

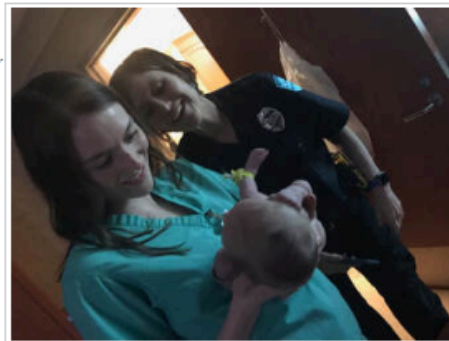
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LINK: Leading INTERNSHIPS for New Knowledge

Welcome to LINK!

The Leading Internships for New Knowledge (LINK) program is an integral piece of the Animas High School curriculum in Durango, Colorado, as it exemplifies our belief in the value of student-centered, personalized instruction that connects learning to the adult world. LINK takes students beyond the classroom walls in order to clarify personal, college and career goals while teaching invaluable professional skills and life lessons.

With support from the LINK Internship Coordinator, students find internships either locally or further afield that allow them to dive deeply into their individual passions, interests and potential career paths. They are paired with LINK Mentors who generously share their time, energy and expertise. While on their internships, AHS juniors make meaningful contributions to their host businesses and organizations while also completing individual LINK Projects.



The Program at a Glance

Animas High School is creating a community of life-long learners. As a college preparatory school, students are supported in setting long-term personal, scholastic and professional goals. In their junior year, students are paired for three weeks with professionals who provide real world experience in their fields. Students complete academically rigorous projects at their internship sites, culminating in a LINK Exhibition.



LINK 1.0

Who? Juniors from AHS paired with mentors who are professionals in their fields

What? A three-week long internship (30-40 hours a week) that promotes community involvement and connects classroom learning to the outside world. Students do not attend classes in order to focus all their attention on the internship

Where? Businesses and organizations in Durango and beyond

When? Three weeks in spring, exact dates each year can be found on the AHS School Calendar

Why? LINK supports students in lifelong skills such as:

- thriving in a professional setting
- refining college and career goals
- application of what they learn in our classrooms
- making positive contributions to the community
- developing a strong sense of self

LINK 2.0

Who? Seniors from AHS paired with local mentors

What? Participation in the professional world throughout the year, at least 4 hours a week or 60 hours a semester

Where? Businesses and organizations in the Durango area

When? Throughout the year: weekends, after school, summer

Why? Allows seniors to deepen their professional experience