Intern Plays Three Roles for County Departments
By Tiyona Pariani

College of Marin student Patrick Troubetzkoy, who likes to keep busy, is in his third internship with the County of Marin.

Patrick’s first internship was connected to the 2017 North Bay wildfires. As a Department of Finance intern, he helped ensure that time records were accurate for disaster service workers assigned to duties at Marin evacuation shelters during the fires. He reviewed stacks of Marin shelter log-in sheets, separating the names of county workers from community volunteers.

He was impressed with the number of hours that went into ensuring that fire evacuees had the shelter and services they needed while they were away from their Sonoma County homes. Patrick was motivated to complete the internship for the practical experience of working on a finance office project. His staff supervisor was Chief of Administrative Services Lisa DeCarlo. Patrick said she welcomed his questions, gave him valuable information, and offered guidance.

After successfully completing that project, Patrick began a second internship at the Assessor-Recorder’s office, looking up boat ownership records, noting missing information, and creating spreadsheets to enter the vessel information into a content-management system. Currently, he conducts online research to help confirm the status of local businesses. Patrick is mentored by Assessment-Recording Technician James Gilardi and Principal Auditor Appraiser Rick Rosales. Rick said that Patrick “has a great attitude” as he learns department systems. While Patrick gains knowledge, his efforts support equitable tax assessments, Rick said.

Patrick’s third role is with the Civic Center Volunteers (CCV) program in Human Resources. His photos graced the cover of the most recent CCV annual impact report, and he takes pictures for the Volunteer View. “Patrick is creative, reliable, and has a gift for putting his subjects at ease,” said his staff supervisor, Coordinator of Volunteers Anne Starr.

A Novato resident, Patrick plans to earn an associate’s degree and transfer to a four-year college. His interests include motorcycles, cars, photography, and football, which he

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Festival Volunteers, Interns Have Fun Promoting Health

A team of 20 volunteers greeted visitors and promoted health at the 2018 Fruit and Veggie Fest. The Health and Human Services Department’s annual event featured upbeat music by The Cocos (top right), lively dancing, a bicycle rodeo, and prizes, all in support of healthy choices. HHS Clinical Psychologist Marisol Munoz-Kiehne emceed. Nearly 400 people enjoyed the May 19 event at the Wellness Campus in east San Rafael.

Who’s New & Welcome!

Kenzo Bouayad (San Anselmo), Teen Advisory Group Intern, Fairfax Library
Nancy Carlisle (Novato), Fire Lookout, Fire Department
Abrina Carlos (San Rafael), Law Intern, Public Defender
Alexis Dye (Berkeley), Pre-Low Intern, District Attorney
Michael Fischer (Mill Valley), Fire Lookout, Fire Department
Owen Gump (Fairfax), Archivist, Civic Center Library

Ann Ivan (Santa Rosa), Fire Lookout, Fire Department
Ulla-Britt Jonsson (San Rafael), Facilitator, Community Development Agency
Drew Levy (Sonoma), Fire Lookout, Fire Department
Catherine McGibben (Fairfax), Teen Advisory Group Intern, Fairfax Library
Sean O’Leary (San Rafael), Fire Lookout, Fire Department
Rachael “Autumn” Robertson (San Francisco), CAPA Nursing Student, Health & Human Services

Abigail Schultz (Woodacre), Teen Advisory Group Intern, Fairfax Library
Antoinette Silva (Oakland), CAPA Nursing Student, Health & Human Services
Aline Tanielian (Novato), Housing Intern, Community Development Agency
Steven Virshup (Novato), Fire Lookout, Fire Department
Disaster Drill: Volunteers and Staff Get Ready

With the Big One in mind, those who would be called during a large earthquake gathered for an all-day "Shaking Marin" exercise May 23 at the Sheriff’s Emergency Operations Center. Fire, law enforcement, public works, public health, and nonprofit staff and volunteers took part. They practiced scenarios that included radio messages, a shift change, public information duties, high demands on hospitals, and much more.

