

## Intern's Sign Welcomes All at Marin County Airport

By Shirley Trimble

Seventeen-year-old **Tyler Colenbrander** was keenly interested in both solar energy and a project that would benefit the Marin County Airport for his Eagle Scout project. Department of Public Works Airport Manager **Dan Jensen** had the answer: "We needed to put up a directional road sign with no electrical connection."

"Dan and I agreed for me to design and build a 24-hour welcome sign for the airport," said Tyler, a County of Marin intern and a senior at San Marin High. Using an Autodesk program, he designed a 4-by-8-foot acrylic sign with blue background and white lettering. It has a solar panel on top and a battery box underneath and requires no maintenance. Tyler also produced a three-minute video\* that explains the whole process. His completed



PHOTO PROVIDED BY TYLER COLENBRANDER

*Tyler Colenbrander poses alongside the solar-powered sign he designed for the airport.*

sign was installed on August 8 at the entrance to Gnos Field.

Dan said, "The sign is a really nice, class job. I've seen Tyler grow as he worked through his project, especially when he had setbacks in the planning and building of the sign. He's a great guy and whatever he chooses to do in the future will go well."

Tyler described the sign construction as his biggest project yet: it took him nine months and 114 hours to complete. He found 25 people to help: adults with expertise from the airport and industry, plus younger Scouts who helped put up the sign. Together they contributed 303 volunteer hours. Solar panels donated by Sun First Solar, a San Rafael firm, and

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## VOLUNTEER NOTES

### 2018 Marin Volunteer Fair

Everyone is invited to explore volunteer opportunities at the Marin Volunteer Fair! This community event is sponsored by the Center for Volunteer & Nonprofit Leadership, with our Civic Center Volunteers program as a presenting partner. People of all ages, time commitments, and talents can discuss their interests and skills with reps from a range of local nonprofits. Join us Saturday, October 6, 10:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Children's Island, Lagoon Park, 10 Avenue of the Flags, San Rafael, near the Veterans' Memorial Auditorium.

### Usher Orientation

The Cultural Services Department hosts orientation for prospective volunteer ushers on Monday, October 15 at the Marin Veterans' Memorial Auditorium. Applicants gather at 5:00 p.m. and current ushers arrive at 5:30 for a potluck. Interested in ushering? Contact **Anne Starr** at the CCV office, 415-473-7167 or AS Starr@marincounty.org. (If you've already been invited, RSVP to Usher Coordinator **Grania Flanagan**, 415-473-3296.)

### Save the Date: 18th Annual Pop-Up Craft Fair

Find one-of-a-kind gifts at the 18th annual Employee Arts & Crafts Fair on Thursday, November 29, at the Marin Civic Center Cafe. The public is welcome! Civic Center Volunteers are eligible to be vendors. For details, call **Robyn Madias** at 415-473-7407.

# Happy Anniversary!

We congratulate these volunteers who celebrate their anniversaries this month and thank them for their involvement.

36 YEARS

**Nancy Douglass** (San Rafael), Usher, Cultural Services

34 YEARS

**Karen Berke** (Novato) Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks

31 YEARS

**Cecelia Kudlick** (San Rafael), Usher, Cultural Services

22 YEARS

**Ralph Lunan** (San Rafael), Emergency Services Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

20 YEARS

**Jo-Ann Giunti** (Novato), Usher, Cultural Services

19 YEARS

**Virginia Vanoni** (San Rafael), Usher, Cultural Services

17 YEARS

**Cathy Day** (San Anselmo), **Melanie Facen** (San Rafael), **Irma Richter** (Novato), **Christine Valente** (Novato), Ushers, Cultural Services

16 YEARS

**Madelon Van Lier** (San Rafael), Usher, Cultural Services

15 YEARS

**Kathleen Holland** (San Rafael), **Ginny Nelson** (San Rafael), **David Williams** (Novato), Ushers, Cultural Services

**Leslie Miller** (San Anselmo), *Frankly Speaking* Newsletter Proofreader, Human Resources

14 YEARS

**Zerene Soans** (Novato), **Connie Tellep** (San Rafael), Ushers, Cultural Services

13 YEARS

**Craig Mirkin** (Corte Madera), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services/Auxiliary Communications Service (RACES/ACS) Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

