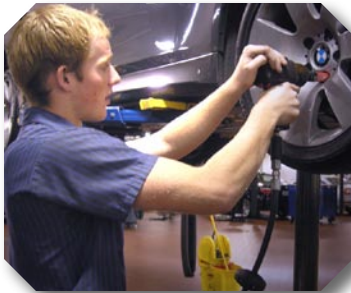


## ROP Auto Technology Internships Lead to Real Jobs

Last year Chris Bloxsom was an ROP Auto Technology student at **Alhambra High** who had an internship at Concord BMW. This year he is a full-time employee.

“The cool part about it is I had a short cut to get in here,” he says. “The internship was my short cut. It saved me a lot of money and time, because I didn’t have to get additional training. I’m in the field I wanted to be in and this is where I wanted to go.”



Chris Bloxsom  
Concord BMW

“I love working here,” says Blake Bonner, an **Alhambra High** graduate now working at Walnut Creek Honda. “It’s a great experience. I’m really happy I did the internship last year, because it helped me get a job right out of high school.”

The ROP-AYES internship program is invaluable, Blake adds. “Anybody who wants to work on cars should take advantage of the internship program, because you get to do what you want to do and you learn a lot.”

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Felix Elizondo, another ROP graduate from **Alhambra High** who got a full-time job out of high school, works at Concord BMW.

“I think the internship helped me get the job because I was able to show them I was motivated to work on cars, and I put effort into it,” he says. “I like my job. It’s a good experience.”



Alicia Molder  
Concord BMW

*“They believed in me.”*

*—ROP Graduate*

“The ROP Program really helped me,” says Alicia Molder, the first female auto technician to work at Concord BMW. “It got my foot in the door.”

While in high school, Alicia took ROP Auto Technology from Tim Bruder at **Alhambra High**, and had an after-school job at Concord BMW.

“I worked hard for nine months and showed them what I could do.”

After graduation, Alicia was accepted into BMW’s Service Technician Education Program, which includes a scholarship to Wyotech.

“They believed in me,” she says. “I really thank Vicki Southers (the service manager) and BMW so much.”

## ROP Marketing Student Wins Award



Jamison Hill displays winning poster with his mom at California Pacific Federal Credit Union

Jamison Hill, a senior in Michael Doigny’s ROP Marketing class at **Alhambra High** last year, won a competition worth \$1,000 for his advertising design from California Pacific Federal Credit Union. His poster will be on display at the credit union’s branches.

## ROP Video Field Trip to Oakland Zoo



Students from Justin Seligman’s ROP Advanced Video Production class at **Campolindo High** took a field trip last spring to the Oakland Zoo for a two-day production shoot. They received a \$3,000 grant from the Moraga Education Foundation.

