

MCEM Summer Interns



Tam Tieu will be a senior in college at Carleton College in Minnesota. Tam first learned about the SummerWorks program during high school and has been interning for MCEM regularly since then.

At MCEM, Tam is currently doing research to help potentially establish a county-wide peer support or counseling program. This has involved reaching out to various departments in the county to ask about their individual peer support networks; connecting individuals together to help brainstorm ideas for a county-wide peer support program; and doing research to learn more about the connection between peer support programs and benefits, such as work retention.

As yet, Tam is uncertain about what she will do after she graduates next year. Currently, she is looking into various biology research opportunities.



Dwayne Scales ("DL") is a senior at Westside Christian High School.

At MCEM, Dwayne is currently working on a project involving Tier II Reporting (companies reporting amounts of Hazardous Materials they store on-site), and whether or not Multnomah County should "host" their own program separate from the state level. Dwayne might also help expand MCEM's Social Media presence in the future.

In a few weeks, Dwayne will be applying to the University of Oklahoma in Norman, OK, with hopes to pursue a Master's degree in Meteorology. From there he wants to pursue a career in Tornado Research.



Thomas Sill is a sophomore at Portland Community College. Thomas was already a volunteer with MCEM and was encouraged to apply for the SummerWorks program.

Currently Thomas is working on a project to inventory and track MCEM's emergency supply trailers, and creating a standard operating procedure for the inventory and restocking of the trailers.

Thomas's plan is to transfer to PSU and study both Chinese and Japanese. Once he has completed his schooling, he is planning to join the military as a commissioned officer.