Annick Adams interned with the Santa Barbara County Foodbank, supporting its Picnic in the Park series. Many children that receive free or reduced priced food during the school year struggle to find healthy meals over summer. The Picnic in the Park series is a program that provides these children access to free and nutritious meals to fill this gap.

As a policy research intern for Central Coast Alliance United for A Sustainable Economy (CAUSE), Lindsay Apperson helped develop a draft City of Santa Barbara ordinance aimed at protecting tenants from unjust no-fault evictions.

After graduation, Lindsay accepted a position in Washington, D.C. with Population Connection, a national grassroots organization that works to ensure that every woman around the world who wants to delay or end childbearing has access to the health services and contraceptive supplies she needs.

Jamelia Harris co-facilitated their Talking in Class program in high schools throughout Santa Barbara County. She and her mentor brought student leaders together to develop goals and strategies to improve their schools and create inclusive classroom and school environments that encourage all students to succeed.

For her work through the Capps Center, among many other stellar accomplishments, Jamelia was awarded UCSB’s highest student honor: The Thomas More Storke Award for Excellence. This award recognized her outstanding scholarship and extraordinary service to the university, its students, and the community.

Jamelia matriculated this fall at UCLA’s Department of Education where she’s working toward her Ph.D. in Urban Schooling.

Arelí Ariana Balderrama interned with Santa Barbara’s Pacific Pride Foundation (PPF). PPF’s advocacy and education efforts meet the ongoing and emerging needs of a diverse population in order to create a thriving and visible LGBTQ+ community and to prevent the transmission of HIV/AIDS.

PPF was so impressed by Arelí’s work through our program that they wrote her into a grant application to the Fund for Santa Barbara. The Fund awarded PPF $10,000 in support of a youth summer camp focused on leadership and life skills development for LGBTQ+ high school students. Arelí co-coordinated their “90-Days of Summer” program aimed at providing youth with the tools to lead their own conversations on social justice issues. At the end of the summer, Arelí was offered a permanent position with PPF as a Community Educator Associate.

The Capps [Center Internship] program is a model for university-community partnership. The training students receive prior to placement is extremely valuable in preparing them for work in the nonprofit sector: interns are matched well with organizations; the experience for community organizations is smooth and seamless; and the students’ talent, work ethic, and professionalism [are] unparalleled.”

– Patrick Lyra Kearns, Pacific Pride Foundation