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California State University, Fresno

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A Note From the Director…

Sen. Ken Maddy had a well-deserved reputation as a person who was not afraid to work across the aisle to solve some of California's biggest challenges. It was his hope—and our goal—that the Maddy Institute would help nurture the next generation of fearless bi-partisan problem solvers.

With your support, the Maddy Institute's Legislative Intern Program continues to work to fulfill Sen. Maddy's vision by each year helping 25 to 30 students learn, firsthand, how the political and legislative process works.

In the following pages, we have provided a small sample of the alumni of our program. As you read about their accomplishments, you should take some pride in knowing that they would not have had this "life changing" experience without your support. Because of you generosity, Sen. Maddy's firm belief that good public policy requires understanding and compromise is being passed to the next generation of future leaders. And, not surprisingly, they are already making a real difference in their community.

Our Maddy Legislative Interns may, perhaps, be the one of Sen. Maddy's most tangible and lasting legacies. Through this program he, and you, have planted the seeds for a better Valley, State and Nation.

With Appreciation,

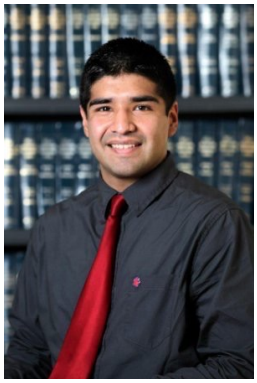
Mark J. Keppler
Kenneth L. Maddy Professor of Public Affairs

Where Are They Now?

Andrew Bishop
Assistant Principal - El Diamante High School

Andrew interned in the Fall of 2009 at the Fresno office of Senate Majority Leader Dean Florez and in the Summer of 2010 at the office of former Congressman George Radanovich in D.C.

After earning his undergraduate degree in Political Science, Andrew pursued a Masters in Arts of Teaching and worked in the juvenile correction systems, working with various law enforcement agencies in Fresno County.



"The Maddy Institute Internship Program helped me greatly in the development of my skills to help the community and constituents alike. By going through two internships at the state and federal level, I was able to develop skills in public relations that I use daily in my role as an assistant principal at the high school level. The interactions with the public and the "on the job" experiences through the internships were highly valuable and critical to where I am now."

After serving his internship, Andrew served as the Social Service Department Chair at La Joya Middle School in Visalia and is currently the Assistant Principal at El Diamante High School in Visalia.

Simon Haeder
Assistant Professor at West Virginia University

Simon served as a Maddy Legislative Intern in the Fresno office of Senator Barbara Boxer in the Spring of 2005 and in the Sacramento office of former Congressman Dennis Cardoza during the Summer of 2006.

Prior to his current appointment as Assistant Professor at West Virginia University, he completed his doctoral studies at the

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"The internship has had a tremendous influence on my professional career. For one, it allowed me to be competitive in my application to one of the premier doctoral programs in the country at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. Even today, I use my experiences gained during my time in the program in my teaching in the classroom, and to inform my scholarly work. Not the least, I made wonderful memories, had an incredible amount of fun, and met some great fellow interns."

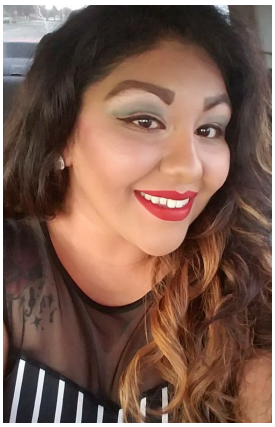
He also worked for more than two years as a project manager at Fresno Healthy Communities Access Partners where his focus was on systemic health policy change, the implementation of telemedicine projects, farm worker health care, and access to care.

Katrina Ruiz

District Representative for Cong. Jim Costa - Merced office

Katrina Ruiz interned at the Merced office of Senator Anthony Cannella in the Fall of 2013.

Thanks to the Maddy Alumni Network, Katrina learned of the opportunity to be a District Representative in the Merced District Office for Congressman Costa where she is serving now.



"I am grateful to have been a Maddy Intern, this institution has opened so many doors for me and allowed me to make and cultivate relationships in my home community and work community. I encourage everyone to apply for Maddy Internships and use the opportunity to advance careers and interests."

