

Lisa Roberts: “A Rural Community with Community Pride”

I went to Levelland, Texas and interned at the Chamber of Commerce. I helped build the Oxy Sports Complex, helped with the Early Settler’s Day festival, promoted The Main Street Program and downtown Levelland, and helped with the Annual Lighted Parade. I was able to meet the President of the Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor, City Secretary, City Manager, Chief of police, the former Mayor and Judge of Levelland, and the Fire Chief.

This experience benefited me because it introduced me to The Main Street Program which I am interested in working with after I graduate. Because Levelland was a rural community, I was able to see how vital community pride is from the city itself, from volunteers within the community, and the business owners. I was also able to understand how tax funding is allocated within a community.



This made a big impact on me because it opened up my eyes to the importance of everyone in a community doing their part. The more active a community is in investing back into that community with money, time, or supporting local businesses, the better a community can be which only benefits everyone as a whole.

I am very thankful for having this opportunity through TRIP! It was a great experience!



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