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Mio AuSable, Traverse City and Gaylord High School Students Receive Paid Internships at Dream Job

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Community Ties is paying interns to work at their dream jobs in Oscoda County, Otsego County and Grand Traverse County. Amber Sheffer, a senior at Mio AuSable High School has been placed as an intern with the United States Forest Service where she also hopes to pursue her future career. Jon Ball, also a senior at Mio AuSable High School has been placed with the Oscoda County Ambulance Service. Although he one day hopes to be a doctor, he is excited to take this stepping stone into the medical field.

Alissa Merklinger, a student at Gaylord High School has been placed at Venus and Blue Jeans, a new retail store located in Gaylord, Michigan. Cheryl Scheer, owner of Venus and Blue Jean is very excited to have the opportunity to mentor a student interested in entrepreneurship and offer the experience of starting a business.

Adin Harmon, a student at Traverse City West Senior High School is interning with the Traverse City Film Festival. He is very excited to be able to work in the entertainment industry while remaining in Traverse City. Amber Kolarik is beginning her photography career at 4 Corners Photography and Video located in Kingsley. Rebecca Kinnee, owner of 4 Corners Photography and Video is excited to have Amber as a student intern.

As the economy continues to struggle, Community Ties has not lost sight of the importance of offering jobs and internships to high school students and young adults on a local level. In fact,

Community Ties is so dedicated to forming the connecting between professionals and young adults. Although the paid internships have already been granted, there are still businesses as well as students on the Community Ties website who are hoping to find help. If you are interested in offering an internship or job shadow to one of these students, please join the <http://CommunityTies.us> website today.

About Community Ties to Entrepreneurship

Community Ties is a multi-year program that aims to forge new social ties among youth and local entrepreneurs through online social networking and community development activities. This project is supported by the National Research Initiative of the Cooperative State Research, Education and Extension Service, USDA, Grant # 2008-55401-04592 and Kellogg Foundation grants. The project director is Dr. Robert LaRose of MSU's Department of Telecommunication, Information Studies, and Media. Dr. LaRose defines the project this way, "We hope to energize youth and local entrepreneurs to carve out new economic opportunities together in a changing economy and to show local youth that there is a future role for them in their home community." For more information please call Wanda Repke at (231) 995-7085, email repke@msu.edu or visit the Community Ties Website at <http://communityties.us/>

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