

PIIE 2011 Intern Quotes

“The overall experience has left me excited for my career. The internship has given me more concrete skills I can offer, which is very valuable for me as an Arts and Sciences major. **I would highly recommend the PIIE program** to anyone interested in internships revolving around serving their communities. This program makes such internships, which tend to be volunteer positions, more feasible for students at CU who need to make money while getting work experience”

-Chris Martin, The Nature Conservancy

“**In almost four months with the Beanstalk Foundation I learned more than I could have expected to learn in four years.** My internship not only taught me career skills, but also a way of life. I owe each minute of my incredible experience to your generosity; thank you for supporting my work and tremendous personal growth this summer”

-Hannah Smith, Beanstalk Foundation

“**My learning objectives for this internship were met above and beyond.** Because of my experience at Boulder Housing Partners I have an entirely new conception of what social services entail and feel inspired to pursue a career in this area. I am extremely thankful to the PIIE program for offering me this invaluable learning experience”

-Erica Dixon, Boulder Housing Partners

“**The PIIE program was great for networking.** I was exposed to so many different resources and people that really opened my eyes to all the possibilities in the workplace.”

-Mara MacKillop, Boulder Housing Partners

“I know that the experience, skills, knowledge and connections that I gained this summer are going to be more valuable to me in the future than I can even comprehend right now. I want you to know that I truly appreciate the incredible opportunity I was given this summer to grow and learn as a professional. **It has been a truly life-shaping experience.**”

-Samantha Kobbe, NCSL

“So many people must put their public service on hold to follow the classical approach to life of making money and being comfortable. **The PIIE program is an outlet for those of us who wish to serve our whole lives, not just the leftovers.**”

-Natalie Steffen, Boulder Humane Society

“I don't know where I will be 5, 10 or 20 years from now, **but there is one thing of which I am sure: that the PIIE internship has been a vital component of my college education.** It has and will continue to serve as an instrumental building block in my later life.”

-Lynnette Schweimler, Boulder Valley Women's Health Center

"I feel like every day I was able to learn something new about a different subject in sustainability, which will **be a big help once I get my career rolling.**"

-Matthew Klahn, Natural Capitalism Solutions

"I had one of the most rewarding internship experiences this summer. I will definitely keep in touch with Green Grants and hope to work for them after graduation. None of this would have been possible if it weren't for PIIE and **I hope this program continues to help students like me for many years to come.**"

-Sabina Bastias

PIIE 2011 Supervisor Quotes

"Hannah was very attentive and provided intelligent input to every discussion. We loved having her around. **Her positivity was infectious!**"

-Kristen Phelps, Beanstalk Foundation

"The nature of the job at Boulder Housing Partners required Erica to be creative and adaptable to changing situations. She demonstrated these abilities in her work and we were very pleased with her."

-Anna Johnson, Boulder Housing Partners

"Mara is a bright light with lots of personal confidence and the ability to do creative thinking and critical problem solving. **She is a delight to work with.** With her positive attitude and additional experience she will become a polished professional in whatever profession she chooses"

-Anna Johnson, Boulder Housing Partners

"Sam is quite an exceptional young professional. While not only being smart, driven, independent and an excellent writer, she has a wonderful attitude toward her work and has a lovely, friendly demeanor. We all loved her in the Criminal Justice Program. **We will miss her work and know she will go far in life. We were lucky to have her with us this summer.**"

-Sarah Hammond, NCSL

"Natalie was a great addition to our team and we really appreciated her help this summer. **I hope that she got as much enjoyment from her internship as we did!**"

-Kim Terlau, Boulder Humane Society

"Matt has been great. We really enjoyed having him. **He keeps surprising us with his ingenuity, thoughtfulness and hard work ethic.**"

-Lily Thaisz, Natural Capitalism Solutions

"Sabina showed passion for the work she took. She is great, especially considering that she is only in her second year of college."

-Baohua Yan, Global Green Grants