**Cathy Gowdy** (Novato), California Room Docent, Civic Center Library

**Robert Rye** (Corte Madera), Marin Search & Rescue Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

10 YEARS

**Mary Schmidt** (San Rafael), **Jillian Robinson** (Fairfax), **Nina Russe** (San Rafael), **Peter Schindler** (Richmond),

**Carol Sheerin** (San Rafael), **Joel Toste** (San Rafael), Ushers, Cultural Services

9 YEARS

**Gayanne G. Enquist** (Inverness), Aide, Inverness Library

**Marge Jackson** (Novato), **Patricia Finnegan** (Sausalito), **Joanne Lee** (Corte Madera), **Christine Sansom** (Fairfax), **Rita Swenson** (Fairfax), **Kathy Flynn** (San Rafael), Ushers, Cultural Services

8 YEARS

**Joan Gosliner** (San Rafael), **Ken Gosliner** (San Rafael), **Charles Wallace** (San Rafael), Consumer Mediators, District Attorney's Office (DA)

**Belinda Zell** (Stinson Beach), Shelver, Stinson Beach Library

**Lynn Merlo** (San Rafael), Children's Library Aide, Civic Center Library

**Mary Anderson** (Tiburon), **Helen Bohaczyk** (Greenbrae), **Arlene Burstrem** (Novato), **Roger Burstrem** (Novato), **Ruth Falkenberg** (San Rafael), **Marilyn McConnell** (Novato), **Esther Solar** (Novato), Ushers, Cultural Services

7 YEARS

**Karen Hege** (Greenbrae), Search & Rescue Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

**Michael Yuan** (San Rafael), Search & Rescue Youth Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

**Ann Bonfigli** (Novato), **Alice Rivas** (Novato), Ushers, Cultural Services

**Steve O'Keefe** (Novato), Patrol Volunteer, Marin County Parks

6 YEARS

**Nancy Chaffin** (Petaluma), **Violet Marshall** (Tiburon), **Ruth-Louise Moran** (San Rafael), **Deborah Salisbury** (San Rafael), **Elizabeth Hannon** (Novato), Ushers, Cultural Services

**Melisa Hickman** (Fairfax), Steward, Marin County Parks

5 YEARS

**June Miller** (San Rafael), **Ted Kreines** (Tiburon), Marin Civic Center Tour Docents, Cultural Services

**Barbara Byers** (Novato), Shelver, Novato Library

**Ursuline Carpetta** (San Rafael), **Cheri Robinson** (San Rafael), Ushers, Cultural Services

**Nicholas Forbes** (Tiburon), Search & Rescue Youth Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

**Lucia Pizano** (Piedmont), **Molly Williams** (Mill Valley), Search & Rescue Volunteers, Sheriff's Office

4 YEARS

**Raphael Dunne** (San Rafael), Steward, Marin County Parks

**Lindsay Contreras** (Petaluma), **William Schimpf** (Petaluma), Search & Rescue Volunteers, Sheriff's Office

**Daniel Hoffner** (Sausalito), **Caelum Kelly** (Mill Valley), **Skye McCormick** (Mill Valley), **Kobe Pole** (Larkspur), Search & Rescue Youth Volunteers, Sheriff's Office

**Annamarie Ambuehl** (Novato), **Sue Derana** (Novato), **Deborah Gregor** (Novato), **William Gutierrez** (Point Richmond), **Joan Jamison** (San Rafael), **Gail Jarach** (San Rafael), **Diane Marie** (Richmond), **Mary O'Hara** (Novato), **Charles Parmelee** (Santa Rosa), **Kertice Poon** (Novato), **Sandy Schering** (San Rafael), **Daina Vitols** (San Rafael), **Jackie Watson** (San Rafael), Ushers, Cultural Services

**Patrick Murphy** (Novato), Financial Abuse Specialist Team Volunteer, Health & Human Services (HHS)

3 YEARS

**April Forsythe** (San Rafael), **MB Fribley** (San Anselmo), **Marjorie Jules** (Novato), **Mary Miller** (San Rafael), **Diane Reeder** (Novato), **Claire Taylor** (San Rafael), Ushers, Cultural Services

**Ashley Peach** (San Rafael), **Cole Zesiger** (San Rafael), Search & Rescue Youth Volunteers, Sheriff's Office

2 YEARS

**Jeff Brown** (Pleasant Hill), Search & Rescue Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

**Elizabeth Posylkin** (Novato), Marin Women's Commission Intern, Human Resources

## Airport Intern

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LED lights donated by Associated Lighting helped Tyler come in under his county budget for materials

Since his father, Pieter (a native of Holland), is a pilot and electrical engineer, Tyler hangs around the airport a lot. For three years, he has volunteered to make breakfast at a monthly meeting of local pilots. His father has also been his Scout leader

since he was in first grade. Tyler is a member of Boy Scout Troop 73 in Novato and attributes many of his planning and managing skills to Boy Scout trips and projects.

