What I Learned this Summer

Each summer, students who are between their junior and senior years - and enrolled in one of the district’s career pathway programs - take part in paid internships to learn about careers in a variety of fields. This hands-on way to get real-life experience is provided by SFUSD’s Career and Technical Education program. Here are some things this year’s interns had to say about their summer jobs:

**Victoria Lam / URS Corp**

Everyone I saw at my internship loves their job, they are happy to go to work every day. They have a strong passion for what they do, which makes them work even harder. I realized that, in this field, you are most likely going to work with the same person or company more than once in your life. Having past experience with them, and letting them have a good impression of you, will make them want to work with you again in the future.

**Sabrina Wong / Spectrum Credit Union**

I didn't expect to be learning so much. Lots of people complain about how they have to go work and whatnot, but I can say that I'm not one of them. Internships are the best opportunity to learn and understand how the field works, so as interns, you need to take advantage of that opportunity, learn as much as you can, and ask as many questions as you can so that you can understand because the information they give you is priceless.

**Genesis Alvarado / Transportation Management Association of SF**

One of the most valuable things to me about this internship experience was what my supervisor, Nora Zappas, the Program Associate for TMASF Connects, talked about. She was very honest and straightforward. What impacted me the most was her choice of words. She was very professional. I asked her what past jobs or experiences led to her present position. She explained that after graduating college she received an internship to work with a non-profit which was exactly what she was interested in. I can be horrible at giving answers when I'm being interviewed, so she also gave me good pointers for interviewing for a future job.