



Blueprint Internship

Adrian, Emely, Steve, Naomi, Eric, Christian
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About Christian

- I play guitar and video games.
- I can be very Dependable.
- I'm Dedicated in my work.
- I'm a very Curious person.
- I love spending time with my Family and Friends.



About Emely

- I am a hardworking and responsible student.
- I enjoy spending time with friends and family.
- I love listening to music and watching Netflix shows in my free time.
- I always try my best in school.
- My goal is to graduate and finish every field I have my mind set on.



About Adrian

- I am a rising Junior attending Francisco Bravo Medical Magnet HS.
- I run track & field, where I specifically run the 110m and 300m hurdles.
- I hope to one day become an aerospace or mechanical engineer.
- I love the outdoors and spending time with the people closest to me.



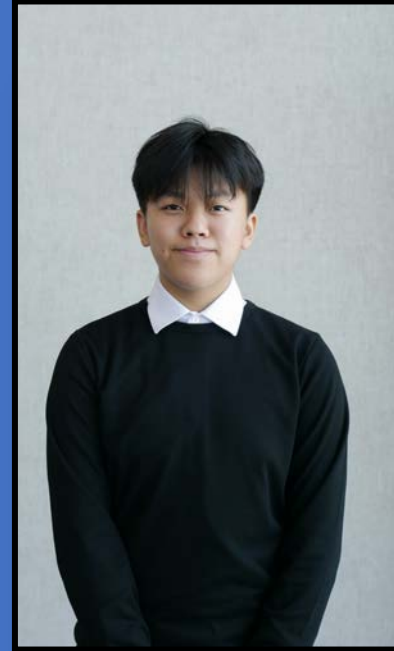
About Steve Cornejo

- I am a rising senior at Alliance Ouchi Highschool
- I have a interest in the Finance and Construction Industry
- I have built a financial literacy app
- I built a model bridge
- I have an amazing girlfriend



About Eric

- I am a rising senior at Baldwin Park High School in Baldwin Park CA
- I enjoy planning hangouts with friends
- My favorite food is Sushi
- I play in my high school's orchestra
- I am left-handed



About Naomi

- I am a rising senior at Hamilton High School
- I am passionate about law, civil rights, woman's rights, and politics.
- I love superheroes, film, photography, and exploring new places
- I am strong willed, determined, and resilient with everything that I do.
- A long-term goal I have is to give back to my community and help my community get out of the system.



Quick Recap

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Insurance

The Surprising but Important
Details of Insurance

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Blueprint 101/Site Search

Blueprint 101:
Meeting the Team

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Financial Literacy

Bank Smart, Spend Well: A Guide
to Financial Freedom

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Ednovate Brio/ CLA Auditors

Managing Charter's and Finance

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Construction

Behind the Walls of our
Everyday Buildings

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Law/Bond Finance

Exploring Charter School
Finance and Law

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Architect

Architects and The Steps
Needed to Build Structures

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Geotechnical Engineering

The importance of the
ground beneath us

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Commercial Lending

Sell me this Pen: Real Estate
Edition

Boba Trip

Getting Boba with John was nice,
it was nice to get out walk and
learn more about Blueprint and
John.
-Naomi Deres

Being in the Office

It is a different environment and I
really like it. I enjoy going to
DTLA everyday. - Eric Chang

Intern Highlights

Professor Eric Sussman

He was really different to a lot of people
I saw during the internship. He woke
me up and it felt less professional but
also super informational.
-Naomi Deres

Informational Interview w/ James Heugas

Connected with James was very nice
and being able to talk to him about
his experience and story inspired
me as an aspiring engineer.
-Adrian Destura

Playing Pool with Adrian

Beating Adrain in pool was easy.
- Christian

Some Highlights

By Steve Cornejo

Meeting with EPI

Meeting with EPI taught me more about the construction industry and the importance of safety and management



Equitas School

Meeting with Equitas taught me that buildings can be repurposed for school or other public spaces



What We Learned

During my time at Blueprint I learned about the different legal paths you could take and how much energy that exerts out of you. I also learned that you need to be comfortable being uncomfortable to connect to people and open doors for yourself. Career wise I learned that Real Estate is much more than just building stuff. You need lawyers, project managers, architects, firms that can deal with the Finance aspect of the construction. I learned so much about what a day in a life would look for accountants, project managers, construction workers, and lawyers.

