Students gain real-life experience through internships



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Coast-to-coast the summer brought adventure for two students who looked beyond the opaque walls of an office and sought adventure. From playing with marine life to changing the image for a whole new business.

With the market becoming more competitive and demanding; college students are asked to do more in four years then ever before. The list of must haves is as long as the 77 steps themselves, from needing to be a part of an organization, obtaining leadership positions, having perfect grades, community service, social life, working and an internship.

Jonahs Joudrey, communication senior, took his internship straight to a donut shop where he brought imagination to life when creating a new look for Doo's Donut Shop in both Olympia and Shelton, Washington. With two brand new establishments that his father has opened.

With having the knowledge from what he had learned through his classes here at SC he was able to apply it to the business.

Joudrey's favorite aspect about the whole internship with Doo's Donuts was "commission[ing] an artist to come and paint this mural at the store." Having the ability to walk into this position and do whatever he wanted. The opportunity to take the skills and knowledge and apply it to real business allowed him to experience and learn how businesses really operates.

When he was not busy commissioning artists or bringing imagination to life, Joudrey could be found hanging out with family and friends while boating on the lake and anything else he ever wanted to do.

In the sunshine state of Florida, Aidan Goodrich, biology junior, jumped straight into marine fun with his internship at SeaWorld in Orlando.

Goodrich helped with the day-to-day camp activities in the education department. The list of his animal fun activities continues from animal feedings, animal interactions, arts and crafts, rides and roller-coasters, watching live animal shows, and sleep-overs in animal exhibits.

He said, "I loved every second of my internship." With the opportunity to work at SeaWorld for the summer it allowed him to "gain a much better understanding about the career path" he wants to go into.

With many students searching through different career options to see which one is the best fit for their personality and skill level, this is something that Goodrich has no problem doing for the rest of his life.

Goodrich said, "I am certain I want to be an animal trainer or go into animal husbandry in care."

Even though playing with dolphins and sharks was fun, Goodrich also took full advantage of being close to the legendary Disney World and Universal Studies on his off time. This included trips to Cocoa Beach and any other free Orlando activity that was going on.

Taking away from their internships both Joudrey and Goodrich agreed that by getting out into the real world it helped them understand their career paths for the future through this experience.

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Top left: Jonahs Joudrey, communication senior, enjoyed hiking in his spare time this summer. (Jonahs Joudrey/Courtesy photo) Top right: Joudrey commissioned an artist to design new company image. (Jonahs Joudrey/Courtesy photo) Middle left: Aidan Goodrich, biology junior, got to work with both kids and animals. (Aidan Goodrich/Courtesy photo) Middle right: Goodrich enjoyed his time interacting with animals not found in Kansas. (Aidan Goodrich/Courtesy photo) Bottom left: Goodrich and many others across the country jumped at the chance to work at Sea World. (Aidan Goodrich/Courtesy photo) Bottom right: Goodrich and his coworkers pose with a statue whale. (Aidan Goodrich/Courtesy photo)