Former Legislative Interns

UW Tacoma Legislative Interns, 2010

**Joseph Atkinson** – Washington State Legislature (with Senators Bob McCaslen & Randi Becker)

**Stacy Donahue** – Washington State Legislature (with Representatives Sam Hund & Zack Hudgins)

**Rita Houseiny** – Washington State Legislature (with Senator Joseph Zarelli)

**Traci Kelly** – Senate Democratic Caucus Press Office for Washington State Legislature

**Haley McConnell** – Washington State Legislature (with Senator Mike Carrell)

**Emily Olson** – Washington State Legislature (with Senator Karen Fraser)

**Christopher Pilch** – Washington State Legislature (with Representatives Richard Debolt, Glenn Anderson, Doug Ericksen & Norm Johnson)

**Rob Stevens** – Washington State Legislature (with Senator Jim Kastema)

**Abby Sweeney** – Washington State Legislature (with Representatives Ross Hunter & Roger Goodman)

**Jasmine Wolfe** – Washington State Legislature (Senator Val Stevens)
Testimonials from Former UW Tacoma Interns

“This was a once in a lifetime experience, and I would recommend it to anyone who has a strong drive to succeed and is willing to work hard. It wasn’t always easy, but the entire experience was extremely fun, rewarding and unforgettable.” – Joseph Atkinson

“Witnessing state government in action – right in the middle of it all – is such a unique experience. It has provided me with a wealth of knowledge and understanding of how our government operates and the issues that matter most to our state.” – Stacy Donahue

“I loved being a part of the legislative process, specifically doing research that contributed to bill amendments and my Senator’s public testimony. I enjoyed being around a concentrated group of people who were highly intelligent and shared my passion for the political process.” – Haley McConnell

“I don’t mean to sound clichéd or anything but this internship was truly a life changing experience. I made amazing friends down there and met great people that I just didn’t want to leave. I am going back to Olympia next session to work for Senator Zarelli again. I guess I can’t get enough of Olympia!” – Rita Housseiny

“If you have any interest in how local government works and the people involved in making it work, this internship can’t be beat. It can help you determine how you can play an active role in the process.” – Traci Kelly
“My office was an incredibly positive work, learning, and social environment. The advice I would give to the next round of interns is not to be worried about how little you may know about state government before you get down there, as it all makes sense in about two weeks.” – Emily Olson

“I would recommend this internship to any student who wants to learn more about representative democracy, state government, or public policy. This internship is an invaluable experience for anyone who hopes to write public policy or work for local government.” – Christopher Pilch

“This internship was one of the most memorable and educational experiences of my college career. I learned how state government works in ways that one would only be able to know by being immersed in the culture and process.” – Rob Stevens

“This internship solidified my respect for public service. I would highly recommend this internship to any person who is interested in our political process.” – Abby Sweeny

I learned a lot of great things about politics in the classroom at UWT, but this internship allowed me to apply my knowledge for the first time in ways that, as a student of political science, were invaluable to my overall undergraduate experience.” – Jasmine Wolfe
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2009
Brett Bettesworth
Meagan Cassou
Adam Fitzsimmons
Ashley Peterson
Crista Cohen
Jeremy Walstead
John Wheeler
Kristen Wolle

2008
Anthony Orlandini
Rachael Brown-Kendall
Samantha Adams
Brittani Hoeks
Ashley Martin

2007
Nathanial Bruce
Robert Dooley
Arif Jamal
Kristy Pathakis
Lindsay Westnedge
Dorian Whitford
Jonathan Stephenson

2006
John Alexander
Chris Bentley
Tom Burke
Vanessa Hill
Donald Knoop
Michael Davidson
Natasha Hines

2005
Charlie Babine
Matt Meacham
Jordan Steveson

2004
Levi Larson