



## 2022 'B' BOLD & 'B' BOLD(ER) Internship Program Video Transcript

Fernanda Ortiz ([00:04](#)):

So I was really interested in the internship and Clearinghouse's community-based work. And I knew if I participated in the internship, that they could help me perform and excel in that area.

Samantha Sarmiento ([00:14](#)):

The name 'B' BOLD(ER) interested me the most, because I think something in life is, like, for me, is always trying to be bold and always trying to aim for the highest.

Abigail Verdugo ([00:21](#)):

It was their mission statement. They just really care about the community, and they want to help low to moderate income families improve their well-being and just have a better way of life.

Kim Santiago ([00:31](#)):

I love, um, giving back to my community. And so this was, like, a great internship to be involved in.

Amayrani Tlatelpa ([00:38](#)):

The internship is not what I expected. I got really close with my team and really close with my mentor Victor Reyes, who has given me amazing advice.

Samantha Sarmiento ([00:48](#)):

Everyone had, like, an open door policy. So I was able to just move around building during the work time and get to know everyone and ask any questions that I wanted to.

Fernanda Ortiz ([00:56](#)):

I really enjoyed learning about the company and all the different departments that work within it and how they cohesively work together, even though they have extremely different job tasks.

Abigail Verdugo ([01:05](#)):

Like, the impact departments, marketing, there's so many. So it was nice seeing how they all work together to help.

Samantha Sarmiento ([01:13](#)):

The most challenging part of the internship for me personally was the technology, because one of the main things we used was our laptops. And personally, since I'm from, like, a low income family, I never had my own laptop.

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I remember the very first day I was here, I couldn't even log in. The people from the IT program really helped me overcome that difficulty, because as soon as I needed help with anything, they answered their emails and their calls right away.

Abigail Verdugo ([01:37](#)):



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We got to work with Excel in doing pivot tables and analyzing data. And it's not what I do with my major. I do social work. So... (laughs).

Fernanda Ortiz ([01:47](#)):

I didn't realize all the formulas and functions that went into it. But, um, after, like, practicing and obviously guidance from mentors and other people throughout the company, it became a lot easier towards the end of the internship.

Samantha Sarmiento ([02:00](#)):

One thing I learned from this experience definitely is the power of networking and just knowing what your values are, especially in a company.

Fernanda Ortiz ([02:08](#)):

I learned a lot about professionalism and how to navigate my tasks in the workplace. And I also learned a lot about how confidence can affect my work.

Kim Santiago ([02:17](#)):

I learned how a real job was, which is really cool, because I never imagined myself to be a part of this kind of program and how, like, professional they are.

Abigail Verdugo ([02:25](#)):

What I'm taking away is just to be a critical thinker always, always try to understand the full picture. That's going to really help me throughout my career, and I'm grateful to have learned about so many things that I usually wouldn't have known in my degree.

Amayrani Tlatelpa ([02:40](#)):

I'm walking away with more confidence in myself and my abilities and knowing that I will apply all the skills that I learned into my academic career, but also my professional career.