

# Expanding Knowledge: Summer 2021 Intern Profiles

## NATHAN MARTINEZ

14-15 YEAR OLD INTERNSHIP PROGRAM



### **Why did you choose to join the Internship Program?**

I joined because I plan on being a firefighter. I thought it was pretty cool to experience what they do. They teach you how to put people in helicopters and how they put out fires.

### **What program (Financial Empowerment/Tribal Sovereignty/Cultural Awareness/ Tribal Safety) did you choose to intern with? And why?**

I chose Tribal Safety Program because after I graduate I want to be a firefighter. I want to help save people and I want to inspire little kids to do good things. The program helped me decide to really become a firefighter because I learned the training. I learned about the equipment and what each is used for.

### **Why should the Tribal Community participate in the Tribal Internship Program?**

The Tribal Community should try it because it is really fun. You get to learn a lot of new things, do a lot of new things, and experience something you've never done before. It was pretty cool.

### **What is one or two valuable things you have learned in your internship?**

One thing I learned was CPR, which is important to learn because you can help people, like if you're out somewhere and someone is choking, you have the skills to help them.

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## SHAWNEE

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### **Why did you choose to join the Internship Program?**

I thought it would be cool to learn all these different skills. My dad worked in DPS and I wanted to learn more about it and what he did.

### **What program (Financial Empowerment/Tribal Sovereignty/Cultural Awareness/ Tribal Safety) did you choose to intern with? And why?**

I chose to join the Tribal Safety Program because I wanted to meet and get to know all the firemen and DPS officers. It's also better to know what to do if you're ever in an unsafe situation.

### **Why should the Tribal Community participate in the Tribal Internship Program?**

I think it's important for the Tribal Community to participate in the internship program because they will learn skills that are necessities, like self-defense and CPR. Those skills are very important.

### **What is one or two valuable things you have learned in your internship?**

What I learned through the internship program was CPR training, self-defense, and more about what the DPS does. I learned how hard the fire department works for us—on Reservation and sometimes off-Reservation. Even though the DPS officers and firefighters might seem like tough guys or girls, they're not that bad or scary once you get to know them. They're just doing their job. Don't be shy; talk to them, even if it just to ask them how they are doing.