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LCC and EWEB continue internship program



EWEB's current LCC interns, Roy Smith and Lief Hochendoner

The Eugene Water & Electric Board has been an active participant and supporter of the Lane Community College Energy Management Program since its inception in 1980.

The program has produced graduates with a 95 percent placement rate into family-wage jobs. Students have found positions in private and public organizations under a wide variety of job titles in Eugene and throughout the Northwest.

EWEB over the past few decades has offered more than 30 LCC students internship opportunities in its Commercial and Residential Energy Management Services departments.

EWEB funding helps keep program intact

In 1997, the college began to experience budget difficulties as a result of lower financial support from the state. Consequently, the Energy Management Program was eliminated from the college's general fund and private funding was not enough to continue offering classes. The college offered Program Director Roger Ebbage permission to operate the program if outside funding could be found.

EWEB converted an annual contribution-in-lieu-of-tax payment that went to the LCC general fund into a **grant that specifically provided support to the program**. This, along with other outside support, helped keep the program intact and it has since grown to be one of the premiere energy management programs in the country.

Over the years, the LCC interns have provided a valuable resource to EWEB and the community by helping evaluate energy consumption at local residences and businesses.

EWEB welcomes new interns

Commercial Energy Management Services

EWEB's commercial group is pleased to welcome a new intern, Lief Hochendoner (shown above, on right). Lief joined the commercial team in February and will focus primarily on lighting projects, as well as some commercial heating, ventilation and air conditioning projects.

In his second year as an Energy Management Technician student at LCC, Leif became interested in interning at EWEB.

"With energy becoming such a precious commodity for generations to come, energy efficiency plays an important role in saving money for the consumer, as well as reducing humanity's global carbon footprint," he said.

Residential Energy Management Services

EWEB's residential group also recently welcomed a new intern. Roy Smith (above, on left) joined the team in February and will be focusing on EWEB's weatherization program, as well as its ductless and ducted heat pump programs. Roy will also be working on the Department of Energy's Home Energy Score for existing homes.

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