At San Marin, Tyler takes AP classes in the STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) program. He is a cross-county runner, is in competitive speech and debate,

belongs to the Robotics Club, and plays trumpet in the school jazz band. He also started an after-school Ultimate Frisbee club. This fall he plans to apply to college to study engineering. His younger brother, Evan, is a sophomore and also a Scout.

\*Tyler's sign-construction video is available online at:  
<https://youtu.be/s28H0fTcQng>

# Career Explorer Interns Celebrate Summer Experience

PHOTOS BY BRENT ANSWORTH



*Interns from Marin County's third Career Explorer class show their certificates from the Board of Supervisors at graduation last month. Several students spoke, including, at right, Benjamin Magana, winner of the first Dan Daniels Spirit of Service Award. The 19 students from 10 county departments earned praise from Supervisor Katie Rice for their positive impact. Program leader Luis Luciano of the Probation Department told grads, "Know that you have friends here committed to your success." Human Resources Assistant Director Lisa Baker emceed. Interns worked alongside county staff and took part in workshops on public speaking, interviewing, resume writing, and more. The county's internships coordinator, Joy Fossett of Human Resources, provided essential support to the summer program.*



## Who's New & Welcome!

**Blake Arana** (Mill Valley), Adult Offender Work Program Intern, Probation

**Katherine Bonenti** (Larkspur), Event Aide, Human Resources (HR)

**Olivia Brandt** (Petaluma), Marin Women's Commission Intern, HR

**Lily Carbullido** (Greenbrae), Teen Girl Ambassador, HR

**Sophia Cesario** (San Rafael), Summer Challenge Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

**Makena Cusick** (Woodacre), Marin Teen Girl Ambassador, HR

**John Fossett** (Novato), Public Administrator Intern, Department of Finance

**Scott Harrop** (San Rafael), Volunteer View Newsletter Writer, HR

**Milton Hyams** (San Rafael), Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service/Auxiliary Communications Service (RACES/ACS) Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

**Zuzu Jansen** (Mill Valley), Marin Teen Girl Ambassador, HR

**Carol Kerr** (Larkspur), Mental Health Services Act Program Support, Health & Human Services (HHS)

**Joshua Lee** (San Anselmo), Library Aide Intern, Fairfax Library

**Dylan Leifer-Ives** (Fairfax), Teen Advisory Group Intern, Fairfax Library

**Santiago Leyva** (Point Reyes Station), Teen Shelver, Point

Reyes Library

**William Litzenberger** (Novato), Legal Support Intern, District Attorney's Office

**Karen Lutz** (Hercules), Ombudsman Volunteer, HHS

**Grayson Mayne** (San Rafael), Summer Challenge Youth Volunteer, Civic Center Library

**Francesca McLaughlin** (Corte Madera), Marin Teen Girl Ambassador, HR

**Steven Pointer** (Novato), RACES/ACS Volunteer, Sheriff's Office

**Sandy Wargo** (American Canyon), Public Information Officer and Inspector, Fire Department

# Spirit Nest Ready for Visitors at Stafford Lake Park

PHOTO BY DANA LUI



*Marin County Parks volunteers pitch in to make artist's Spirit Nest concept a reality.*

An art project using wood cleared from a fire-management job in Terra Linda/Sleepy Hollow Preserve is open for visitors. The reclaimed wood was formed into a huge nest structure designed by artist Jayson Fann. Jayson creates interactive, large-scale Spirit Nests built from natural materials in collaboration with local communities. Small teams of Civic Center Volunteers helped strip leaves and weave branches as directed by the

artist. The completed Spirit Nest is at Stafford Lake Park, 3549 Novato Blvd., west of Novato city limits. It remains open through April 2019. See the Stafford nest, which is big enough to climb in, while you can! (And remember, if you have a Marin County library card you can check out a pass for free entry and parking at county parks. Inquire at your local library branch.)

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