



Pacific Charter School  
Development  
Internship Fall 2023

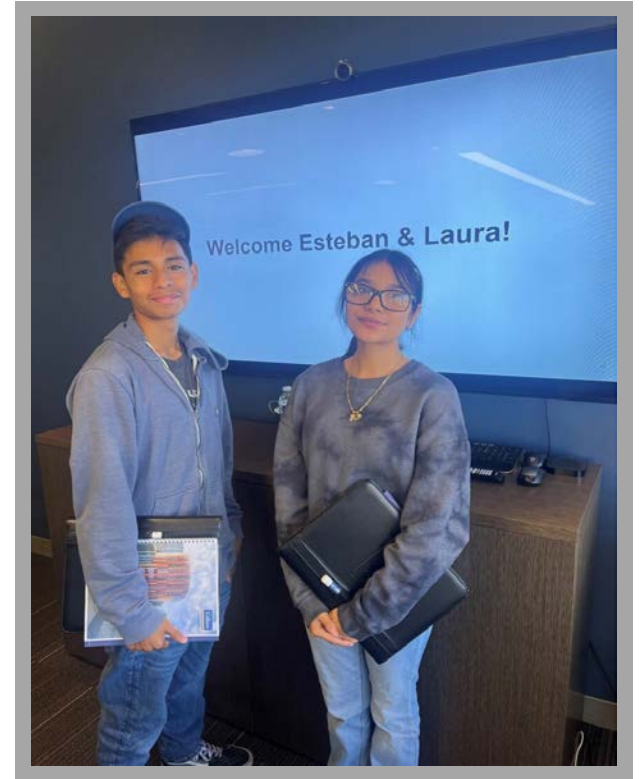
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Laura & Esteban | Lighthouse Fall 2023

# About Laura

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- I am a Junior at Lighthouse Charter School.  
In addition to that, I have attended Lighthouse for about 1 year.
- Something to know about me is why I was interested in the internship! The reason behind this is because I wanted to learn more about Architecture and other fields that are a part of architecture.
- As of right now, I do want to move forward in becoming an architect; however, this experience has allowed me the ability to open up to what fields I like and so I have not yet settled on what field I want to do.
- Aside from the passion I have for architecture, I like to draw, but I love to color more. (I like doing the shading and making drawings look realistic.)
- Lastly, I am pretty shy; however, I love to hang out with my friends and family. I just like to get to know people!!



# About Esteban

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- I am a Junior at Lighthouse Charter School.
- My Future Goals: I hope to one day be a licensed Electrician or a worker for PG&E.
- My Current Goals: As a student I want to have the best possible grades for myself, to feel confident and to be ready for the future. Besides school, I'm also a soccer player, so it would be evident that I would like to be the best soccer player I can be.
- Hobbies: I like to draw, paint, write (calligraphy), do some wood work, exercise, and a little bit of gaming. Recently, I've attended some Laney classes that allowed me to build a nice little table that I still use.



# Quick Recap

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## Broker

Site Selection Criteria:  
Safety and Benefits for the  
Community

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## Lawyer

Lawyers  
In-House or External  
Supports the Project Approval

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## Project Manager

Construction Documents/"Blueprints"  
for Repurposing Old Buildings for New  
School Locations

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## Contractor

Bottom Up  
The Process of Constructing a  
Building and Improving One  
from Within

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## Architect

Designing Renovations -  
Making the Most  
Out of School Buildings

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## Lender

Completing a Project  
through Loan Support and  
Communication

# Some highlights

## **Leadership Public School (LPS)**

### **Site Visit**

A highlight of mine was going to LPS because I was a former student there. I thought it was a cool experience to see the future renovations they are going to have.

## **Old Theater Repurposed as a Community School**

It was awesome for me to be able to see and learn about how old buildings can be repurposed as schools for the community. The amount of detail and work needed to approve an abandoned building for safety regulations was surprising.

## **Broker Visit**

Another highlight was the Colliers visit because I liked being able to learn more about what a broker does; before the visit I didn't know so much. Especially getting to see what Gregory does, he was really detailed and that interested me a lot!!

## **The Think Tank Turned into a Usable Classroom**

When Keivan, Kelly, Cyrus, and Anna, the project team for the renovations of Lighthouse, visited, it was cool to hear about the future plans for Lighthouse. The mapping and strategic thinking to build an enclosed class where the Think Tank is was genius!

# What I learned

Overall each experience was **different and unique**; I got a lot of insight on all the other fields that are a part of architecture and how important each member in these projects are. They all advocate for a process that results in **benefiting the community**. I also learned more about PCSD and how much opportunity and help they provide for students in charter schools like Esteban and me.

Ultimately I learned that a big need is **money and the budget**. I learned that there is a lot behind constructing a project because of all the requirements that the State and City look for in order to give permission for the project and also the lender to provide the funds.

During the week about “Entitlements,” we talked about **“Architectural Design”** - the layout of a building. We spoke specifically about how a historical building can be repurposed as a school. This was something new I learned during my second day as an Intern.

Being able to see the process of making a new school through the use of the **“Schematic Design”**.

# New Experiences

## Measuring Laser

Something new and also cool was that I was able to test out a measuring laser!

## Construction Documents

Getting to see the different “blueprints” for each visit was very insightful.

## Bancroft Site Visit

Being able to go to a site and talk about its future development and how it could be a school for local families was new to me.

# Photo Collage





# Shout Outs!



## Gregory Hunter

Thank you for giving me insight on your process of becoming a broker, I liked getting to know that you started off wanting to be an architect and later stumbling across a different path! It's actually what inspired me to see further into other fields and have an open mind!  
Thank you!



## Jennifer Afdahl Rice

Thank you for leading us, walking with us and supporting us through this new experience. It was a pleasure getting to know you! I hope that you achieve all of your endeavors.  
Thank you!

# Special Shout Out



Sheree West

Thank you Ms. Sheree...You did so much; we appreciate you for supporting us in our journey. It truly motivated us along the way. You're the best!!



Thank You