

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Abel Alvarez and I was selected as an intern for College Works Painting my freshman year at UCLA. Overall, I'd rate my entire session as a branch manager as a success and more importantly a positive learning experience.

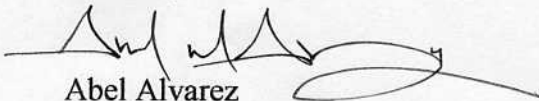
I had never heard anything about College Works until they visited my psychology class in the fall of 2006. I was initially given background information from a former manager, who had since been promoted within the internship and held a higher position. I was informed that the internship was very selective, called for a considerable amount of time and effort, and that I'd have the chance to make a substantial amount of money. All of this was intriguing to me so I submitted my contact information. After a series of phone calls with the former manager, a few informational meetings to answer any of questions and address my concerns, and two interviews with College Works' Vice Presidents (also former branch managers), I was given the opportunity to be a part of the organization.

Going into the internship, I wasn't exactly sure what to expect. I knew the schematics of the internship in theory but I wasn't sure how difficult some aspects would be. To be honest, I was somewhat nervous because I wasn't sure if I'd be able to do such things since I was only a 19 year old freshman. However, the College Works staff, which consisted of people who had started off in the same position as I held guided me and all the other incoming interns through the various steps of starting your own business via heavy phone contact, various training sessions, and in field training ultimately resulting in a successful year for our group.

The business called for a large amount of attention during my spring quarter at UCLA. Naturally, my parents were concerned with the amount of work I was putting into the internship in comparison to the amount of work I put into my classes. In all actuality, the internship forced me to manage my time and be very efficient so I was able to complete all of my school work before the weekends so that I could focus on College Works back home. So in fact my g.p.a. for the spring quarter was actually a 3.5 which was higher than any of my previous quarters, which pleased my parents and laid their concerns to rest.

The internship lasted throughout the majority of the summer and as of now, I'm able to say that I ran a \$50,000 business that I started from scratch in February of 2006. I also supplied a handful of hard working painters with a summer job. Most importantly, I completed the most challenging thing I'd ever encountered in my life. I'm proud of the things that I was able to accomplish through College Works Painting and I only have positive things to say about my experience as College Works intern.

Sincerely,


Abel Alvarez