

Cecily and Medo



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During the 2008-2009 school year, T.A. has been lucky enough to get two stellar high school interns to help us out. Cecily has expanded our presence on Facebook (she says we have a lot of ‘friends’), MySpace and online volunteer sites. Medo has worked on a long-term photo project, building up our library of quality pictures for use in future outreach materials. Having teenagers around the office has been refreshing, and we are thankful for the commitment and effort that these two have given us this year.

Names: Cecily Vivas and Medo Medunjanin

Ages: 15 and 15 (sophomores)

School: High School of Environmental Studies

Twice a week you each come to T.A. after school to help out for a couple of hours. Is it more fun than doing homework? **Medo:** It is for sure

more fun than doing boring homework, except maybe geography. **Cecily:** Yes, definitely. My homework is long and annoying.

What are your favorite classes? **Medo:** Chemistry – it’s really weird. English, because expressing myself differently makes me sound smart on paper. **Cecily:** Math and chemistry. I deal with numbers.

What did you expect from the internship at T.A.? **Medo:** I expected some boring business people sitting at their desks typing on their computers about “bikes.” **Cecily:** (laughing) I expected tons of hippies and yuppies walking around. I thought I would be the only normal person.

Did that happen? **Medo:** It’s way more laid back than I expected. **Cecily:** No comment.

What has surprised you about helping out at T.A.? **Cecily:** I was surprised that so many bikers existed in New York.

Medo: I was surprised at how far everyone goes into what they do, how far T.A. goes to reach people and that you guys have all the bike tours.

Tell us something you learned during your time here. **Medo:** I learned how to file alphabetically and how to fold shirts.

Cecily: I learned that there are people enthusiastic about riding bikes –and not cars– for a better environment.

When you’re out in the world, do you think you’ll ever support a group like T.A.? **Medo:** I couldn’t say for sure, but I do hope I find some organization where I like what they are doing and work with them. **Cecily:** Yes, it will be cool to volunteer for a good cause.

What’s the weirdest thing you’ve seen during your internship at T.A.? **Cecily:** When Elena (the Volunteer Coordinator) got her new Baby Phat jeans, and asked me, “Aren’t they cool?!” I couldn’t stop laughing. Also, the MTA Telethon spoof commercial you guys did was really funny. **Medo:** One time I went to TD Bank with Elena to turn in some change from T.A.’s petty cash. Elena guessed the amount within \$0.86 and they gave her a free piggy bank. She really freaked out.

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Will you miss us when the school year ends?

Cecily: Yes, I’ll remember Elena’s perkiness and Molly’s spunky attitude. **Medo:** It may not be the end. We may be back...

What advice do you have for future interns who might come to help out at T.A.? **Medo:** Type fast, learn to fold, don’t go to the bank with Elena. **Cecily:** Type fast, do good researching, be unique and don’t break the postage machine. □