

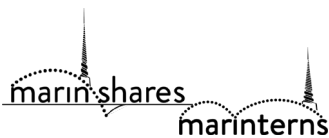
VOLUNTEER NOTES

Where Are They Now?

We have news about two past Marinterns participants:

Sierra Stephens is always on the move! A former Board of Supervisors District 2 intern, she has completed a Fulbright grant in Spain. Now in Germany as a fellow with the Congress-Bundestag Youth Exchange for Young Professionals, she is learning German, studying at a German university, and completing an internship with a German company.

Former Board of Supervisors intern **Noah Marty** has graduated from Sacramento State University, where he was active in student government—including as student body president. Next up is work with the California State Legislature. He has been selected as a fellow in the Jesse M. Unruh Assembly Fellowship Program starting in October. Noah said his Marin internship with Supervisor **Katie Rice's** District 2 team was "such a great experience for me. It helped shape my interest in government and politics."



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Intern Helps Probationers While Exploring Career Options

By Tiyona Pariani

A passion for helping others drives intern **Bryana Alvarez** to serve in the Marin County Probation Department's pretrial unit assisting probation officers and learning about the field.

As a college intern with the Adult Probation division, Bryana is responsible for updating court dates and using the Promise program for defendant check-ins. Promise is a case-manager program used in the pretrial unit. It reminds defendants to address tasks, such as court dates. It also helps officers communicate with defendants.

Bryana also helps with inventory for GPS and TAD devices. TADs are transdermal alcohol-detection devices that can sense and measure alcohol in a person's body. She sets up the installations and assists officers with entering information into Promise.

Bryana is a student at Sonoma State University. It was difficult to find an internship during the pandemic, but she managed to with the help of Probation Supervisor for Safety **Terry Wright**, her internship supervisor.

"Bryana has taken advantage of the opportunity to learn about what a career in probation entails," said Terry. "She works very closely with our officers and we are fortunate to have her with us."

Born and raised in Santa Rosa, Bryana graduated from Santa Rosa High School in 2016 and attended Santa



Bryana Alvarez

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Rosa Junior College, earning an associate degree in social and behavioral science and another in administration of justice. She went on to Sonoma State University and expects to attain her BA in criminal justice and criminology in December. Her educational experience has taught her time management and effective communication.

Outside her internship, Bryana has been a nanny for over six years. She also works at a winery in Healdsburg. She spends her leisure time with friends and family, at the beach, and hiking.

Her biggest takeaway from interning at the county is how rewarding, yet challenging, the job is.

"One of my favorite things as an intern is how predictable the job is,

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but also how unpredictable it can be,” she said. “The individuals who come in are going through difficult times, but you can never predict the life stories you will hear, or the type of people you will meet.”

Attending office visits and observing interactions between probation officers and defendants fascinates Bryana. She notes both the differences and the similarities in staff members’ work

styles and has learned that effective communication and the ability to read body language are essential skills.

Asked about her goals, Bryana responded, “In five years, I see myself working as a probation officer, hopefully for Marin County. I’m excited to see what the future holds. I truly have a passion for helping others, and I’m eager to help individuals succeed through difficult times in their life.”

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Happy Anniversary

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

20 YEARS

Frank Klebanoff, (Novato), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service/Auxiliary Communications Services (RACES/ACS) Volunteer, Marin County Sheriff’s Office (MCSO)

Dennis Sarantopoulos (Tomas), Volunteer Tomas Firefighter, Marin County Fire

18 YEARS

Gary Thomas (San Rafael), Air Patrol Volunteer, MCSO

17 YEARS

John Sergeant (Fairfax), Library Beyond Walls (LBW) Liaison, Marin County Free Library

16 YEARS

Kalen Leer (Stinson Beach), LBW Liaison, Marin County Free Library

14 YEARS

Lee Spiegel (Corte Madera), LBW Liaison, Marin County Free Library

13 YEARS

Donald Jennings (San Rafael), Fire Lookout, Marin County Fire

11 YEARS

Tom Boss (Forest Knolls), **Leo Coppeta** (Mill Valley), Patrol Volunteers, Marin County Parks (Parks)

Kathryn Mitchell-Ball (San Rafael), Volunteer Attorney, District Attorney’s Office

9 YEARS

Betty Obata (Mill Valley), Administrative Assistant, Health and Human Services (HHS)

8 YEARS

Salamah Locks (San Rafael), Financial Abuse Specialist Team (FAST) Volunteer, HHS

