

Dear Listeners,

August brings students back to UW! It's the perfect opportunity for me to brag about the incredible young talents who pass through our doors and bring a heightened level of enthusiasm and curiosity to our operation. In just this last year, 6 UW students worked alongside WPM professionals in areas of news and production. They produced stories, spot news, features, and cultural pieces that you heard throughout the year. Providing a training opportunity for young people is a WPM daily activity that many listeners aren't aware of. We consider it part of our mission – to give a top-rate learning and hands-on opportunity to students that can be transferred to a career in any field. In many ways, public media is a demanding yet inspiring teacher that hones a variety of skills including adherence to deadlines, clarity and objectivity in thinking, aspiration to industry standards, teamwork towards a common goal, and dedication to public service. It's always inspiring to see the face of a student whose piece is airing all over Wyoming, and to watch the look of awe and achievement. It's with deep pride that I present to you our Interns of 2016/2017. Some will remain with us, others will go on to other careers and opportunities, but their work remains with WPM and with our listeners into perpetuity.

Caitlin Tan (spring 2017): graduated from UW and went to Naknek, AK for a summer job as a fish reporter for KDLG; heading to DC for an ATC internship with NPR

Jamie Hampton (summer 2017): UW senior, studying journalism, produced a forthcoming episode of The Modern West podcast about the dances that used to be held at the Garden Spot Pavilion at the Historic Elk Mountain Hotel

Sam Eagan (summer 2017): UW senior, studying history, produced new Wyoming Minutes on a variety of cultural organizations around the state

Kevin Kelley (ongoing): MFA in Creative Writing candidate, helped launch Spoken Words podcast

Annie Osburn (ongoing): MFA in Creative Writing candidate, helped launch Spoken Words podcast and is also a producer for HumaNature

Alanna Elder (ongoing): UW student, studying Agroecology and Environment and Natural Resources; part time reporter; working as a production assistant for HumaNature

Brooklyn Gray (ongoing): UW student, studying journalism, produced a variety of spots and short newscast stories heard throughout the week

Thank you for what YOU do to make it possible for WPM to run an Intern program. In the next several weeks we'll ramp up to the Fall Fund Drive. As General Manager of

WPM, I would be negligent (and totally out of character) to not remind you that Members are WPM's strongest source of revenue.

Thank you again, and please pledge if you haven't already!

Sincerely,  
Christina Kuzmych  
General Manager  
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