

**Assemblymember Tony Mendoza
Summer 2008**

For my internship through the University of California Center, Sacramento, I chose to work at the office of Assemblymember Tony Mendoza, who represents the 56th District of California in the State Assembly. My office duties included greeting office guests, answering phone calls, writing and compiling letters urging support for certain bills, reading and summarizing bills into fact sheets, and other secretarial duties (filing, copying, etc).

For future UCCS Scholar-Interns, I would recommend working in an Assemblymember or Senators office in the State Capitol if they are interested in being involved in policy drafting. Particularly, summer seemed to be a bit of a downtime in the Capitol building, besides the news swirling around the late budget. However, my internship was still exciting and engaging, as my member got a huge bill signed while I was assisting his office, and I felt proud to have helped with its success. I would definitely recommend working in the capitol to any future Scholar-Intern, and particularly Assemblymember Mendoza's office, as all of his staff were very nice and easy to work with.