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Home Campus: **UC Santa Barbara**

Major: **Sociology**

Program: **Journalism**

UCCS Internship Location: **California Health Report**

Why did you decide to participate in the UC Center Sacramento program?

As a graduating senior I chose to participate in the UCCS Journalism Program because it was a unique way to apply my studies and earn the remaining units I needed to graduate.

What did you most like about the program/internship?

The most valuable aspect of the program and internship was reporting and writing on subjects of interest to me. I dedicated my time to the subject of Homelessness in California. I conducted interviews with influential state representatives and agencies that devote their efforts to reducing this population in California. The most rewarding experience was interviewing an individual from a low-income housing program and gaining insight on his personal account of what being homeless in California was and how this critical social issue should be corrected.

Do you have any advice regarding housing or transportation? Did you live at the Eastside Lofts? If yes, how did that work out? How did you commute to and from your internship?

I lived at the Upper Eastside Lofts and found it very convenient and enjoyable. I lived with 3 journalism students and 3 policy students. The complex has everything you need: a pool, study room, and resident office. Majority of the time I used my car, however the transit was always available, cheap and an easy-to-use mode of transportation.

What would you say to a student who's thinking about applying to the UCCS?

Don't hesitate! The UCCS Journalism and Public Affairs Policy program is a great resume builder that provides you with professional experience, important contacts, a unique working environment and long-lasting memories.