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Building Future Leaders: Element Consulting Summer Internship Program Offers Hands-On Jobsite Experience

EL SEGUNDO, CA (July 9, 2026) – At Element Consulting, Inc. investing in the next generation of industry leaders is part of the company's commitment to Bringing the Right Elements Together for Our Clients' Success. Through its summer internship program, Element provides aspiring professionals with meaningful, hands-on experience that bridges the gap between the classroom and the construction site.

Rather than observing from the sidelines, interns are immersed in active projects, working alongside experienced construction management professionals and gaining firsthand exposure to project planning, coordination, and field operations.

For Element Project Engineer Intern Michael Tran, the internship has opened the door to an exciting new career path. A graduate of California State University, Northridge with a bachelor's degree in business marketing, Tran joined Element eager to explore the construction industry and gain hands-on experience in project management.

"Interning as a project engineer at Element has been an incredible whirlwind, especially since school construction is a completely new field for me," said Tran. "Every day brings something new to learn, from tracking site progress to understanding how large construction schedules come together. Getting this kind of hands-on experience on real job sites has been the perfect start to my career."

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*Element Consulting Summer Intern
Michael Tran.*



*Tran visiting the active construction site
at Malibu Middle School as part of
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Tran's growth during the internship has been recognized by his mentor, Element Consulting Senior Project Manager Dave Walsh, who shared his perspective on the experience.

"Working with Michael has been a great experience," said Walsh. "He has shown strong curiosity, a great attitude, and a willingness to learn. It's been rewarding to see him grow his understanding of how projects come together in the field, and I'm confident he has a strong future ahead in the industry."

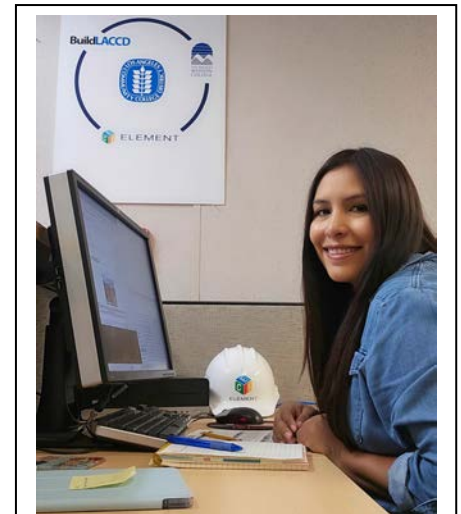
Another intern making the most of Element Consulting's Summer Internship Program is Vania Chileno, who joined the team through the BuildLACCD Internship Program, a workforce development initiative of the Los Angeles Community College District, sponsored by Element Consulting.

"Vania has been a tremendous addition to our team," said Element Consulting College Project Director Karl Aldridge. "She is eager to learn, takes initiative, and approaches every opportunity with professionalism. We're excited to see where her career takes her."

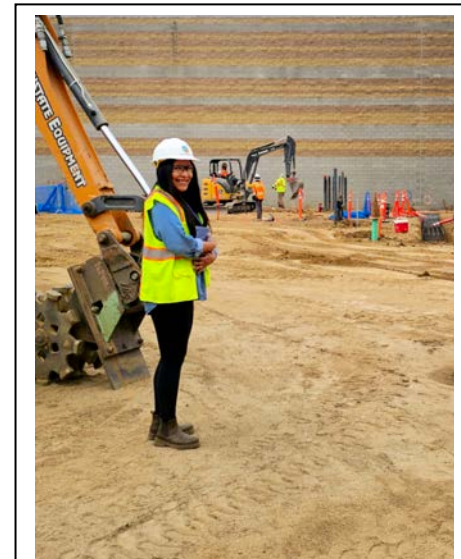
A recent graduate of Los Angeles Mission College with an associate degree in interior design, Chileno also holds a bachelor's degree in architecture and a graduate diploma in construction management. She is pursuing a career in the design and construction industry with a focus on project management.

"Some of the most valuable opportunities are the ones that challenge you to grow beyond what you thought you were capable of," Chileno said. "My internship through the BuildLACCD Internship Program, sponsored by Element Consulting, has been exactly that. From day one, I've been welcomed as part of the team, included in the day-to-day work, and encouraged to take on meaningful responsibilities that have given me valuable professional experience."

Throughout her internship, Chileno has worked alongside experienced professionals who have supported her development and provided opportunities to apply her education in a real-world construction environment.



*Element Consulting Summer Intern
Vania Chileno.*



*Chileno visiting the active construction site
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"What has made this experience especially meaningful is working alongside a team that is genuinely invested in my growth," Chileno said. "Rather than limiting my potential, they've empowered me to contribute, grow, and gain the confidence to take the next step in my career."

The internship experience is also being shared by fellow intern Colin Martinez, who is developing his skills through hands-on experience at Element.

After completing his first year at Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York, he is pursuing a bachelor's degree in civil engineering.

"Overall, this has been an incredible opportunity to watch buildings come to life and explore the construction world," said Martinez. "My experience with Element has shown me how these different roles operate in the field. This internship has helped me gain the technical knowledge needed to join the industry."

During his internship, Martinez has shadowed Element Consulting Project Managers Thomas Heeg and Eric Bañuelos, learning how to process Requests for Information, document meeting minutes, review construction documents, and gain firsthand insight into managing complex educational facility projects.

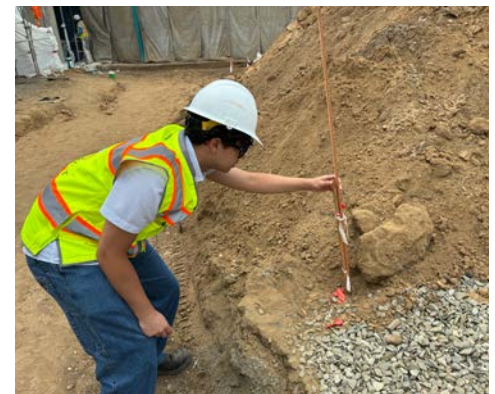
"It's been great watching Colin grow throughout his internship," said Element Consulting Project/Construction Manager Thomas Heeg. "He asks thoughtful questions, embraces new experiences, and continues to build confidence in the field."

Element's internship program is designed to provide students with mentorship, professional development, and meaningful project experience.

By working alongside industry professionals, interns gain valuable technical knowledge, strengthen their communication and problem-solving skills, and develop a deeper understanding of how successful projects are delivered from planning through construction.



Element Consulting Summer Intern Colin Martinez.



Martinez visiting the active construction site at Roosevelt Elementary School as part of Element Consulting's Summer Internship Program.

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Whether supporting project documentation, attending jobsite meetings, or observing construction activities firsthand, interns leave the program with practical experience that prepares them for successful careers in the architecture, engineering, and construction industry.

As Element Consulting continues to grow, the company remains committed to developing future industry professionals by providing opportunities that inspire learning, build confidence, and create lasting career pathways.

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