

# INTER ACTION



## A Look Back at the 2014 - 2015 Academic Year

This 2014 - 2015 academic school year we have had the pleasure of bringing in many bright and talented interns to the Arizona Interns-In-Action team. Since August 2014 until now, 58 interns have been placed across various state agencies. Below is a list of all agencies and the interns that have joined since August. It has been an absolute pleasure to have them all representing the intern program!



# MEET INTERNS

Dept. of Administration  
Kayla Agelastos, Janice Choe, Ivette Estrada, Patricia Grant, Rajani Gunturu, Peter Logan Heilman, Richard Nesbitt, Pedro Rodriguez, Dorian Sanchez

Court of Appeals Division I  
Cristina Camasso, Jong Lee, Heather Marter, Emily Montoya

Dept. of Corrections  
Ricardo Fuentes, Bradley Krause, Lindsey Michel

Dept. of Economic Security  
David Ellis, Brandon Mouw

Dept. of Transportation  
Désirée Benet, Kimberly O'Banner, Bradley Saran

Dept. of Education  
Amber Alex, Cassandra Cothron, Gerard Davis, Amir Dezfuli, Owen Fite, Austin Havens, Samantha Jaskolski, Taylor Macnamara, Adrian Morales, Karen Nolan, TaNeka Ray, Tara Swanholm

Dept. of Environmental Quality  
Jessica Wood

Governor's Office on Aging  
Rachel DiSanto

AHCCCS  
Zachary Baumgartner, Michael Ritzler

Criminal Justice Commission  
Jasmine De Los Rios, Sacha Ten

Dept. of Health Services  
Mohamed Arif, Jordan Glawe, Bethany Hader, Kelsey Janssen, Catherine Mercado, Remington Nielson, Sienna Silva, Corey Tarango, Alexander Gojic

