



The Maddy Institute
California State University, Fresno

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A Note From the Director...

The Chinese have a saying: “May you live in interesting times.” No one would question that, for anyone interested in public policy and politics that are indeed living in interesting times. It certainly is an exciting time for college students to be studying and participating in the political process.

Each year we provide legislative intern scholarships to 25-30 students from throughout the Valley – and that has only been possible with your on-going support. The Maddy Institute’s Legislative Intern Program continues Sen. Maddy’s vision of providing these students an opportunity to learn, firsthand, how the political and legislative process really 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 your support has given them the opportunity to acquire the skills necessary to make a positive impact in the Valley. You are, quite literally, helping create the Valley’s next generation of political, civic and business leaders.

And you are doing more than that—you are also providing legislative interns the opportunity to learn “the Maddy Way” when it comes to public policy and political process by developing the ability to find bi-partisan, common sense solutions to the challenges we face as a Nation, State, and Valley.

With Appreciation,

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

Where Are They Now?

Iqbal Atwal

Manager at Graduate Recruitment, Retention & Outreach at UC Merced, Graduate Division

Iqbal Atwal interned as a Maddy Legislative Intern in the Spring of 2012 in the Merced office of Senator Anthony Cannella while finishing up his Masters of Public Administration at CSU Stanislaus. After finishing his requirements with the Maddy Institute, Iqbal extended his internship for three years at Merced Office.



"The Maddy Institute gave me the wonderful opportunity to engage directly in the community and deliver public service. The internship provided me a valuable platform to launch my career in public education."

He currently works for UC Merced, Graduate Division as the Graduate Recruitment, Retention & Outreach Manager helping graduate students who are pursuing their PhD.

Elizabeth Brown

Program Supervisor at California Olive Committee

Elizabeth interned in the Fall of 2015 at the Fresno office of Congressman Jim Costa and in the Summer of 2016 at his office in Washington D.C.

"The Maddy Institute provided me with an experience to last a lifetime. If it wasn't for this opportunity I would not have the career path I do today, and for that I am truly grateful."



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After earning her undergraduate degree in Science in Agricultural Business *cum laude* in 2016, Elizabeth started working as Program Supervisor at California Olive Committee

Jason Oh

Gregoire Fellow at the University of Washington School of Law pursuing his Juris Doctorate degree

Jason Oh interned in the Summer of 2015 at the Sacramento office of Assemblymember Jim Patterson. Upon completing his internship, Jason graduated with a Bachelor in Science in Agricultural Business and a minor in Philosophy, *summa cum laude*, from California State University, Fresno in 2016.



“Through the Kenneth L. Maddy Legislative Internship, I gained invaluable experiences that made me realize my passion and interest in law and policy. I was given a platform to develop and hone my communication, research, and analytic abilities in order to grapple with real-world issues, which have served me great dividends in law school thus far.

I gained first-hand experience in public policy, constitute outreach, and the entire legislative process. During my time at the California Capitol, I was also able to engage with constituents from Fresno, which meant a lot to me. I am extremely grateful for this opportunity.”

Upon graduation, Jason clerked at Wild, Carter & Tipton Law Firm and is currently a Gregoire Fellow at the University of Washington School of Law pursuing his Juris Doctorate degree.

Mark Torres

Director of Business Development at Organizer

Mark Torres interned in Fall 2008 at the Fresno office of U.S. Senator Dianne Feinstein while enrolled in the Masters of Public Administration Program at CSU Fresno. Upon completing his internship at Senator Feinstein's office, Mark joined the staff of Rep. Jim Costa's office in Fresno as an intern and Staff Assistant.

Senator’s Circle



Assemblymember’s Circle

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- Mr. Don Jackson
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- Mrs. Norma Foster Maddy
- Mr. Phillip Maroot
- Mr. Marvin Meyers
- Mr. Don Perrachi

"The Maddy Internship has had a significant impact on my professional career. Having the opportunity to apply and be accepted into the program along with the timing of my admission to Graduate School at Fresno State, it was a key stepping stone that set me up for success.



I had the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest and best individuals during my internship. Even to this day, I use the lessons I learned during my internship with me into my professional career and still look back fondly on during my time as a Maddy Intern in Senator Feinstein's office."

Prior to his current role as Director of Business Development at Organizer, a political technology company based in San Francisco, he worked for the University of California, Merced and SurveyMonkey.

Introducing our Wonderful Public Service Fellows -2017

The Wonderful Public Service Fellowship aims to foster the next generation of San Joaquin Valley bi-partisan leaders and problem-solvers by helping San Joaquin Valley students obtain their graduate degree from top graduate programs and return home to apply what they have learned to make the San Joaquin Valley a better place.