-Naomi Deres



Throughout my internship, I learned about several areas of the business and finance industry, including banking, insurance, commercial real estate, charter schools, and finance. I gained a better understanding of financial literacy, budgeting, saving, building and maintaining good credit, and how responsible financial decisions affect everyday life. I also learned how banks support businesses through loans and SBA programs, how insurance helps protect people and businesses from financial risk, and how commercial real estate and charter schools are financed and managed. In addition, I explored different career paths, strengthened my professional communication skills, and saw how teamwork, leadership, and problem-solving play an important role in every organization. Overall, this experience expanded my knowledge of the business world and inspired me to continue learning about finance and future career opportunities.

-Emely Bonilla

What We learned

I learned within all these different careers, is that you can start creating connections and be very communicative to those around you because you will need to always meet new people and make relationships.

- Christian Acevedo



The lessons I've learned from my time at Blueprint is that you should not be afraid to try. If you don't give up, you will always succeed. Blueprint has established me with experience from real-world professionals, and I have gained a more profound understanding of the field of real estate development. When it comes to Insurance, Architecture, Finance, Law, Engineering and Construction they all play a pivotal role in making a building become reality.

-Eric Chang

What We learned

By Steve Cornejo

Overall Ive learned that there are many things that go into building a school such as finance, insurance, management and safety. these factors are as equally as important as one another because they all depend on each other to create a great school. The importance of finance is needed because there is funds necessary to actually the school and the insurance is necessary to make sure if any unforeseen were to occur then it would be possible to recover from the project. Management is necessary to make sure everyone from the architect to other contractors are doing there work properly and in a time efficient manner. Safety like making sure no chemical leaks or environmental risk makes sure the school dose not cause any harm to children once it is in public use and all of these processes are necessary to build a amazing school





I learned so much at my time here at Blueprint, whether it be how it is to work in an office space, or how banks work, or what the importance of rebar is, or the seemingly never-ending road of hurdles one faces in order to build a charter school. However, if there is anything that has stuck with me the most is that life is almost never ever linear. Most of my life, I have always thought that I need to follow this certain plan to get to this certain goal and there can never be any divergence. It was sort of what I had been conditioned to think. However, Blueprint has exposed me to so many professionals in a various number of careers, and almost all of them admitted that they didn't know they were going to end up where they were today. A lot of them faced challenges, setbacks, and curve balls, that led them where they are today, not a straight smooth road. So, as my time at this internship comes to a close, I will take with me the knowledge that it is okay for me to mess up, it is okay for me to change paths, it is okay to not know where I am going 100% of the time, and it is certainly okay to be human.

