



# San Diego County Taxpayers Association

Summer 2009 Interns

## Summer 2009 Intern Testimonials

**Irene Gerold, Senior at UCSD**



"As a public policy intern, I gained valuable experience in doing research on issues, such as pensions, healthcare, and water, and I had the opportunity to contribute to findings and reports the Taxpayers Association published."

**Vera Scheidlinger, Recent Graduate of UCSD's Graduate School of International Relations & Pacific Studies, U.S. Air Force**



"Working at SDCTA I was also able to experience the important interactions between San Diego politics, local business concerns, and the interests of the Association's membership base. The research, writing, and communication skills I've gained at SDCTA will be invaluable in my new position as a program manager for the US Air Force, and I would highly recommend this internship to any student interested in the public, private, or non-profit sectors."

**Amanda George, Second Year Graduate Student at UCSD Graduate School of International Relations & Pacific Studies**

"Working with the SDCTA as a public policy intern has been extremely rewarding. SDCTA has provided an opportunity for me to utilize my research and analytical skills in a hands-on setting."



**Sam Delekajew, Senior at UCSD**

"This internship has helped me to apply what I have learned at school to a professional environment. SDCTA has broadened my knowledge of San Diego politics and the important issues that affect everyone in the county."



**Brian Pepin, Recent Graduate of SDSU, City of San Diego Council Representative**



"An internship with SDCTA has already proved to be invaluable as I have had the opportunity to interact with the best of San Diego's business community and political leaders on a regular basis, and I am eager to take the skills and knowledge I have learned during my internship as I pursue a career in politics."

**Sterling McHale, Recent Graduate of Point Loma Nazarene University, California Strategies, LLC**



"The highly intelligent and determined staff creates an office environment that demands standards of excellence. Time spent with SDCTA is time spent among one of the most trusted and influential stakeholders in San Diego County."

