Former Cosumnes River College student Ryan Neach is interning in the Executive Office of the President in the White House Project Management Office as he completes his master’s program at San Francisco State University. His primary responsibility will be doing data collection for the administration and completing various projects for the office.

“I actively searched for internships to start in San Francisco during my first semester at San Francisco State University back in 2012,” Neach said. “I completed an internship with the San Francisco Democratic Party (through its Executive Director, CRC alum Ally Hergenraeder) and then with the office of Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (through CRC Alum Ryan King), where I worked in her Press Office. These internships were building blocks to advancing to my current position and will hopefully build to fulltime employment by the time I finish school.”

Neach attended CRC from 2009 until spring 2012. He started at CSU, Monterey Bay, but decided to come back home after the first year to CRC.

“I wasn’t exactly ready to go away to college,” he said.

Originally a film major, Neach took a government class from Professor Martin Morales and found the subject fascinating.

“I began to take more of his classes and expanded my scope within the field,” he said. “I took every class I could from Professor Morales and as I became more entrenched in the subject, I found a passion for international relations. I liked that the subject covered multiple subjects at once including history, economics, government, and anthropology.”

Professor Morales says he is indebted to Neach who remains active in the international relations classes at CRC. “From the first semester after he transferred to SF State through fall 2014, Ryan has always been actively involved with our department,” Morales said. “He both mentored and tutored his successors, contributed two articles to Globus Mundii (a publication of the department), and came back to the college to help staff events.”

Morales also said Neach helped write curriculum and lecture content for one of his classes. “I’m very proud of his extensive accomplishments and know that his future will be as brilliant as his trajectory has been thus far,” he added.

Neach credits Morales and many of his other professors at CRC for helping him succeed.

“I always felt my success at CRC was due to the very supportive culture that professors provided both in the classroom and outside of it with various activities and clubs,” Neach said. “The culture that was created with many of my classmates has been a vital extension of my education.”

Neach says he is motivated by his family. “I have been very lucky to have grown up with family members who were all very successful in life in various ways,” he said. “Seeing their work ethic and how they handled themselves in all aspects of life made me want to achieve the same level of success, but in my own way.”

Neach’s hard work and motivation got him all the way from CRC to the White House. Success …but he’s not done yet!”