

When Gabriela landed an internship at Hamilton Ink Spot, the music student could not have predicted the impact she would make on the downtown business. Her supervisor, Bill Moran, may not have known either, but “it was great to have someone with a creative bent,” he said.

Gabriela’s presence elevated the skills of those around her. “I gave one of my employees a new supervisory role by enlisting her to train Gabriela,” Moran continued.

The young musician also inspired Moran to broaden the scope of Hamilton Ink Spot. After working with Gabriela, the business has pledged to commit more of its resources to youth through internships and a mobile printmaking program for K-12 students. Because of Right Track, Gabriela says, “I feel more professional,” and Moran observed, “It wasn’t only a chance to have good help in the office. It was also a chance to improve the community.”



HAMILTON INK SPOT INTERN
SAINT PAUL CONSERVATORY
FOR PERFORMING ARTISTS STUDENT

GABRIELA F.

OFFICE OF MAYOR CHRIS COLEMAN INTERN
NOVA CLASSICAL ACADEMY STUDENT

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“Supervising an intern reminded me that our jobs are not just about getting the work done; our jobs are also about developing individuals.”

–Pa Vang Goldbeck,
Policy Associate,
Office of Mayor Coleman



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Quinn was no stranger to public and nonprofit sector work. His first job, a Right Track YJ01 placement at the Animal Humane Society, plus the skills he gained as a Saint Paul Youth Commissioner made him a great fit for a YJ02 internship in the Mayor’s Office.

Quinn’s primary project was to write profiles of City of Saint Paul employees that would educate young people about public service careers. “I came up with the interview questions based on what students my age want to know,” said Quinn, who then interviewed staff and created materials that are now posted as a resource on the City’s website.

Along the way, Quinn’s supervisor, Pa Vang Goldbeck, carved out time in her busy schedule to coach and mentor him. She found the experience to be a valuable reminder that all employees need help when they are starting out. “If I didn’t have mentors and internships, I wouldn’t be here today, so I did my best to give my Right Track intern a quality experience.”

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