



**Sustainable
San Mateo County**
Economy. Equity. Environment.

Sustainable San Mateo County's Interns Learn How to Shape Local Policy

Sustainable San Mateo County works closely with student interns, teaching them to research and create proven solutions for our Sustainability Ideas Bank that help cities accelerate climate action. In the process, they discover how local government works. Here's what some of our interns told us.

"My internship with SSMC was truly transformative. It ignited a passion for environmental justice and sustainable city planning and has led me to pursue a career in urban planning focused on sustainability."

—**Lizzie Avila, student at Stanford University**



"We focus on really important macro issues, but it's also important to focus on local issues because that's where a lot of change really happens. After my time at SSMC, I got really involved in my school's environmental club, and we do things like sending letters to local representatives and speaking at council meetings."

—**Colin Cham, student at The Nueva School**

"Interning at Sustainable San Mateo County taught me how to collaborate with others on a professional level."

—**Stella Wettan, student at Burlingame High School**



"Your understanding and flexibility helped me develop key professional skills. Thanks to you, I was able to learn about the importance of organization, collaboration and communication within the workplace."

—**Etaash Patel, student at The Nueva School**

"I have always been interested in sustainability but wasn't sure whether I could make a career out of it. Interning with SSMC offered a behind-the-scenes look at what it takes to foster real change and showed that, with passion, I could pursue a career in environmental advocacy."

—**Jacob Reed, student at Tulane University**



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