

Dear future potential interns,

As a marketing major, I found my internship at Hawaii Bicycling League extremely beneficial. I worked with Mitchell Nakagawa in coordinating the Haleiwa Metric Century ride while also aiding in several other aspects of the organization.

The internship was very collaborative. I learned a lot of lessons and skills hands-on that I never could have in the classroom. At the same time, I was able to contribute my knowledge in marketing to the work I did.

The work is flexible and individualized. Mitchell took the time to find out my strengths and molded my work around them, while also giving me chances, tools, and guidance to improve on my weaknesses.

The HBL staff is very friendly and enthusiastic. From this experience, I discovered how important and enjoyable it is to be a part of a passionate, dedicated team that really cares about the work they do. I now know that I want to continue working in the non-profit and community sector. Working towards a goal based in benevolence rather than profitability gives a great sense of accomplishment and purpose.

Let me leave you with this:

There's an alarming trend in America of more people going to college, but are not placed in adequate jobs after graduation. Taking advantage of internship opportunities gives you job experience that will make you a top competitor in the job market and land your dream job.

You have already made the first step by looking into possible organizations. Great! I strongly recommend Hawaii Bicycling League for your internship. You'll learn skills and get an understanding of the "real world" while being a part of an amazing group of professionals to bring a positive change to Hawaii's communities.

Best wishes,

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