern for Vesuvian Forge. Her role included learning and rendering 3D printing designs, as well as creating and launching the new website for Solid Carbon. Solid Carbon aims to create concrete projects with zero carbon emissions. Sam also worked on marketing projects, and will continue working with the companies after the WORKS program is done!



At the Desk...

Brandon Lee and Nathan Gabrielsen are both working hard at their internships. Brandon is a drafting intern for Solid Form Fabrication, and he works on blueprints and designs for client projects. His most challenging project has been working on a spiral staircase, and he has gotten meaningful experience engaging with customers to fit their needs. Brandon is continuing on with Solid Form after his internship is over as a full-time employee!

Nathan Gabrielsen is an electrical engineering student, and his internship with McMinnville Water & Light occupies his time with evaluations of schematics and blueprints for city utilities. Nathan enjoyed his internship and the opportunities to get hands-on experience in his field while remaining close to home.



...And on Site

Dominic Humlie is out in a neighborhood, measuring and evaluating specifications for his engineering internship at McMinnville Water & Light. Dominic works with blueprints and drafts, helping to design great utility systems in McMinnville.

Jacob Smith shows off the "Engineering" portion of the city building where he works with fellow civil engineers. He often goes on site visits to measure and evaluate safety specifications. His favorite part of the program has been getting real experience where his plans and ideas are going into action in McMinnville.

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Research | Coordinating | Data Analytics



Chapul Farms

Chapul Farms is new to the McMinnville WORKS program this year! Terren Maplethorpe and Sarah Lynch are research interns and with their backgrounds in biology and horticulture, helped study black soldier flies. These flies were able to be studied devouring food waste and producing great compost. With the help of the interns, Chapul was able to produce one complete life cycle of the fly over the summer, leading to even more research opportunities!



“Hi, I’m Katy from MEDP!”

Katy Schmitt was MEDP’s summer intern. This summer she attended meetings, coordinated the McMinnville WORKS program, all of the professional development workshops, and helped facilitate social events for the interns. Katy helped MEDP host the Chamber Greeters in the first weeks of the program, and went on “field trips” to OMIC and networking events in our McMinnville community!

This summer she planned and produced the video made by Lassen Anderson that features Swedemom. This was her first experience working on any kind of film project! Through each visit and meeting with interns, supervisors, and community members, Katy documented the experiences through MEDP’s social media.



HBF

HBF International had two interns this summer! Brandon Rodriguez worked on data analytics, with his main focus on measuring and analyzing labor costs. Brandon’s goal was to build a program and algorithm that would produce the labor costs to harvest the summer’s blueberries. Brandon achieved his goal and was able to send daily labor costs per pound of blueberries harvested to his supervisor. This summer was busy and productive for Brandon!

HBF’s other intern was Kaylee Schow. Kaylee was out in the field and visited different HBF farms regularly. She acted as a grower relations intern, and she took samples of blueberries from that morning’s harvest to determine the quality that the warehouse could expect that day.

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Thank you! | Speakers | Hosts



Host Sites

MEDP would like to extend another thank you to our wonderful host sites for 2022. Without these willing hosts, our McMinnville WORKS internship program would not be possible.

- Chapul Farms
- City of McMinnville
- HBF International
- MEDP
- McMinnville Water & Light
- Solid Form Fabrication
- Swedemom Center of Glving
- Vesuvian Forge



Speakers

Thank you to all the speakers who participated in leading the 2022 Professional Development Workshops!

- Donna Montoya, Linfield University
- Dave Rucklos, McMinnville Downtown Association
- Marci Humlie, McMinnville Water & Light
- Kevin Chambers, Headwater Investment Consulting
- Kathie Byers, First Federal
- Eric Schuck, Linfield University
- Amanda Bedell, BCC Business Consulting
- Helen Anderson, HelloCare
- Charlene Doland, Edible Landscapes of Yamhill County
- CB Mason, Core Balance Mobility
- Jessica Payne, McMinnville City Council
- Brandon Malloy, Express Employment Professionals
- Holly Tate, University of Oregon

Recap



This summer was full of personal growth and valuable work experience for all of our interns. The 2022 cohort was made up of traditional and nontraditional students from nine different schools. The goal of the McMinnville WORKS program is to connect young people with meaningful opportunities in the hope that they will grow professionally in our community. This goal was achieved for the 2022 cohort. There are two interns who are continuing as full time employees with their host, and five who will continue on a part-time basis.

Behind it all are MEDP's executive director, Patty Herzog, and deputy director, Heather Blank. They coordinate the McMinnville WORKS program by managing the application process and helping the host companies connect with applicants. Without their dedication, this program would not be the success it is.