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What brought you to Charge? How did you see it fit into your professional goals?

I discovered Charge during a career fair at SJSU. It seemed like a perfect fit for my professional goals, especially because I had just completed my junior year. This internship offered a practical application of my major. I saw it as an opportunity to gain hands-on experience and enhance my understanding of business analysis in a real-world setting.

Describe your onboarding process and one of the projects you are working on.

The onboarding process at Charge has been incredibly smooth and comfortable for me, despite being an international student with slightly different paperwork requirements. The HR department handled any issue efficiently so I didn't have to worry about any administrative issues. One of the projects I am currently working on is called the "ERP Big Bet" with Refugio. Our task is to gather all the CAPEX data from the company and create a comprehensive dashboard for analysis and reporting purposes.

What skill(s) do you hope to improve upon over your internship period?

I aim to improve several key skills. Firstly, I hope to become more proficient in using Power BI, as it plays a crucial role in analyzing and visualizing data effectively in concise dashboards. I intend to sharpen my presentation skills and to enhance my problem-solving skills. By tackling complex business challenges during my internship, I aim to develop a structured and analytical approach to problem-solving, which will enable me to identify innovative solutions and make informed decisions.

What is something that you admire about Charge, as well as your internship so far?

I admire how the mentorship provided at Charge goes beyond my assigned role, contributing to both my personal and professional development. I appreciate the opportunity to engage with the executive team, as their input and guidance provide valuable insights and perspectives. My team has been fantastic in providing assistance and support whenever needed. Their collaborative spirit and willingness to help have made my internship experience even more enjoyable and rewarding. This has created a positive work environment where my ideas can be freely shared and explored.

What is the next step after your internship is over?

After my internship at Charge concludes, my next step is to focus on completing my bachelor's degree. Once I have successfully finished my undergraduate studies, I plan to apply for a master's program to deepen my knowledge of business analysis. I look forward to seeing how I can apply what I learned here to the future.