Expansion! A Working Opportunity...

Expansion of our program has had far reaching affects upon the young people participating in the Biotech Academy throughout the Greater Bay Area. The educational and open career opportunities, coupled with mentoring from bioscience professionals and networking within the biotech industries, continue to transform the lives of our students.

This academic year, 324 students will be directly impacted with our biotech programming and we are anticipating 88 Summer internships during Summer 2018.

The life-changing educational and workforce development opportunities provided to our students are made possible through the dedication of teachers, counselors, school administrators, biotech industry partners, volunteers and donors such as you. Together we bring awareness to the vast array of educational and career opportunities open to our young people. Thank you for your investment to help them believe in their future.

Over 70 volunteers from throughout the Greater Bay Area with science, medical, public health, law, IT and business backgrounds convened at Berkeley High School for BRAVO! 2017 to view the exciting showcase of 55 internship projects presented by the Biotech Academy interns.

Interns representing Antioch, Berkeley, Oakland Technical, and South San Francisco High Schools zealously showcased their internship projects, skill, and talent at the BRAVO! Event, Saturday, August 12, 2017.

Students overcame their academic challenges and earned a paid summer internship within local bioscience industries. During the poster competition, interns earned merit for their poster based on a variety of categories. “Judges were amazed at the professional work of these young people and were really challenged to select the winning posters,” commented Rodney Brooks, Biotech Partners Board President, who acted as this year’s Chief Judge Facilitator.

New This Fall!

U.C. Berkeley Chancellor’s Grant to Fund Tutors for National Society of Black Engineers (NSBE) Jr. Students

Bioscience Career Institute Nearly Triples New Enrollment; Adds First Cohort of Antioch BCI Students

New Partners to the Bioscience Scholarship Fund: Rotary Club of Berkeley & Aduro Biotech
Biotech Partners Welcomes New Teacher & Board Member!

Colleen Simon-O’Neill
Biotech 1/2 Teacher
Berkeley High School

Colleen received her BS in Genetics and Teaching Credentials in Biological Sciences and Chemistry from U.C. Davis. Over her 15 year career in education, she has taught high school courses in Biology, Integrated Science, Chemistry, Honors Anatomy, and English Learner Science. She spent 2 years as part of the Exploratorium Teacher Leader Institute, mentoring a small group of new science teachers by organizing monthly group meetings and running Saturday pedagogy workshops twice a year. Having been part of the Crew Team at her university, she dedicates her time as the rowing coach for young athletes at Berkeley High School.

Celeste Brooks, MBA
Business Development Executive
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We welcome Celeste Brooks, MBA, who joined our Board of Directors this Summer. Celeste as a professional has worked extensively with Bioscience companies and uses both her scientific and business knowledge within her career. She currently works as a Business Development Executive at Patheon, a Thermo Fischer Scientific Company. She is responsible for driving revenue growth for the company’s Biologics contract manufacturing business on the West Coast.

Celeste enjoys giving back to the community by volunteering for organizations that improve the lives and education of children. In addition to Biotech Partners, she has volunteered with Girls Inc., A Safe Place, and Writer’s Coach Connection. She is a member of the Berkeley Rotary where she serves on the scholarship committee and mentors a college student.

Celeste earned her Bachelors of Science in Integrative Biology at U.C. Berkeley, and her MBA with Marketing Emphasis from St. Mary’s College, Moraga. Her background in marketing in the Biotech industry will be instrumental in advancing the mission of Biotech Partners to other regions.

Congratulations to BCI Student
Kyla Henderson
for successful completion of the Bioscience Career Institute!

Mentors Rock!

Mentors are a pivotal support for our students to embrace their internship experience and gain the self-confidence to apply their learned skills within the workplace environment. Students just couldn’t say enough about the wonderful mentors they experienced while moving through their internships this past Summer. The mentors had a profound impact upon the students’ lives. Of special mention by the students were Ana Corti of the Pittsburg Water District, Lesbeth Rodriguez & Liz Speed of Bayer, and William Hart-Cooper of the USDA Agricultural Research Service.

Biotech Partners also recognizes Dorian West Blair & Wanda Stewart of East Bay Municipal Utilities District (EBMUD) as well as Jill Christofferson of Walnut Creek Veterinary Hospital for their exceptional work towards supporting the Biotech Partners 2017 Internship program.

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