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Program: **Policy**

UCCS Internship Location:
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I decided to participate in the UC Center of Sacramento program because I wanted experience working in my desired field while fulfilling required classes needed for graduation. UC Center of Sacramento provided both along with additional help to prepare us for our internship experience and have us career ready.

Before entering the program, my career goals remained ambiguous. It was unclear what I planned to do upon graduation or what kind of opportunities I had, especially in the field of education. Fortunately enough, I met with many great people at my internship site, from the State Superintendent, to consultants, lawyers, directors and analysts, along with a Chief Deputy, who actually started off as a custodian. From my talks with them, I learned that there are a lot of opportunities for growth and that individuals with passion and drive can make effective change in the lives of others. I plan on becoming a teacher to gain more knowledge and experience in the educational system in California, and I hope to work my way up from there to change educational policy that can benefit the state's many disadvantaged students.

Luckily I had family in Sacramento that I was able to stay with and carpool with to Downtown Sacramento area. On days when I did not ride with my cousins, there is an option to park in the garages with a key card that allows you to park for 50 cents an hour. Many of my internship friends did live in the East Side Lofts and took public transportation to their internship site. Other friends that lived in Davis conducted a carpooling plan so wherever you plan, transportation will be available.

For students considering the UCCS program, I definitely recommend it. The program helps prepare you for a professional career and provides a policy 101 for those that are unfamiliar with governmental systems. The most fulfilling aspect of the program is that you get to work with powerful individuals that are rooting for you, as a student, to succeed. Many interns worked close by senators and assembly members. I worked with the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, who offered to write a letter of recommendation if I ever needed it. You definitely build your network of professionals and are bound to succeed in whatever aspirations you choose to dwell on.