

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES ANNOUNCES ITS 2012 INTERNS

Students with disabilities from across the country in D.C. to work in government, non-profit, and private sectors

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WASHINGTON, DC — The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) is pleased to announce that the 2012 AAPD summer internship program has begun. For 10 weeks, students and recent graduates with disabilities from across the country are contributing their skills and talents to employers across Washington, DC.

The Program, which is possible thanks to the generous contributions of Walmart and Mitsubishi Electric America Foundation, coordinates internships on Capitol Hill, in the executive branch agencies, non-profits, and the private sector. Internship alumni have gone on to successful careers in the fields of their choice.

The AAPD summer internship program gives the participating interns real-world work experience and helps them establish professional networks that will benefit them far into the future. Over the summer, the interns demonstrate to public and private employers that employees with disabilities are solid prospects as members of the workforce.

The 2012 AAPD Summer Interns are:

Intern Placement

Shawn Bryant	Minority Leader Pelosi
Allie Cannington	USAID Office of Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment
Cory Clements	Federal Communications Commission
Donald Coons	US Department of Agriculture – Agricultural Marketing Service
Jameson Crane	Rep. Cathy McMorris-Rodgers
Angela Davis	Interfaith Disability Advocacy Coalition
Judith Dickinson	Institute for Educational Leadership
Zoe Gross	Senator Harkin
Melissa Gurman	Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped
Carrie Hall	US Department of Agriculture – Food Safety and Inspection Service

Paul Heddings	Rep. Jim Sensenbrenner
Elizabeth Heideman	United Spinal
Rochelle Honey	JBS International
Stephanie Johnston	Rep. Steny Hoyer and The National Law Center on Homelessness and Poverty
Dwight Kelly	National Council on Disability
Krystan Lenhard	Department of Homeland Security - Headquarters
Rodney Maiden	Rehabilitation Services Administration
Rachel Manis	Department of Transportation – Office of Civil Rights and Jewish Federation of North America
Prerak Mehta	National Disability Rights Network
Martina Ming	Disability Rights International
Bonnie Prestridge	Department of Labor – Office of Disability Employment Policy
Benjamin Salentine	National Council on Aging
Robert Stewart	Department of Homeland Security – CHCO Office
Phred Swain-Sugarman	NBC 4
Tiffany Swoish	Walmart Federal Government Relations Office
Theresa Taylor	Rehabilitation Services Administration
Jessica Tourtellotte	National Council on Independent Living
Frances Vhay	Office of Personnel Management – Office of Diversity and Inclusion
Ross Yellin	US Access Board

The 2012 interns were selected on the basis of a written application and competitive interview process.

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The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD), the country's largest disability membership association, organizes the disability community to be a powerful force for change – politically, economically, and socially. AAPD was founded in 1995 to help unite the diverse community of people with disabilities, including their family, friends and supporters, and to be a national voice for change in implementing the goals of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). To learn more, visit the AAPD Web site: www.aapd.com.