Student Worker Receives Internship in Washington, DC

San Antonio Office Student Worker, Krizia Martinez will be traveling to Washington D.C. this summer. Krizia was recently accepted into the internship program through the Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute. Every summer, 32 Latino undergraduate students across the nation are selected for an eight week program in the nations capitol. While in DC interns work in the offices of the members of the U.S. Congress. Interns benefit from leadership development curriculum's emphasis on work experience, community service, and learning. The three prong approach fosters critical and professional development and personal growth in participants. It begins Jun 9 to Aug 4, 2007.

TxDOT June RMC Meetings

The TxDOT Research Management Committee Meetings are scheduled for June 4-7, 2007 in San Antonio. RMC Meetings will take place at the newly open La Quinta Inn and Suites Conference Center/Medical Center. Hotel reservations should be made no later than May 1, 2007 by calling 210-541-0832. Reference the email with attachments of agendas/hotel information at Tii-bcs\log\TOGShare\RMC June07.

RMC Meeting schedules are as follows:

RMC 1- Wed Jun 6 - 10:00 - 5:00
Thu Jun 7 - 8:00 - 5:00
RMC 2 Mon Jun 4 - 1:00 - 5:00
Tue Jun 5 - 8:00 - 5:00
RMC 3 Mon Jun 4 - 1:00 - 5:00
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WELCOME
The TTI El Paso Office welcomes Gabriel Torres. Gabriel joined the office on February 12 as a Software Applications Developer III. Welcome Gabriel, to TTI!

KUDOS
Kathy Tran, Houston Office, welcomed the birth of her second child. Kayla Gia-Han Nguyen who was born on Tuesday, March 27, 2007 @ 6:37 A.M. “Gia-Han” is Vietnamese for Happy! Both Kayla and her mom are doing fine. Big brother, Erik is making the most of a new addition to the family! Kathy and her husband David live in the Dallas area, where she is able to work out of the TTI Dallas Office. In a conversation with Mike Vickich, Kathy stated the baby must be on Vietnam time because she wants to sleep during the day instead of at night.

CONGRATULATIONS
In recognition of his dedicated service, the Board of Regents of The Texas A&M University System bestowed upon Dr. Conrad Dudek the title of professor emeritus. Connie, a long-time member of the Zachry Department of Civil Engineering faculty and TTI staff, retired in August 2006 after over 40 years of service in the A&M System.

Andy Ballard, San Antonio Office, celebrated his 50th Birthday recently with the entire office offering advice on how to enjoy a birthday party! Even some Network and Information Systems folks were on hand!
Recent Travels

Bob Brydia and Gary Thomas were in Houston on Feb 13th to teach “Basics of Wireline Communications” for the TxDOT Houston District. Gary taught the course in Amarillo on Feb 27 and Corpus Christi on Mar 7. Bob taught the course in Ft. Worth on Mar 20 and Dallas on Mar 21. This training is an Implementation Project of project 0-4969 from FY06. Ten courses are being offered throughout the site.

LuAnn Theiss traveled to College Station during Feb to meet with Dean Alberson to work on a proposal to the Airport Cooperative Research Program.

Tony Voigt traveled to El Paso on Feb 15-16 to participate in pavement marking implementation.

Darrell Borchardt hosted a project 0-5619 meeting in Houston, that included Geza Pesti from the College Station office and Dazhi Sun and others from TAMU-Kingsville.

Brenda Manak was in College Station in March to participate in the TTI Day Committee meeting. More information on TOG staff who were involved in the TTI Day activities next month.

Sue Chrysler was in the TTI Houston Office from Mar 12 through Apr 6, with her research study regarding the effects of HCTRA toll road guide signs with purple backgrounds and white letters.

Interest in the results of the TCRP/NCHRP project on pedestrian treatment has provided Kay Fitzpatrick the opportunity to make presentations on the project to TexITE (Feb 2) and at the fiftieth Annual Transportation Conference for Alabama (Feb 21).

Debbie Jasek was in Dallas in Mar for the Go Girl Event; in Robstown and Kingsville for the On the Move Events. Definitely, Debbie is “on the move”!

Mike Vickich, Chris Poe, Leonard Ruback and Kevin Balke where in Austin on Mar 20 to meet with state officials regarding the intelligent transportation system for the Central Texas Turnpike Authority. Darryl Puckett attended also.

Robert Benz and Shamanth Kuchangi traveled to Austin on Mar 28 to participate in a project 0-5656 panel meeting.

Ed Seymour, Chris Poe, Beverly Kuhn, and Marsha A. Bomar attended the ITE Spring Technical Conference in San Diego in during March. Beverly gave a presentation on Planning and Designing Freeways for Congestion Management - International Scan Tour Results. Marsha moderated a session on Multimodal Congestion Mitigation Measures.

Video Data Collection - Demonstration

TTI El Paso office staff, led by Rafael Aldrete-Sanchez demonstrated traffic data collection capabilities to engineers from TxDOT El Paso district and students from University of Texas at El Paso on March 23, 2007. Rajat Rajbhandari cranked both video data collection trailers and explained the traffic video data collection process, including recording video and remote pan-tilt-zoom function using wireless. TTI staff also took the opportunity to demonstrate other in-house tools, such as microscopic and mesoscopic simulation, geographic information system etc. Jeff Shelton presented the in-house tools.
TOG Is Hiring

New positions and positions filled are listed below. Continue to share this information with your contacts. You can also forward potential names to the hiring supervisors so they can make personal contact. Applicants interested in applying for a position should go to https://tamujobs.tamu.edu/ choose “create an application” on the left side, and follow the instructions on the site to apply for the position.

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