Virginia Simpson-Magruder (Novato), Patrol Volunteer, Parks

7 YEARS

Jeff Davidson (Novato), **Clint Mason** (Petaluma), Fire Lookouts, Marin County Fire

Eleanor Lau (Petaluma), Graphic Design Consultant and Frankly Speaking Proofreader, Human Resources

6 YEARS

Sarah Brewster (Woodacre), **Carl Miller** (Lagunitas), **Mel Wright** (Woodacre), Stewards, Parks

Alan Lubow (Lagunitas), **Phil Sotter** (Woodacre), **William ‘Bill’ Teufel** (San Geronimo), **Jane Gould** (Tiburon), Open Space Stewards, Parks

Sally Hutchinson (Inverness), **Carl Miller** (Lagunitas), Senior Peer Counselors, HHS

Michael Koonce (Berkeley), Air Patrol Volunteer, MCSO

5 YEARS

Shay Cook (Concord), **Wendy Dalia** (Mill Valley), **April Kelly** (Mill Valley), **Kevin Lundquist** (Dublin), **Paul Tewhill** (Corte Madera), **Michelle Tripp** (Mill Valley), Marin Search & Rescue Volunteers, MCSO

Roan Burns (San Rafael), **Emma Lauter** (Fairfax), Marin Search & Rescue Youth Volunteers, MCSO

Paula Kirkbride (San Rafael), Veterans Services Outreach Assistant, HHS

4 YEARS

Phil Danskin (Sonoma), California Room Map Archive Docent, Researcher, and Cataloger, Civic Center Library

Jacqueline ‘Jackie’ Whelan (Corte Madera), Consumer Mediator, District Attorney’s Office

3 YEARS

Scott Harrop (San Rafael), Marinfo NOW Newsletter Writer, Human Resources

Jessica Taylor (Point Reyes Station), Adopt-A-Spot Point Reyes, Department of Public Works

2 YEARS

Dayle Reilly (Novato), California Room Archive Assistant, Civic Center Library

Who's New & Welcome!

Ayanna Berg (San Rafael), Project Lead Intern, Board of Supervisors

Andrea Bolanos (Fullerton), Nutrition Wellness Program Intern, Health & Human Services (HHS)

Pegan Brooke (Bollinas), Shelver, Stinson Beach Library

Sandia Castro (Novato), Marin Center Usher, Cultural Services

Daniel Christian (Novato), Chaplain, Marin County Sheriff's Office (MCSO)

Madeline Dabbah (San Rafael), Newsletter Writer Intern, Human Resources

Larnell France (Hayward), Golden Gate University Law Fellow and Post-Bar Law Clerk, District Attorney's Office

Marjorie Grannan (Mill Valley), Newsletter Writer, Human Resources

Claudia Heikhaus (Crockett), California Room Volunteer Archivist, Civic Center Library

Greta Herman (Larkspur), Immigration Law High School Intern, Public Defender's Office

Paul Hinz (Novato), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service/Auxiliary Communications Service (RACES/ACS) Volunteer, MCSO

Isabella Janes (San Rafael), Nutrition Wellness and Oral Health Intern, HHS

Heather Johnson (Santa Rosa), Social Work Intern, HHS

Lauren Kershenbaum (Berkeley), Americorps VISTA RxSafe Marin Volunteer, HHS

Zoe McDonough (San Rafael), Clean Marin Intern, Department of Public Works

Michael Melton (Santa Rosa), Post-Bar Intern, Public Defender's Office

Elliot Millerd-Taylor (Oakland), Post-Bar Law Clerk, Public Defender

Jenny Munoz (American Canyon), Social Work Intern, HHS

Desiree Orozco (Roseville), Homelessness Summit Intern, HHS

Elizabeth Robinson (Bollinas), Shelver, Bollinas Library

Raha Shahroodi (San Francisco), Nutrition Wellness Program Intern, HHS

Jermaine Slaughter Jr. (Greenbrae), IST Intern, Information Services & Technology

Steve Toquinto (Novato), RACES/ACS Volunteer, MCSO

Jessica Yu (San Jose), Post-Bar Intern, Public Defender's Office

Mt. Tam Birthday Trek

While serving an otherwise routine volunteer shift in the Mt. Tamalpais Lookout Tower, Fire Lookout Drew Levy spotted a local resident at the base of the tower and snapped her photo. The resident, who hikes up the mountain every August 10 to mark her birthday, didn't give her name, but Drew learned that she just turned 72 and has trekked to the mountaintop each birthday for 30 years. Next year, the lookout on duty will have to remember to be waiting with a cake!



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