

Meet Our 2024 Summer Interns!

This summer, South Slough Reserve is proud to welcome a team of talented and enthusiastic interns who are diving into estuary science, education, and stewardship. Coming from across the country and right here in Coos County, these students are gaining hands-on experience while contributing to meaningful work at the Reserve. Let's meet them!

Stacie Strombom

Recent Environmental Studies graduate, Knox College (IL)

Formerly the AmeriCorps volunteer working with the Estuary Explorers after school program, Stacie is now sponsored through the Friends of the South Slough Reserve, Inc. (FOSS). This summer, Stacie is working with mentor Jaime Belanger, to develop curriculum and deliver programming for summer science camps and education/outreach programs. Stacie also provides customer service in the FOSS Bookstore when she is not working with educational programs. During her free time, Stacie loves going to local parks or the beach to find cool critters (nudibranchs are a favorite!), reading, taking photos, or going thrifting with friends!



Daniel Serpa

A biology and environmental science student at Bucknell University (MA)

Sponsored through the NOAA NCCOS Program, Daniel is working with mentor Jennifer Kirkland on GIS, drone mapping (UAV), and science communication. He's passionate about marine ecology, enjoys spending time outside-preferably on the water, fishing, hiking, and camping. A fun fact about Daniel is that he often bikes to and from work!



Olivia Mendoza

Environmental science and policy major at Smith College (MA)

Olivia supports both our science and education teams, helping with estuary research and monitoring and leading summer science camps. Olivia grew up in Southern California but now goes to Smith College in Massachusetts where she plays volleyball and is studying environmental science and geology. She loves being outdoors and exploring, running, hiking, reading and baking. She also secretly wishes she could teleport!



Katie Dammann

Oceanography and music performance major at Oregon State University (OR)

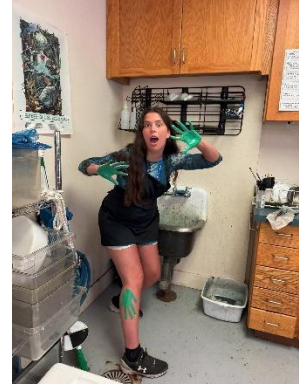
Over the course of his internship, Katie will be developing skills in wetland monitoring and restoration, science communication, and working with children. Jaime Belanger and Ryan Scott will serve as Katie's mentors. Katie's internship is supported through the Wasson grant via the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. She plays saxophone in OSU's Wind Symphony, enjoys tide pooling, photography, gardening, and is fascinated by deep-sea ecosystems. Katie also travels home to Roseburg every weekend to work at a local farmstand.



Malia Mosley

A rising senior at North Bend High School (OR)

Over the course of her internship, Malia will be developing skills in science communication and working with children. Jaime Belanger will serve as Malia's mentor. Malia loves jazz music, birdwatching, painting, and making recycled art. She also plays bass clarinet (and proudly promotes bass clarinet propaganda. Malia's internship is supported through the Oregon Coast STEM Hub.

**Catelyn Toney**

A recent graduate from UT Austin in biology and communications (TX)

Catelyn is an Oregon Sea Grant Scholar who will work closely with Jenni Schmitt to assist with estuary research and monitoring efforts. In addition, she will collaborate with Jaime Belanger to help implement education and outreach initiatives, including our summer science day camps. She brings experience in animal care, tennis coaching, and a love for sharks and marine biology.

**Annika Vikstrom**

Biology and Earth & Climate Science student at Middlebury College (VT)

Annika is a science and education intern working alongside Jenni Schmitt and Jaime Belanger supported through the NOAA NCCOS Program. Annika has assisted in several field monitoring efforts as well as summer camps and community events. She's passionate about communicating science to all audiences and is enjoying her first summer on the West Coast, especially tide pooling, hiking, swimming, camping, mountain biking, and running.



Isaac Adams

A recent graduate of North Bend High School (OR)

Isaac is assisting with tidal marsh field research before heading to the University of Oregon to study biological sciences. His internship is supported by the Oregon Coast STEM Hub. Isaac graduated with honors and competed in track, swimming, and tennis. Isaac had a leadership role in a symphonic and jazz band and competed in the annual knowledge bowl. We're excited to support his journey into environmental science!



Please join us in welcoming these bright young scientists and educators to the Reserve. Their curiosity, dedication, and energy bring new ideas and inspiration to our work this summer!