

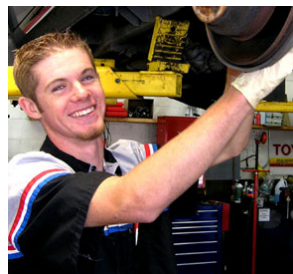
# ROP Auto Interns Prepare for Their Future



Kurtis Lunardi interned at Fitzpatrick Chevrolet

How does internship experience compare to classroom learning? One major difference is the “real world” setting.

“It’s fun,” says Kurtis Lunardi, a senior at Alhambra High who interned at Fitzpatrick Chevrolet this summer. “It’s an opportunity to learn about automotive technology in an actual job. I’ve never had a job before, so this is a good experience. It teaches you what a real job is, like the real world would be.” High school students in ROP-AYES Auto Tech classes get a chance to apply for summer jobs with local dealers and auto shops, getting classroom credits as well as hard-earned cash in the summer internship program.



Jesse Buckner at Hagin's Automotive

This internship program “is the most valuable thing I’ve done in 20 years of education,” says Tim Bruder, ROP Auto Tech Instructor at Alhambra High.

Allen Woods  
Concord BMW



The service manager at Diablo Lincoln-Mercury, Darrell Cooper, is an enthusiastic supporter of the ROP summer internship program. “It’s a great program,” he says. “It gives value to the shop and it gives value to the intern. It’s cost effective.”

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*—ROP Instructor*

Fitzpatrick Chevrolet’s service manager, Tom Mimiaga, agrees. “I think it’s a great idea to give kids some guidance and help them decide what they want to pursue in life. If you like cars and you know it at an early age, you can set the foundation to pursue your goals.”

## ROP Radio KVHS Broadcasts Live

Students in Melissa Wilson’s ROP Radio Broadcasting class at Clayton Valley High broadcast live from the County Fair last June.

(Photo by Barro’s Photography)



## ROP Student Writes Winning Grant



ROP Journalism students Zally Ahmadi and Austin Allen from Clayton Valley High accept a check from *Contra Costa Times* editor Chris Lopez while instructor Lisa Shafer looks on.

The Clayton Valley *Talon* “is one of our favorite high school newspapers,” said *Contra Costa Times* editor Chris Lopez, as he handed ROP Journalism students a check for \$1,500 last June. This was a grant from the California Newspaper Publishers Association.

ROP student Austin Allen, holding the check in this photo, wrote the winning grant, and said the money will be used for camera equipment for the school newspaper.