The goal of the program is to assist the brightest San Joaquin Valley students attend a top graduate program in one of the following areas:

- Public Administration
- Public Policy
- Urban Planning

Since we want the Wonderful Public Service Fellows to return to the Valley after receiving the best possible graduate training, we have created a list of "Qualified Programs" (i.e. the programs we generally prefer). Please [HERE](#) for a list of Qualified Programs. For a General Overview of the program, please [HERE](#).

This Fellowship program was made possible by a gift from Lynda and Stewart Resnick through the Resnick Foundation. As owners of The Wonderful Company, the Resnicks have a vested interest in the Central Valley. The Maddy Institute recognizes and applauds their visionary leadership in the Valley and is proud to present our 2017 Fellows:

Assemblmember's Circle

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Nanki Bhullar, B.A. (Double Major) in Women's and Gender Studies (concentration in Power, Rights and Society) and Philosophy (Emphasis: Ethics and Prelaw) at Santa Clara University. She will be a candidate for concurrent Masters in both Social Work and Public Health at UCLA.

Nanki was born in Indianapolis, Indiana, and moved to Fresno, California when she was two weeks old. Although she attended college in northern California, her heart remains deeply connected with the San Joaquin Valley as a Sikh American daughter of immigrant almond and raisin farmers dedicated to Valley agriculture.

Upon graduation from UCLA, she plans to return to serve the community with the knowledge gained through her graduate studies.

Irene Calimlim, is currently a candidate for a Masters in City & Regional Planning, as well as a Master in Public Health & City Planning at UC Berkeley. She is projected to graduate in June 2019.

Currently, Irene is an intern with the Greenlining Institute's *Bridges to Health Program* where she is investigating community benefit investments from hospital systems and how to increase opportunities for girls and women of color. She is also a *Roselyn Lindheim Awardee*, given for her Masters project aimed at increasing the capacity of local residents to better advocate and integrate place-based initiatives and investments into Stockton's low income communities. Irene is also a *Gates Millennium Scholar*, helping mentor and inspire others from first-generation/underrepresented backgrounds advocate for social justice.



Irene graduated from Stanford University with a BA in Human Biology focused on health in underserved communities. She has worked in rural India with the *Comprehensive Rural Health Project*, as well as in Stockton with Fathers & Families of San Joaquin and Reinvent South Stockton Coalition. Upon graduation, Irene will work in city planning with an eye toward improving public health in the Central Valley.



Randy Villegas, B.A. Political Science (Emphasis: American Politics) at CSU Bakersfield. He will be pursuing a Ph.D. in Politics at UC Santa Cruz.

Prior to arriving to Bakersfield, Randy's family lived in a small apartment in Santa Ana, California. While growing up in Bakersfield, Randy has mentored youth, been a percussions instructor to several high schools and middle schools, written several op ed pieces for the *Bakersfield Californian* and worked as an activist on behalf of vulnerable communities.

Randy will be the first member of his family to graduate from college. Upon graduation, he wants to return to Kern County and the Central Valley to make a positive impact.

Our First Wonderful Public Service Fellow Graduate – Fellow 2015

Kristine Williams, Master of City Planning at UC Berkeley; graduation: May 2017.

Upon graduating, Kristine has accepted employment as a Program Officer for Central Valley Enterprise Community Partners.

Kristine Williams was the first Wonderful Public Service Fellow and graduated in May 2017 with her Masters of City Planning from the University of California, Berkeley. Kristine is now the Central Valley Program Officer for Enterprise Community Partners, a nationwide nonprofit organization that seeks to expand sustainable, affordable homes through investment and advocacy work. With Kristine's help, Enterprise recently opened an office in Stockton to better serve the housing needs of the San Joaquin Valley. She currently focuses her work on expanding the impact of the state's Affordable Housing and Sustainable Communities Program in the Valley.



You can learn more about the work Kristine at enterprisecommunity.org. You can reach Kristine at kwilliams@enterprisecommunity.org.

Introducing our San Joaquin Valley

Maddy Legislative Interns for Fall 2017

- *Solomon Barks, CSU Bakersfield - Office of Assemblymember Rudy Salas (D)*
- *Kelly Blichfeldt, CSU Fresno – Office of Senator Kamala Harris (D)*
- *Jeremiah Folia, CSU Fresno – Office of Congressman Devin Nunes (R)*
- *Russell Fowler, CSU Stanislaus – Office of Assemblymember Heath Flora (R)*
- *Gina Gutierrez, CSU Fresno – Office of Congressman Jim Costa (D)*
- *Luis Iraheta, CSU Fresno – Office of Congressman David Valadao (R)*
- *David Paredes, CSU Fresno – Office of Fresno City Councilmember Esmeralda Soria*
- *Jose Quesada, CSU Fresno - Office of Assemblymember Dr. Joaquin Arambula (D)*
- *Hailey Ward, CSU Stanislaus – Office of Senator Anthony Canella (R)*
- *Songping Yan, CSU Bakersfield – Office of Senator Andy Vidak (R)*

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