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Greetings FM Team,

You may remember that I mentioned in a previous FM Daily that Remodel and Construction Services (RCS) hosts internships for CSU students. One is with their Interior Design group, the other with their Project Management team. Internships can last anywhere from 3 months to three years. These paid internships support students much more than just financially; they provide valuable work experience for advancing in their career field. Additionally, it is an opportunity for FM to support the respective colleges while gaining productivity and talent. In turn, the interns benefit RCS and our various CSU clients by having direct connection to student learning, including the most up-to-date and progressive concepts in the design education environment.

The internship with RCS Interior Design is through the College of Health and Human Sciences (CHHS). It offers hands-on design experience for students from the Interior/Architectural Design Program. RCS generally hires a sophomore-level student and carries this paid internship through to graduation. It has been remarkably successful in exposing students to market vendors and networks. Additionally, it promotes involvement with developing designs and solutions for real-world projects. Our current intern is Anthony Vigil, who just graduated in May, and will be working with RCS into July. He has been instrumental in some large projects, including University Services Center sixth floor renovations and various interior design needs. Anthony stepped in as the main point of contact during RCS interior designer Kimberly Bartlett's parental leave last year—a considerable task that he took on with notable success. Of note, Kimberly was a former Interior Design intern for RCS. She went on to full-time employment with RCS—a clear win for our department. Kimberly also had the unique opportunity to work on President McConnell's office renovations last summer, which featured sustainable material selections (bamboo for furniture and recycled fishing nets for carpet)!

In Project Management, RCS employs one internship annually for the CHHS Construction Management (CM) program. The CM degrees require either a 3-month or 6-month internship, and RCS supports both. They also often support engineering students and other hourly student help with similarities to the CM internship role. This year, the internship was filled by Dakota Collins, who I highlighted in May. Since graduating, Dakota has moved on to work with a large custom homebuilder in Vail. The program promotes strong talent development. Both Sam Wallner and Colin Glath went from being students into roles as major full-time contributors to RCS on the Project Management (PM) team. In fact, in addition to those who came through this internship program, so many of the PMs are CSU CM Alumni—Go Rams!

Sincerely,



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