

# City of Walnut Creek Attracts Dynamic Summer ROP Interns



Robin Huey  
Police Dept.



Tiffany Hsu  
Police Dept.



Selena An  
City Manager's Office



Brian Hennessy  
Business Licenses Dept.



Matt Del Bel  
Business Licenses Dept.



Nicole Esposito  
Traffic and Engineering Dept.

ROP and the City of Walnut Creek have teamed up to provide a summer job/internship program where students earn both money and school credits.

“The intern program is not only an opportunity for interns to have a meaningful work experience and learn about local government, but it provides an excellent workforce for the City,” says Renee Zeimer, who works in the City Manager’s Office for the City of Walnut Creek. “Our interns are top notch. I don’t know what we’d do without them.”

Robin Huey, a senior at **Northgate High** who interned in the Police Department, says, “It’s great to work with all the people here. They’re knowledgeable and friendly.”

Robin says she learned about city government, office skills, telephone etiquette, and “how you approach people when they come up to see you and they have a problem.”

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Office Brian Isaacson, commenting on the progress Robin made during her internship, says, “Now she can handle people with confidence.”

Selena An, a graduate of **Las Lomas High** who will be going to the University of California at Berkeley, interned in the City Manager’s Office. “I love my internship here at the City,” she says. “The program has really given me insight into not only how the city organization works, but also how the city interacts with the community.”

Nicole Esposito, a graduate of **Las Lomas High** who will be going to Cal Poly San Luis Obispo, interned in the Traffic and Engineering Department. Since she plans on majoring in Engineering, this was a good fit. “It’s helped me a lot to see the types of things I’ll be doing in the future in the field of engineering,” she says.

## Teacher of the Year



Kim O’Leary  
Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year

**Kim O’Leary**, ROP Sports Medicine teacher at **Antioch High**, was named local Wal-Mart Teacher of the Year last May and is now in the running for National Teacher of the Year. “I love teaching,” she says. “It’s wonderful. I like helping kids and helping them think about their future. I can’t see myself doing anything else.”

ROP provides a good learning environment for students, she says. “Kids thrive in that environment. It’s hands-on. They see it, they touch it, they do it—and they get it.”

## Congratulations

Congratulations to **Tug Sezen**, ROP Web Design teacher, for being named Teacher of the Year at **Freedom High**.

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