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This past summer in Sacramento was definitely a memorable one. I participated in the UCCS Journalism Program and was able to secure an internship with the Press-Enterprise. It was a great opportunity and I was able to get a lot of hands-on experience in print journalism, which was exactly what I wanted.

The Press-Enterprise has a one-man bureau in Sacramento and so I was given a room in the UC Center as office space. The center is in downtown and right by the Capitol building, which made everything really convenient. I received my story assignments at the beginning of each week and towards the end of the week, I met with my editor again to go over what I wrote. During the week, I did research and conducted interviews in person or over the phone. I sometimes attended Assembly/Senate floor sessions or hearings-it all depended on what I was assigned. Overall, the internship was a great learning experience- but also a bit nerve-wracking because I had to step out of my comfort zone. You begin realize that you are working in a professional setting as a journalist and that your work will get published. I remember thinking to myself, "is this even a good interview question," or "I can't misquote anyone!" The internship was definitely a first step for me into the "adult" world.

I highly recommend this program to students who have an interest in pursuing journalism as a possible career path. It's a great opportunity for you to network with other students who have similar interests, improve your interviewing and writing skills, and learn about and experience the career as a whole. Whether your interests lie in print, television, or radio, you will get something out of your summer at the California state capitol.