Students Gain Hands-on Experience

Every year, 100 APS high school students participate in the Executive Internship Program at Pickens Technical College. Students attend a three-week boot camp to develop resumes and interview skills, then intern at local businesses or organizations.

Students have worked at school sites and in a variety of APS departments, including the Accounting, Communication, IT, Nutritional Services and Print Services departments. In the past year, more than 15 students interned within APS.

Northrop Grumman Paid Summer Internships

Northrop Grumman Security Corporation – a long-time partner of APS – recently offered five students highly desirable, paid internships for the summer through the Executive Internship Program.

Aaron Batilo, Yabstega Dubale, Khoa Ho and Nick Smith from Hinkley and Steven Quach from Rangeview impressed the security corporation through their interviews and participation in the Cyber Patriot competition - a cyber defense program sponsored by Northrop Grumman.

The interns are working 30 hours per week assisting engineers in the Information System’s cyber department. They receive an hourly wage, but the most valuable compensation comes in the form of knowledge and experience. By the end of their internships, they will have noteworthy resume material and a thorough understanding of cyber security and related career paths.