



Student interns explore real-world careers

Eight high schoolers enrolled in program, gaining in popularity

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For decades, high school graduates around the country have headed off to college or into the work force either with no clue about what they want to do for a living, or perhaps unrealistic expectations of a chosen career field.

Now, more and more Calistoga High School students are getting the opportunity to explore potential jobs first hand through a growing internship program that matches them with local employers.

"Like many great ideas in education, our internship program was the result of two seniors in the class of 2017 advocating for themselves to have career exploration experiences while still in high school," said Carla Surber, the College and Career Center coordinator at Calistoga Junior Senior High School. "Both Esme Curiel and Chance Collins had solid ideas



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about what they wanted to pursue as a career, and both asked if they could explore that career by doing internships. They even found their own sponsors so that when they approached our school administration, they were prepared.

"Everyone supported what they wanted to do," Surber added, "but their self-advocacy really kept the

ball rolling and made it happen."

Two years later, eight Calistoga high school students are earning graduation credits in career technical education (CTE) through the internship program, collaboratively supported by the school district,

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Tully Leonard, above, a junior at Calistoga High School, conducts water testing as part of a work experience internship at the city's Wastewater Treatment Plant. Seven other CHS students are earning graduation credits this semester by interning with local businesses.



Bay Area TV host Leslie Sbrocco leads a new culinary adventure show in which Calistoga is featured.

Calistoga to star in TV foodie show

By Pat Hampton

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A new travel and food series on public television will spotlight Calistoga next week when "100 Days, Drinks, Dishes & Destinations" airs its fourth episode this Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. on KQED Channel 9.

The new culinary adventure show stars Leslie Sbrocco, who has hosted the television show *Check Please! Bay Area* for 14 seasons and penned two books on wine. The show began airing Oct. 29 with visits to Reno/Tahoe, San Francisco's Chinatown and the countryside of the Danube River in Europe.

Of all the towns and destinations in wine country, Sbrocco came to the upper Napa Valley

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Yellow Rose Ranch developer completes community outreach

Project manager says company will submit proposal to city after new year

By Pat Hampton

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After eight public meetings to provide information and receive community feedback on their planned Yellow Rose Ranch housing subdivision, developers said this week that their next step likely would be submitting one of their revised proposals to the city early next year.

Based on reviews by some of the 75 people who attended the final community meeting Tuesday night, however, The True Life Companies likely faces an uphill battle trying to win approval to build 152 homes on the 46-acre undeveloped property.

"I'm still concerned about traffic, that's what impacts me the most," said Teri Fredrickson, who lives in the adjacent Heather Oaks subdivision, better known

as Riverlea. "The morning commute is awful already. I'd hate to see more."

The prospect of so many homes being built a mile away from where the Tubbs fire ignited in 2017, the density of the project and water and sewer impacts also worry her, she said.

"I think it's too big, and should be built on Grant Street or somewhere in the middle of town." The edges of Calistoga should remain rural, she said.

Margaret Law, who lives on Mitzi Drive and has been at all previous Yellow Rose Ranch meetings, was annoyed that the developer team chose a different approach to connect with residents Tuesday night.

Instead of speakers and uncomfortable seating, True

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Lakeland, Florida residents Margaret and Lewis Carter walk among a field of flags at Loggy Park Monday prior to the Veterans Day ceremony. Lewis Carter, a Vietnam veteran, said they were there to honor their daughter-in-law's father, the late Ken Laguens, a 1963 Calistoga High School graduate and a Navy vet who served in Vietnam.

Veterans Day ceremony honors men and women of the military

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While on a trip to Washington DC with his family in 1999, after visiting so many of the nation's memorials a question asked by one of his sons stuck with contractor and planning commission-

er Paul Coates.

Was there any memorial dedicated to veterans back home?

Coates returned to Calistoga and partnered with the few members left in American Legion Post 231 which was, for all purposes,

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