

***The Centre Daily Times, State College, in support of their summer internship program.***

*From their final report:*

The Centre Daily Times was awarded a Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association Foundation Fellows Grant to support our first full-time summer news internship program. In August, Matt DiSanto wrapped up a 10-week internship that was beneficial to our news organization, a talented young journalist and our local readers.

During Matt's internship, he focused on growth and development issues, a critical coverage area in Centre County where we have gaps with our existing staffing level. In a story announcing Matt's hire, we solicited feedback from community members on growth and development issues that they felt were most important. He was able to produce a number of stories from that list, among others.

Matt was a tremendous addition to our team and produced more than 50 stories during his 10 weeks. In addition to growth and development reporting, he helped fill in for reporters who were on vacation so that we didn't have coverage gaps.

His work drew a high number of page views, LTCs and reader engagement. His most read story – which had about 6 times the amount of page views as our average story – was the well-researched [“Is State College oversaturated with Penn State student housing? Officials share concerns.”](#) He also wrote about Lemont businesses facing challenges due to a major construction project, a variety of [new businesses](#), [revitalization efforts in](#) Philipsburg and more.