

## News Release

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### **Arlington students spend summer interning at local organizations to further career goals**

ARLINGTON- Nine students from Arlington and Weston High Schools spent their summer interning at seven local businesses and organizations to experience jobs in the area. Chanelle Carrasco and Kathleen Azpiri interned with the Stilly Valley Chamber of Commerce. Carrasco designed a coloring book for children which was given out at the Arlington Farmer's Market. Azpiri organized and promoted the Arlington Farm-to-Table Farm Tour Weekend in August which included a 5K fun run.

"The best moment for me was to see everyone come together for the event that I organized," said Azpiri. "I would highly recommend any high school student to intern. It's a great way to learn about the field you may want to enter."

Zella Jones interned at the Happy Little Painter Co. Quynn Roberson interned at Fields Senior Living and is still working at the senior housing facility in their kitchen.

"It was rewarding making a six-course meal for the family," said Roberson. "This experience has really solidified my career path. I want to attend a culinary school for baking."

"We had such a great experience with the students," said Diane Krieg, Stilly Valley Chamber of Commerce Executive Director. "I've been talking with businesses in the area to see how they can use an intern at their business."

Lisa Rodino, Arlington Public Schools School to Work Coordinator, said the students interned from the end of school in June until the end of August. The students have to intern for 90 hours and earn a half credit towards their graduation requirements.

“We really want to grow the interest in the internship program,” said Rodino. “We want to make it as easy as possible for businesses to incorporate an intern into their business.”

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