Dept. of Postsecondary Ed.  
Carly O'Farrel

Board of Executive Clemency  
Olivia Zelaya

State Parks  
Paula Scott

Public Safety Personnel  
Retirement System  
Maurice Hamilton, Jefferson Weston

Private Postsecondary Ed.  
Cristina Ramsey

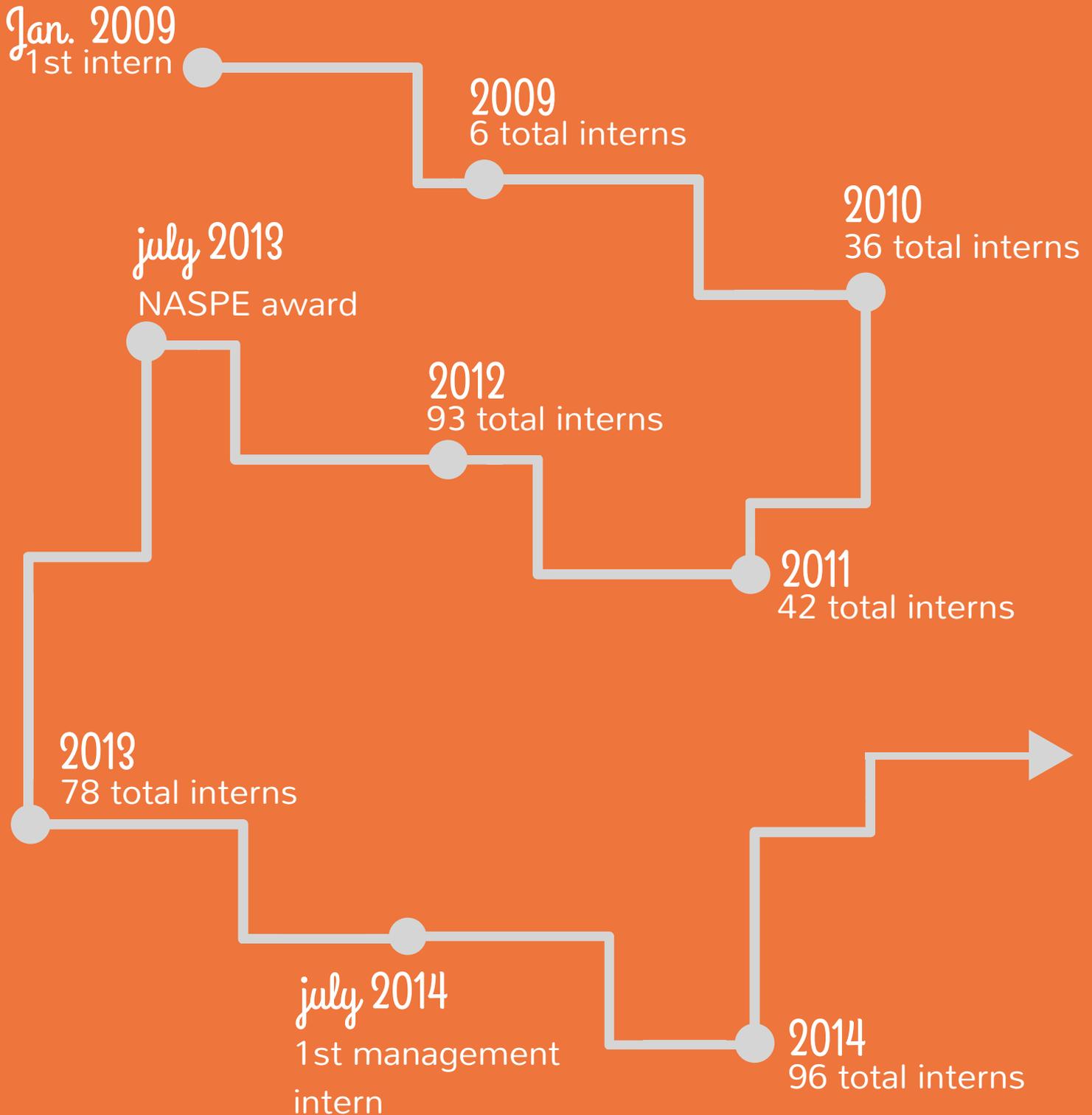
Secretary of State  
Elisia Jasso

Psychologist Exam Board  
Jose Galvan

Veteran's Services  
Cheyenne Piper

Dept. of Emergency &  
Military Affairs  
Wesley Parrell

# AIIA QUICK FACTS



# AIIA LUNCH & LEARN



## Interns-In-Action Visit the State Health Lab

Putting on a lab coat and goggles, learning about pesticide spills, epidemic detection, illegal disposals and bio monitoring – all part of the learning opportunity and experience for Arizona Interns-In-Action as they toured the Arizona Department of Health Services Laboratory on Friday, February 6th. Kathryn Wangsness and Victor Waddell, Department of Health Services, Chief Laboratory Officers were gracious hosts providing a glimpse into laboratory analyses, identification and investigation of infectious and communicable diseases, newborn screenings, lead poisoning and drinking water to name just a few ways the State Health Lab protects the health of our Arizona communities.

Arizona Interns-In-Action is scheduling events such as this throughout 2015 as part of a Lunch and Learn format. Stay tuned for April's event at the Arizona Department of Administration!

# AIIA LUNCH & LEARN



## Interns-In-Action Visit ADOT's Traffic Operations Control Center

On March 6th, Interns-In-Action visited ADOT's Traffic Operations Center. The 2,100-square-foot control room includes 32 video monitors mounted on a wall and large screens used to display traffic speed and weather information. There are four workstations in the control room. Operators at two of the stations monitor traffic in the Phoenix metro area, and the operators at the other two stations monitor traffic throughout the remainder of the state. There are 15 operators that work various shifts to ensure that there is 24-hour coverage in the control room. TOC staff constantly monitor the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system, speed maps and CCTV monitors. Five valley television stations have access to live CCTV camera feeds from ADOT's cameras to show freeway conditions.

