

STUDENT INTERNS REQUESTED FOR COUNTY PROGRAM

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Photo provided Graduates of the 2018 Rock Internship Program are shown. In January, students may begin applying for the summer program which gives on-the-job experience and accompanying professional development seminars at Blackhawk Technical College.

Rock County students and employers are invited to consider partaking in Rock Internship Program.

Students can begin applying in January at www.YourRockInternship.com. The deadline for employer registrations is Jan. 18, while students have until Feb. 22 to apply.

The 2019 Summer Rock Internship Program is an opportunity for rising high school seniors to have a structured and paid internship providing them with career-related experience.

Last year was the first year for the program. It graduated 22 students from the following school districts: Beloit, Beloit Turner, Clinton, Janesville, Milton and Rock County Christian, according to Internship Coordinator Kerry Osmand.

Participating employers included: Angus Young Associates, Beloit Snappers, Blackhawk Technical College, Bliss Communications, City of Beloit Fire Department, Diamond Assets, Forward Janesville, HealthNet of Rock County, Rock County, Southwest Workforce Development Board, SSI Technologies and Stainless Tank & Equipment.

The internships pay \$10 an hour for Rock County high school seniors. This summer, the internship will be six weeks at 30 hours per week in the summer of 2019. Students also benefit from professional development seminars at BTC including a focus on public speaking, leadership and getting familiar with one's personality.

At the end of the internships students do a short capstone presentation on their experience with parents, school representatives and employers invited.

Last year 2018 was the first year of the program with 22 interns.

"It was very successful and we are looking forward to another great program this coming summer," Osmand said.

Three entities partner to make the program happen: Rock County 5.0, BTC and Southwest Workforce Development Board. Employers pay a program fee with the students being paid through the Southeast Workforce Development Board. This year, Osmand said an option will be made to allow employers to pay the interns through their own payroll. For more information visit www.YourRockInternship.com.