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**COVID-19 Won't Interrupt Yolo DA's Summer Legal Intern Program**  
The DA's office welcomes 5 summer interns and a volunteer attorney.

(Woodland, CA) – May 27, 2020 – In spite of COVID-19, the Yolo County District Attorney's Office will host five legal interns over the summer. Due to COVID-19, many DAs' offices across the state and country have delayed, discontinued, or scaled back their summer intern programs. Fortunately, due to Yolo DA's progressive technology, it will be able to continue hosting summer interns. Chief Deputy Jonathan Raven, who oversees the program stated, "We are thrilled to welcome the addition of five legal interns from UC Davis King Hall and McGeorge School of Law. It will be an exciting challenge to conduct all business remotely. These new members of our DA team bring a tremendous amount of talent and a diverse array of life experiences to the table."

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Legal interns will conduct all of their work remotely including conducting research, writing motions, and "appearing" in court via Zoom. The DA's office just started its two-week intern training program using Zoom. The training will include a brown bag lunch with Judge David Rosenberg through Zoom. Also, each intern has been assigned a mentor. On Monday, May 18, interns came to the office to sign paperwork. The office set them up in desks, all 6 feet or more apart, and they wore facial coverings. Raven swore them in being mindful of social distancing (see attached photo).

Gustavo Figueroa is a returning intern who is entering his third year at McGeorge. He was born and raised in Yuba City, California as the son of a Mexican immigrant father and a Mexican-American mother. He attended UC Santa Barbara and graduated with a degree in Psychology in 2018. While at UCSB, he was involved with the community service organization Hermanos Unidos and worked in the Recreational Center as a fitness assistant. His hobbies include watching or playing sports (mainly football, soccer and basketball), working out, catching up on Game of Thrones, or making and selling R&B instrumentals.

Matthew Lanthier is entering his second year at King Hall. He grew up in San Mateo with his parents, two younger brothers and rescue pup, Bailey. He attended UC Santa Barbara immediately after high school, graduating with a history degree in 2018. After commissioning through the ROTC program at UCSB, he spent five (very cold) months in Missouri finishing his training as an MP in the California Army National Guard. In the months immediately preceding law school, he worked in the ranger unit of a Bay Area open space agency. He boasts that he's easily distracted by dogs and episodes of Cheers on Netflix.

Rose Reinacher is entering her second year at King Hall. She grew up in a small town in New Hampshire, where her mother still teaches at a local school and her family lives within walking and biking distance of several farms. As an undergrad, she attended Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and majored in German and Government. During college she worked with several organizations through Georgetown's Center for Social Justice, including as a manager for an English language access and tutoring program. She also studied abroad in Berlin, Germany, and wrote her honors thesis in German. She enjoys practicing yoga, writing, and watching reality TV.

Stephanie Allen is entering her second year at McGeorge. She was born and raised here in Northern California. She lived in El Dorado Hills until she graduated high school. After High School, she moved to New Hampshire to live with her dad. She returned to Sacramento in 2008 and soon began working full-time in low-income housing property management and compliance. She met her husband and had her son before deciding to go back to school in 2014. In 2018 she graduated from Arizona State University with bachelor's degrees in political science and religious studies. When she is not studying, she is usually busy teaching her 6-year-old son how to read and playing games with him. In a rare moment of downtime, she enjoys binge-watching home renovation TV shows and cooking shows with her husband who pretends to enjoy them too.

Yuliy Tsymbal is entering his third year at McGeorge. He was born in Ukraine and moved with his family to Sacramento when he was five years old. He still visits Ukraine every summer to run Summer English Camps in the beautiful village of Temnohaytsi. He went to UC Davis for his undergraduate degree in Managerial Economics. He brags that he drinks a lot of tea (it's a Slavic thing) and a decent amount of coffee. He loves exploring new Thai food places and finding the best ratio of cheap prices to best quality food.

The DA's office also welcomes back Negar Tager as a volunteer attorney. She recently was admitted to the CA Bar. She worked as a legal intern in the office for the past year. She is Turkish-Iranian-Australian-American. She has a Bachelor and Master's degree in Architecture, a Master's degree in International Relations and Master's degree in Project Management. She speaks Turkish, Farsi (Persian), English, and some French. She is a tea-drinker, an e-reader addict, and she says she's unable to catch a ball, but is an expert in catching sarcasm.

The Yolo DA's office is looking forward to an exciting and ground-breaking summer with the five legal interns and new volunteer attorney.

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