Visiting the Traffic Operations Center was a neat way for our interns to see a different aspect of state government and how ADOT works to serve the citizens of Arizona. Arizona Interns-In-Action will continue scheduling Lunch and Learn events such as this throughout 2015. Stay tuned for April's event at the Arizona Department of Administration!

# CAREER SERVICES



The Career Center at ADOA provides services to State employees and interns who are looking for help with resumes, cover letters, interviewing tips, and general career development advice. The center also offers development workshops to help with social media and job searches. If you need resume/interviewing help or would like to visit the Career Center you can set up an appointment by emailing [careercenter@azdoa.gov](mailto:careercenter@azdoa.gov).



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# MANAGEMENT INTERNS



In July 2014, the Management Intern Program was launched to provide recent graduates with additional experience in their fields of study before pursuing an advanced degree or long-term employment. This program was designed to attract, develop and retain talented individuals with an interest in a state government management career.

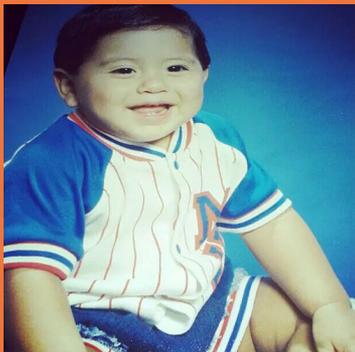
Since the initiation of the program, 8 management interns have become part of this program. Our first management intern, Kris Emery started his internship at the Department of Health Services in July and has moved into a permanent position as an Accountant III with DHS. Our other management interns, Kimberly O'Banner, Désirée Benet, Jordan Glawe, Mohamed Arif, Bradley Saran, Kayla Agelastos, and Dawn Jackson, have had the opportunity to work on interesting projects such as working with ADOT and the Business Re-Engineering Arizona (BREAZ) project to name two.

All of our management interns have been an extremely valuable asset to each of their agencies and we thank them for all of their hard work and dedication! If you are a recent graduate or will be graduating soon and would like to learn more about the Management Intern Program please feel free to reach out to Susan Laurence at [susan.laurence@azdoa.gov](mailto:susan.laurence@azdoa.gov).

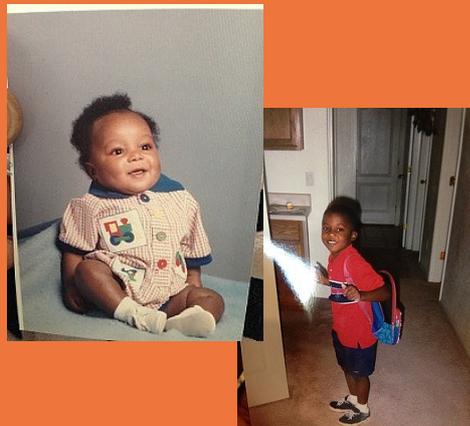
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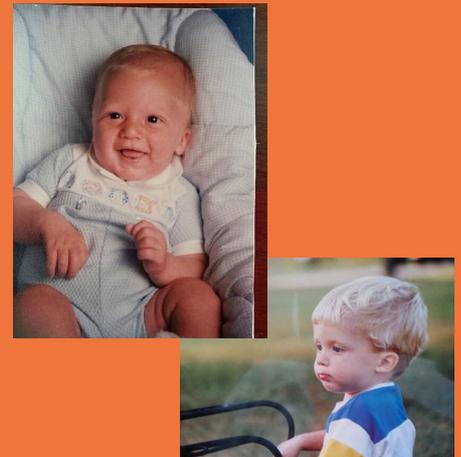
Our interns come from all walks of life and as a way to celebrate how far they've come, we're flashing back to their childhoods. All Arizona Interns-In-Action are encouraged to participate and send their cutest baby picture to [ivette.estrada@azdoa.gov](mailto:ivette.estrada@azdoa.gov) to see yourself on our Facebook page!



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Maurice Hamilton,  
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David Ellis,  
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