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Mayor's Task To Talent Internship Program

Mayor April Capone Almon is proud to announce the launching of an internship mentoring program in conjunction with East Haven's High School *Lead The Way Program*, which allows engineering students to get technical training in various types of engineering (e.g. structural, chemical, mechanical, etc.). The Mayor and EHHS wanted to also offer opportunities to students that are interested in other areas of municipal government.

Internship programs can be much more than a means to get young, inexpensive talent. "We are confident that both the students and the Engineering Department will benefit from this program," Town Engineer, James Staunton said.

The Town of East Haven receives a grant from a local non-profit *The Workforce Alliance*, which grants municipalities' money to pay wages for youth's ages 16 to 21. Mayor Capone Almon and EHHS hope to provide a hands-on learning experience for students. Students will be able to work in municipal departments such as the Mayor's office, Engineering Department, the Public Works Department, the Town Clerk's Office, the Assessor's Office, the Social Services Department, the Finance Department, and more.

"This program places an emphasis on education rather than employment," Capone Almon said, "Internships are a beneficial aspect of career planning and I am delighted that we could bring together the Town and BOE to benefit our students at no cost to the East Haven taxpayers."

The Town's Community Services Coordinator, Tara Pisaturo-Pelatowski, will coordinate with department heads and school officials to conduct a formal interview process with students. We will be matching task to talent. The program will run through June 30th. The Town has applied for funds for Fiscal Year 2008-2009 to continue this program.

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