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Valley TeleCom Group Proudly Hires Former Summer Student Jacob Encinas as Full-Time Internet Technician

Willcox, AZ – September 12, 2023 — Valley TeleCom Group is thrilled to announce the hiring of Jacob Encinas, one of the standout students from last year's summer student class, as a full-time Internet Technician. Jacob's journey with Valley began in 2022 when he joined as one of the four summer students, showcasing his potential and passion for the telecommunications industry.

During his summer at Valley, Jacob worked diligently alongside the Network/IT department, gaining valuable experience in mapping drives and troubleshooting internet connections. He developed a strong admiration for the Network Team, referring to them as "the smartest guys here." Witnessing the team's expertise and dedication inspired Jacob to pursue a career in telecommunications.

When a full-time position for Internet Technician became available this summer, Jacob eagerly applied, driven by his interest and the positive experience from his previous tenure at Valley. His hands-on experience during the summer program had instilled the confidence to pursue this opportunity, making him an ideal candidate for the role.

The Student Summer Employment Program, spearheaded by Valley TeleCom Group, aims to expose local youth to the world of telecommunications and spark interest in potential future careers within the company. Valley recognizes the unique challenges of hiring in rural communities and is committed to cultivating local talent and investing in their growth within the industry. As Valley's Interim CEO/CFO, Troy Judd, expressed last year, "The program seeks to offer students a chance to learn about the telecommunications sector and explore potential job opportunities right within their local communities."

For Valley TeleCom Group, witnessing Jacob's rapid progression from a summer student to a full-time employee is a testament to the program's success and the dedication of its staff in mentoring and supporting these bright young minds. The entire Valley team is excited to welcome Jacob into his new role and looks forward to witnessing the positive impact he will undoubtedly make as an Internet Technician.

As Valley continues its commitment to fostering local talent, this year's summer student class includes five individuals embarking on their own career journeys. The company eagerly anticipates the potential growth and future success of these students, as they may follow in Jacob's footsteps and eventually become valuable members of the Valley family.

About Valley TeleCom Group

Valley TeleCom Group is a local telecommunications company that provides high-speed Internet, phone and business solutions to southeast Arizona and southwest New Mexico. Valley has offices in Clifton, AZ; Safford, AZ; and Willcox, AZ and have been providing services since 1962. www.vtc.net

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