

Locally Grown Internship Program

Description

J&C Tropicals, a well-established and growing national tropical produce distributor is looking for a highly motivated undergraduate student with a strong interest in Locally Grown Programs.

This intern should be prepared to work in a fast-paced team environment, and will finish the internship having gained experience in various aspects of farming and distributing locally grown produce.

Responsibilities

- Assist Produce Buyer for in-house production, and locally grown initiatives
- Participate in meeting with locally grown vendors.
- Assist in all aspects of the farm's production, from soil preparation to harvest, from administration to marketing farm products
- Participate in harvest and post-harvest handling, field seeding, irrigation and cultivation needs, and maintaining records.
- Assisting farm field supervisors with daily tasks and projects.
- Assisting existing management staff in evaluating, analyzing, designing, and maintaining all Farming Department data
- Assimilating and analyzing production and farm-related data such as yield, size and quality information

Requirements

- Company is looking for an undergraduate student in the Miami/Homestead area who is majoring in Agriculture.
- Excellent verbal and written communication skills.
- Computer proficient in Excel, Outlook, Word, etc.
- Extensive knowledge of Agriculture practices.
- Open minded, innovative and forward thinking
- Bi-Lingual (Spanish/English) speaking

Majors

Agriculture Science, Agriculture Operations Management, Agriculture Education

Compensation:

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Learning outcomes:

-Student will learn different aspects of farming, harvesting and distributing locally grown produce.

-Student will participate in visits to local farms to inspect the fields, evaluate and make projections with the produce buyer and local vendors of the season harvest

-Student will work with the farms supervisor to determine field seeding, cultivation, irrigation and fertilization of daily crops needs and schedule.

-Student will assist Farms Supervisor collecting soil samples, send to labs and get recommendations for type of fertilizer to be used depending on type of crops.

-Student will participate in vendors meetings to assist in the buying process.

-Students will assist Food Safety Manager collecting water samples and send to labs. Student will learn Food Safety Protocols.