

## **Northern California World Trade Center Summer 08**

I interned at The Northern California World Trade Center (NCWTC) for over 8 weeks. The NCWTC is the Sacramento region's largest international business organization, affiliated with the World Trade Centers Association (WTCA) in New York City. The NCWTC's internship program is designed to allow student interns to learn about the dynamics of international trade by interacting with international business professionals, conducting market research and observing and participating in the daily operations of a non-profit international trade promotion organization. The goal of the program is to enable interns to build upon their educational background, enabling them to gain valuable real-world experience in international business. Although as a Political Science major I learned a lot because I interacted with many state departments and did some research to know what those departments do. I also had the opportunity to attend to a couple of professional seminars i.e. China: Climate change superpower.

From my own experience, I enjoyed interacting with international business professionals, since I am considering continue a master in Business Administration with a focus on International Business. I assisted manager Jennifer Younathan, mostly on the International Visitor Leadership Program (IVLP) by coordinating professional programs here in Sacramento depending on the topic of interest of the foreign delegations and dignitaries. I also enjoyed the first class as part of the International Business Leadership Program I took as part of the internship benefits. I believe the part I enjoyed the most was observing and participating in the daily operations of a non-profit international trade promotion organization.