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Dayton Region Intern Appreciation Week *Celebrate Interns in Your Organization (6-10 July)*

DAYTON, Ohio (July 1, 2020) – The Southwestern Ohio Council for Higher Education (SOCHE) expanded its initiative to increase the number of internships in the Region with the second annual Dayton Intern Appreciation Week. The most significant number of interns across the Region are typically employed during the summer while students are out of school. The Dayton Region recognizes the immense value of these interns and would like to encourage companies across the Region to take one week of the summer to thank and show appreciation for interns at all levels. Visit <https://bit.ly/31qsREW> for ideas on how to show appreciation to interns.

Mayors in the Miami Valley have issued proclamations to declare Intern Appreciation Week for their city from 6 – 10 July. Many thanks to the cities of Dayton, Fairborn, and Kettering. Other cities are welcome to join.

Internships that start in the Region tend to keep talent in the Region after graduation. Keeping talent in the Region is crucial for employer success and economic longevity. Dayton Region Intern Appreciation Week is a way for employers to encourage their interns to explore the benefits of living in Southwestern Ohio. Employers can facilitate fun experiences and help to make happy memories to show appreciation to their interns.

SOCHE member colleges and universities, representing nearly 200,000 students, participate in thousands of internships throughout the year. These 200,000 students, in addition to all Southwestern Ohio high school students, are the future workforce. As a result, the Region is thankful for interns of all levels and is proud to celebrate intern contributions!

SOCHEintern, SOCHE's internship program, employed hundreds of students in a variety of positions. Interns worked at Wright Patterson Air Force Base, the City of Dayton, Montgomery County, and other government organizations, as well as numerous small and mid-sized companies. While most internships focused on the STEM fields, SOCHE members expand internship opportunities for students from business, social sciences, and humanities majors.

Patty Buddelmeyer, Vice President of Development at SOCHE, added, "We're excited to see the number of internships in the Dayton region continue to grow. The progress we see speaks to the commitment of the local business community and colleges and universities to retain talented and engaged students in the Region."

Formed in 1967, SOCHE is the trusted and recognized regional leader for higher collaboration. SOCHE works with colleges and universities to transform their communities and economies through the education, employment, and engagement of nearly 200,000 students in Southwestern Ohio. SOCHE is home to SOCHEintern, the

Aerospace Professional Development Center, and Defense Associated Graduate Student Innovators. For more information about SOCHE and all its initiatives, visit <http://www.soche.org/>.

Thank you to the employers that submitted words of appreciation for their exceptional interns:

Eman Azzam, City of Dayton (Dept. Of Water) Intern



“Over the past year, Eman has done excellent work as the City of Dayton Water Reclamation Laboratory Intern. Eman has analyzed water samples for nutrients including nitrogen and phosphorus, total suspended solids, and alkalinity. These tests are very important in maintaining proper operation of our treatment plant and help ensure that the treated wastewater that enters the Great Miami River is clean and will not harm aquatic life and that it is safe for human recreation. Eman is an enthusiastic learner and is very thorough in completing her

laboratory analysis. She has been a tremendous contributor on our lab team!” -Walter (Fritz) Schroder

In this photo: Eman Azzam is the second person from the right.

George Bolmida, City of Centerville Intern

"George Bolmida has been an asset to the City of Centerville since Day One. He jumps into complicated projects without hesitation, such as implementing significant necessary improvements in our IT Department. George has even volunteered to take on more, like designing an interactive application for our police department to use during a community scavenger hunt. The SOCHE partnership is beneficial to the wider Centerville community and is certainly a complement to our core values of Community, Education and Responsiveness."

-City Manager, Wayne Davis

"Interning for the City of Centerville has been an incredible experience right out of high school. I've been able to have input and be a part of several important city projects. Whenever I want to take on more responsibility or try something new, the City of Centerville is more than happy to give me that opportunity and experience. Working with the wonderful people at the City of Centerville has allowed me to bolster my professional skills. This internship has given me the experiences you can't replicate in the classroom."

-George Bolmida, City of Centerville Intern



In this photo: Mariah Vogelgesang, Assistant City Manager, George Bolmida, City of Centerville Intern, and Wayne Davis, City Manager