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Cassidy Smith
Principal Employee and Corp. Comm. at Sabre

Cassidy Smith interned at the D.C. office of Congressman Jim Costa in the Summer of 2009.

Her experience in D.C. greatly influence her decision to earn a Master's degree at Georgetown University following her graduation from Fresno State.

My Maddy internship with Congressman Jim Costa in his D.C. office not only gave me a firsthand look at how the government functions on a day-to-day basis, it also helped prepare me for working with high-profile executives and managers. In both of the full-time positions I've held since finishing school, I've worked closely with C-level executives and felt very prepared to do so, in large part due to my time in Congressman Costa's office.

Cassidy is currently the Principal, Employee and Corporate Communications at Sabre, the premier technology provider to global airlines, hotels, online travel agencies and travel management companies.

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2017 "Big 5" Beverly Fundraiser in Sacramento

On April 3, the Maddy Institute hosted our annual "Big 5" reception at the California Museum in Sacramento to raise funds for the Maddy Institute and our *Sen. Bob Beverly Sacramento Legislative Intern Scholar Program.*

We were honored to again be joined by Gov. Jerry Brown, Sen. Pro Tem Kevin de Leon, Sen. Republican Leaders Patricia Bates and Jean Fuller, Assembly Majority Leader Ian

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From left to right: Maddy Institute Beverly Scholar Sarah Baskins, Maddy Associates Interns - Emelie Pepito and Stephanie Maldonado and CA Governor Jerry Brown.

Calderon and Assembly Minority Leader Chad Mayes—and have former San Francisco Mayor and Assembly Speaker Willie Brown serve as the Master of Ceremonies.

The event also included a reunion of the State Assembly Class of 1982 and a recognition of their past and current accomplishments.

It was a wonderful sight—elected leaders from both parties and across the political spectrum come together in a spirit of bi-partisanship to celebrate and support the Maddy Institute's programs, generally, and our legislative intern program, in particular.

Introducing Our Sacramento Beverly Intern Scholars for the Summer of 2017

- Sarah Baskins, CSU Stanislaus. Interning with Assembly member Heath Flora (R-District 12th)
- Esau Joel Melgar, CSU Fresno. Interning with Senate President Pro Tempore Kevin De Leon
- Maraika Kuipers-Sharsher, CSU Fresno. Interning with Speaker of the Assembly Anthony Rendon

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Introducing our D.C. Costa Federal Intern Scholars for the Summer of 2017

- Alexandra Gallo, CSU Fresno: Interning with Congressman Jim Costa (D- CA).
- Benjamin Warmerdam, CSU Fresno: Interning with Congressman David Valadao (R-CA).

Introducing our San Joaquin Valley Maddy Legislative Interns for Spring-Summer 2017

- Christian Arevalo, CSU Fresno: Interning with Senator Dianne Feinstein (D-CA)
- Thomas Baza, CSU Stanislaus: Interning with Assembly member Heath Flora (R-District 12th)
- Brianna Bourbon, CSU Fresno: Interning with Congressman Jim Costa (D- CA)
- Ramandeep Dhah, CSU Fresno: Interning with Fresno City Councilmember Paul Caprioglio.
- Jorge Lopez, CSU Fresno: Interning with Fresno City Councilmember Esmeralda Soria
- Stephanie Maldonado, UC Merced: Interning with Assembly member Adam Gray (D- District 21st)
- Jazmin Marroquín, UC Merced: Interning with Congressman Jim Costa (D- CA)
- Esau Melgar, CSU Fresno: Interning with Fresno City Council member Oliver Baines III
- Sandra Ojeda, CSU Bakersfield: Interning with Senator Andy Vidak (R - District 14th)
- Emelie Pepito, CSU Stanislaus: Interning with Senator Anthony Cannella (R-District 12th)
- Katie Ramirez, CSU Fresno: Interning with Senator Andy Vidak (R - District 14th)
- Athena Skapinakis, CSU Bakersfield: Interning with Assembly member Rudy Salas (D-District 32nd)
- Nick Valla, Fresno Pacific University: Interning with Assembly member Jim Patterson (R-District 23rd)
- Clifford Williams III, CSU Fresno: Interning with Fresno City Councilmember Esmeralda Soria
- Allly Zavala, CSU Fresno: Interning with Assembly member Dr. Joaquin Arambula (D-District 31st)

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