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**State of North Carolina Internship Program Goes Virtual
for Summer 2020**

Internship orientation begins May 18th

RALEIGH, N.C. - For the first time in over 50 years, the State of North Carolina Internship Program is modifying its standard hands-on learning approach to provide a virtual learning experience to students this summer due to COVID-19. This year, students are only interning on state agency assignments where teleworking is an option, narrowing the original number of summer projects for students this year from 100 to 44. Students who applied for work assignments at state facilities such as museums, where social distancing is difficult, were encouraged to reapply for the summer 2021 State Internship Program.

"While this time is difficult for all of us, as a state we continue to remain strong, moving forward with enrichment opportunities such as the State Internship Program that lends real work experience to students outside of the classroom, preparing them for the jobs of tomorrow and strengthening the future of our state," said NC Department of Administration Secretary Machelle Sanders. "It is imperative that we all continue to follow recommendations by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and the NC Department of Health and Human Services so that we can continue flattening the curve and ease the spread of COVID-19."

Starting Monday, May 18, 44 students, representing 18 of North Carolina's 100 counties, will participate in a virtual program orientation including DOA's Secretary Sanders and members of the Internship Council Panel among the list of guest speakers. The State of North Carolina Internship Program is coordinated by the NC Department of Administration's Council for Women and Youth Involvement, offering college students across the state an opportunity to connect lessons learned in the classroom to potential career choices all while serving the people of North Carolina.

For 10-weeks students will intern for one of North Carolina's state government agencies, providing a platform to develop practical workplace skills in a variety of professional areas ranging from auditor to legislative researcher to communications assistant. Last year, in addition to obtaining hands-on work experience, students engaged in site visits, tours and other networking opportunities. This year, as an alternative, students will have the chance to immerse in executive chat sessions with state government leaders for career development.

"Whether it be hands-on or a virtual learning experience, the State of North Carolina Internship Program remains a viable program for students across the state to learn about state government while serving the

great people of our state,” said NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement Executive Director Mary Williams-Stover.

Since its establishment in 1969, more than 4,000 internship opportunities have been awarded to North Carolina residents attending a college, university, technical institute or community college.

The internship program is open to community college students, undergrads, graduate students and law students. Interns are selected through a competitive process overseen by the NC Internship Council.

Selection is based on a thorough review of applications, including academic records and interest in state government. Internship positions are based on project proposals submitted by agency personnel and are designed to provide substantive and career-relevant learning experiences.

For more information on the State of North Carolina Internship Program, please visit the NC Council for Women & Youth Involvement [website](#).

2020 State of North Carolina Interns

Intern's First Name	Intern's Last Name	Hometown County	School
Sydney	Aiken	Wake	North Carolina Central University
Brandon	Aldridge	Wake	North Carolina State University
Gretchen	Boyles	Cleveland	Wake Forest University
Barrett-Anne	Briggs	Moore	Wingate University
Kari	Brooks	Robeson	University of North Carolina - Pembroke
Immanuel	Bryant	Durham	North Carolina Central University
Zachary	Caffo	Guilford	Elon University
Brianna	Chan	Orange	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Cindy	Chen	Durham	Appalachian State University
Danielle	Coan	Forsyth	North Carolina State University
Corey	Curry	Wake	North Carolina State University
Michael	Davis	Wilkes	Appalachian State University
Emmi	Farrell	Orange	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Candace	Hackney	Wake	North Carolina Central University
Griffin	Hamilton	Guilford	Elon University
Kerry	Hanko	Wake	University of Wisconsin - Madison
Kai	Heslop	Wake	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Emma	Hirschy	Wake	North Carolina State University
Andrea	Kaniuka	Mecklenburg	University of North Carolina - Charlotte
Cara	Kuuskvere	Mecklenburg	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Thomas	Lamaster	Wake	Wake Technical Community College

Hunter	Leggett	Cumberland	East Carolina University
Seth	Lemon	Pitt	East Carolina University
Abigail	Lewis	Wake	North Carolina State University
Hannah	Maness	Alamance	North Carolina State University
Ryan	Martin	Lee	Sandhills Community College
Melissa	Mayfield	Wake	Boston University School of Law
Joshua	McNeill	Wake	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Kerri	Moore	Moore	Methodist University
Caroline	Pawl	Iredell	North Carolina State University
Hannah	Rhodes	Edgecombe	North Carolina State University
Ethan	Saber	Wake	University of Southern California
Noemi	Saenz	Cumberland	Methodist University
Rian	Sanders	Wake	Winston-Salem State University
Ian	Shields	Wake	University of North Carolina - Wilmington
Claire	Shu	Forsyth	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Kyra	Sigler	Wake	North Carolina State University
Emily	Sutton	Sampson	University of North Carolina - Chapel Hill
Rebeca	Taylor	Wake	Cornell University
Olivia	Weidie	Buncombe	James Madison University
Kenneshia	Williams	Guilford	University of North Carolina - Greensboro
Laura	Windom	Wake	North Carolina State University
Audrey	Xiajie	Buncombe	Davidson College
Charles	York	Guilford	Duke University

About NC Department of Administration

Established in 1957, the Department of Administration acts as the business manager for North Carolina state government. Under the leadership of Secretary Machel Sanders since appointed by Governor Roy Cooper in 2017, the department oversees Government Operations such as building construction, purchasing and contracting for goods and services, managing state vehicles, acquiring and disposing of real property, and operating auxiliary services such as courier mail delivery and the sale of state and federal surplus property. In addition, the department provides facility services and advocacy programs. Facility services include the maintenance of state-owned buildings and grounds, and the department's advocacy programs provide advocacy, assistance and services to diverse segments of the state's population that have been traditionally underserved.

About NC Council for Women and Youth Involvement

The North Carolina Council for Women and Youth Involvement (CFWYI) is a division of the North Carolina Department of Administration. The mission of the Council is to advise the Governor, state legislators and state leaders on issues that impact women and youth.

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