-Adrian Destura

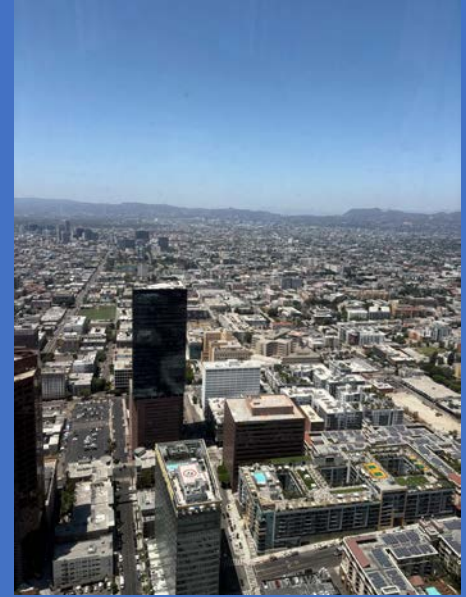


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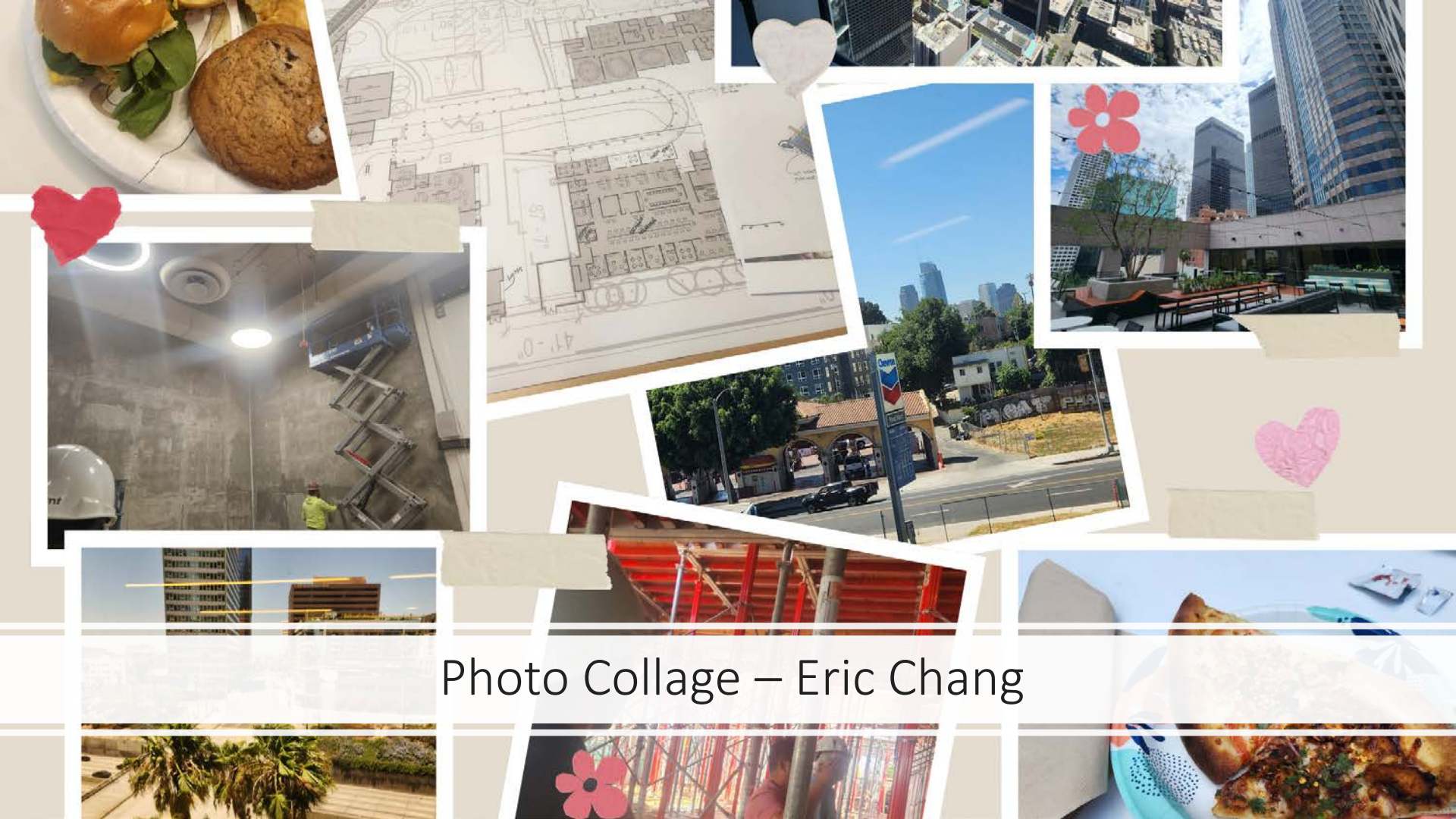


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Photo Collage –Emely Bonilla



Photo Collage - Naomi Deres





Adrian's Photo Collage



Shout Outs!

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Honestly, the whole blueprint was so amazing, and everyone was so welcoming and nice. I can't say how grateful I am for this experience and being able to speak with everyone. Thank you for letting all the interns bother you with our questions and being able to get know not just your career but you guys outside of the office.



Christian

TEAM & INTERNS

Shout out to the interns as well. It was an amazing opportunity to be able to experience this internship with all of you. It was interesting being able to get to know a little about you guys every day from these past 2 weeks, and I honestly wish you guys the best for your future.

My Shout Outs!

Naomi Deres



Mera Baker Ramos

My informational interview with Mera, she helped a lot with what to expect in the law field. We also engaged in a lot of conversation about being a minority in the law space and stuff regarding that.



Scarlet Sy

Our talks during the lunches were very insightful and I loved how we could talk about college and also about civil rights.

Shout Outs!

By Steve Cornejo



Ivan Zapata

Ivan Zapata for insight
into the life of a
project manager



Rob Nickell

Rob Nickell for helping
understand charter
school bond
financing

Shout Outs! - Eric



**Mera Baker
Ramos**

Truly inspirational and
relatable. Persistence
overcomes resistance



Kahlmus Eatman

Shared valuable tips
and insights about
dynamic job roles

Shout outs- Adrian

James Heugas



Inspired me to keep pursuing my passion for engineering and opened my eyes to other fields related to engineering that I didn't know existed.

Michele Wray Khateri



For not only organizing and running the program we're all a part of, but also making the environment so welcoming, and always being patient and understanding.

Shout Outs! - Emely

Michele Wray Khateri

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