

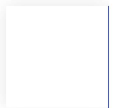
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JTNPA Announces 2025 Minerva Hamilton Hoyt Internship Awarded to CMC Student Sukhmanpreet Kaur



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Twentynine Palms, CA, January 8, 2025 – Joshua Tree National Park Association is proud to announce Copper Mountain College student Sukhmanpreet Kaur as the 2025 recipient of the Minerva Hamilton Hoyt Internship. Established by the Pasadena Garden Club, this prestigious internship honors Minerva Hamilton Hoyt, a visionary advocate for desert preservation whose efforts led to the establishment of Joshua Tree National Park.

The internship, managed by Joshua Tree National Park Association, reflects the Pasadena Garden Club's mission to "protect the quality of the environment through educational programs and actions in the fields of conservation and civic improvement." Now in its seventh year, the internship is awarded annually to a Copper Mountain College student majoring in STEM with a GPA of 3.0 or better. Interns work alongside park employees in the Science and Resource Stewardship Division, contributing to scientific research, fieldwork, data management, and environmental stewardship.

Sukhmanpreet, who graduated with distinction with a Bachelor of Medical Sciences from Guru Nanak Dev University in Punjab, India, is passionate about protecting nature and conserving wildlife. "My goal is to conduct research and experiments in the field of biology to further explore and benefit both our environment and our world. Along with this, my dream is to become a professor doing research to spread my knowledge to future students. This internship will help assist me toward that goal," she said.

Also a talented artist, Sukhmanpreet combines her love for biology and creativity to engage in conservation efforts. Her previous projects include raising awareness about sustainable environments through artistic expression and active participation in community service, such as planting native species and educating others about their ecological importance.

Paul Delaney, Chair of the Science and Mathematics Division and Professor of Biology at Copper Mountain College, oversees the selection process. The program not only empowers students but also ensures that Hoyt's legacy of environmental advocacy continues to inspire future generations.

Joshua Tree National Park Association, Pasadena Garden Club, and Copper Mountain College congratulate Sukhmanpreet Kaur on this significant achievement. For more information about Copper Mountain College, visit

cmccd.edu. To learn more about the Pasadena Garden Club and its initiatives, visit pasadenagardenclub.com.

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