Volunteer Spencer Robert, standing at top right, monitors a screen during the quake drill. He began as an intern with the Sheriff’s Office of Emergency Services (OES) and after graduate school became a volunteer. Jeff Young, in yellow vest at right, is an eight-year member of the amateur radio team that supports emergency communications. Both the radio and OES teams are recruiting; call Civic Center Volunteers at 415-473-7167 for details.

Patrick takes photos to illustrate a Volunteer View article.

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played four years in high school, plus three years of semi-pro and two years of flag. He played outside linebacker in high school, then switched to wide receiver for semi-pro and flag football. He also has coached high school junior varsity wide receivers. Though not currently playing, he applies teamwork and discipline to all areas of his life.

Patrick said his time at the County of Marin offers valuable experience and opportunities to make workplace connections he hadn’t realized were possible until he became an intern.

Students interested in county internships are welcome to contact Civic Center Volunteers Internships Coordinator Joy Fossett at jfossett@marincounty.org.
Happy Anniversary!

We congratulate these volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries this month and thank them for their involvement.

38 YEARS
Michael St. John (Fairfax), Search & Rescue Volunteer, Sheriff’s Office

34 YEARS
Brian Saunders (San Rafael), Administrative Aide, Finance Department

26 YEARS
Jason Downing (Tomales), Volunteer Tomales Assistant Chief Firefighter, Fire Department

24 YEARS
Robert Eichstaedt (Larkspur), Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks

22 YEARS
Kevin Parkhurst (Rohnert Park), Steward, Marin County Parks

16 YEARS
Maureen Blumenthal (Inverness), Shelver, Inverness Library

15 YEARS
John Polman (Corte Madera), Driver, Fire Department

14 YEARS
Carole Sherick (San Rafael), Library Beyond Walls (LBW) Liaison, Library
Frank Cox (San Rafael), Office of Emergency Services Auxiliary Volunteer, Sheriff’s Office

13 YEARS
Evelyn Jaffe (Tiburon), LBW Liaison, Library

12 YEARS
Jacqueline Ford (Novato), LBW Liaison, Library

11 YEARS
Corinne Downing (Tomales), Volunteer Tomales Firefighter, Fire Department

10 YEARS
Jackson Ratcliffe (Corte Madera), Steward, Marin County Parks

9 YEARS
Jeri Ireland (Novato), Patrol, Marin County Parks
Debra Ziegler (Corte Madera), Shelver, Corte Madera Library
Colleen Fulkerson (Antioch), Fire Lookout, Fire Department

8 YEARS
Sean Seely (San Anselmo), Fire Lookout, Fire Department
Jeff Young (Santa Rosa), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service/Auxiliary Communications Service (RACES/ACS) Volunteer, Sheriff’s Office

7 YEARS
Norine Smith-Dickson (Forest Knolls), John Beckerley (San Geronimo), Fire Lookouts, Fire Department
Josefina Perez (San Rafael), Senior Peer Counselor, Health & Human Services (HHS)

6 YEARS
David Atkin (San Anselmo), Michelle Baucke (Fairfax), Sunita Dutt (Sausalito), Larry Levy (San Francisco), Ethan Ligon (Berkeley), Elijah Post (San Francisco), Tom Ryan (Novato), Brad Silen (Mill Valley), Fire Lookouts, Fire Department

4 YEARS
Rusty Howson (Mill Valley), Steward, Marin County Parks
Betty Obata (San Anselmo), Administrative Aide for General Relief Programs, HHS

3 YEARS
Stan Green (Greenbrae), Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) Volunteer, HHS
Kathy Norwood (Fairfax), Information & Assistance Volunteer, HHS

2 YEARS
Ronald Bruno (Corte Madera), Steward, Marin County Parks
Willem van Dam (Novato), Trail Maintenance, Marin County Parks
Deborah Stephenson (Mill Valley), FAST Volunteer, HHS

1 YEAR
Achinthya Poduval (Greenbrae), Teen Coding Instructor, Corte Madera Library
Katie Smith (Petaluma), Marin Teen Girl Conference Coordinator Intern, Human Resources
Isabelle Zuroske (San Anselmo), Student in Parks Volunteer, Marin County Parks
Ellen Shebadeh (Inverness), English as a Second Language Tutor, Point Reyes Library