

## Internship Summer Recap 2024

From 2021 to 2024, the Internship program alone grew from 99 to 191 interns, and 75 to 106 businesses. To date, 901 students have experienced local careers through this program! This summer was jammed packed with amazing interns, businesses, leadership days, and graduations!

Below is a quote from Kierra Penka, a third-year intern at the Cheyenne County Kansas Community Foundation in Saint Francis:

"Through my internship, I have learned much about my community and everything it can offer. I have been able to help with so many projects and even got one of my own. This internship has allowed me to even become a junior board member. I think everyone should become an intern because it provides opportunities that a regular job doesn't. Nex-Gen works hard to ensure you have a fun summer. You also get to attend Leadership Days which are always a great way to see other interns. This internship has taught me so many new skills that can help me in the future. I have loved being a part of Nex-Gen and hope to continue to be with them in the future!"

## Leadership Days



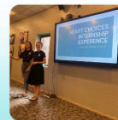
Leadership Day 2024 Recap! This year's Leadership Day theme focused on Building Up and being a part of our communities. A big question we focused on was "Why do small communities need youth?" We had amazing hosts and incredible panel speakers who told the interns that they can make a difference in their small communities.

"Leave your fingerprints everywhere and your name nowhere."



## Graduation Days

Intern Graduation took place at Phillipsburg, Beloit, and Colby. These interns shared their summer experiences as interns and everything they learned! We are so proud of all of our interns and everything they have accomplished this summer!



### Business applications for 2025 now open!

The Nex-Gen Internship Program business applications for the summer of 2025 are NOW OPEN! By submitting an application for your business, your Northwest or North Central Kansas business will have the opportunity to hire high school and college students in your area! As a participating business in our Internship Program, you will give the youth in your communities an incredible opportunity to have a PAID summer internship experience. Visit our website, [nex-generation.org/internships](https://nex-generation.org/internships), to apply TODAY! All business applications are due by December 11! We can't wait to have your business join our program and leave a positive impact on the youth of Kansas.



...SEE YOU NEXT SUMMER!



Our mission is to educate northwest and north central Kansas students about local career opportunities by providing and supporting programs in career development, entrepreneurship, and internship. Through these efforts, we hope to foster a positive sense of community and encourage youth to remain or return home to prosper.