

# Summer 2026 newsletter



Summer 2026 brought twenty-two interns from eighteen campuses together in Memphis for ten weeks of learning, growth, and connection. From the first introductions to the final presentations, the experience was shaped by new perspectives, meaningful moments, and a shared sense of possibility. This newsletter captures the story of that summer through the voices of the interns who lived it.

## The summer 2026 marketing & communications cohort

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# From campus to corporate

Twenty-two interns. Eighteen campuses. Thirteen states. Ten undergraduates. Twelve graduate students.

## Where we came from



18

Campuses

13

States

08

Home countries

01

Destination

Ten undergrads.  
Twelve grads.

One shared  
destination.

## The roster

U UNDERGRAD

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U Avyukta (Avyu) Ambati University of Texas at Austin

U Sarah Bekele University of Texas at Dallas

U Mia Bogdos University of Oklahoma

U To Nguyen (Sami) Hoang University of Michigan

U Wilson LeMay Southern Methodist University

U Seth McKay Columbia International University

U Farrah Northern Alabama A&M University

U Makayla Russell University of Mississippi

U Lina Tanjaoui Augustana College

U Jordyn Winton Murray State University

G Naveed Ashfaque University of Georgia

G Julie Cuello Texas Christian University

G Maya Grady University of Tennessee Knoxville

G Henry Hays Baylor University

G Noah Jones North Carolina State University

G Vidhur Kotani Purdue University

G Anh Lam Texas Christian University

G Nina Millender Wake Forest University

G Thilena (Chloe) Pham University of Michigan

G Mitali Singh Boston University

G Ellison Suhoza University of Georgia

G Yujie Wang Purdue University

# Intern insights



“Coming in on day one, I kept an open mind, but I was immediately struck by the genuine culture here at FedEx. Seeing how authentically leaders and other team members live out the company’s values has been incredibly inspiring and makes me want to build my future with the company. The friendships I’ve built with my fellow interns have been just as important, and this entire experience has truly shaped my perspective on what I want in a career.”

## Seth McKay

Executive Communications Intern  
Columbia International University



“Looking back at who I was on day one, this internship has changed my perspective in ways I didn’t expect. FedEx showed me that when the culture is right, colleagues can become genuine friends and every voice is valued. I’ve felt empowered to contribute ideas that have had an immediate impact on the team and that sense of belonging has been one of the most meaningful parts of my experience.”

## Julie Cuello

Digital Product Marketing,  
Monetization Intern  
Texas Christian University



“I truly felt the FedEx family culture during our Data & AI summit, when almost my entire Director team gathered in Memphis from Amsterdam, India, and across the US. We spent the whole week together, culminating in dinners with twenty colleagues playing games. I will never forget the moment they brought out a cake that read ‘Amy’s Team Rocks!’ It perfectly showed me how supportive and closely connected this team is.”

## Yujie Wang

Consumer Products Digital Analytics  
Intern  
Purdue University

## The 2026 intern survival guide

What we wish we’d known in week one.

01

**Understand the “why” behind the work.** Learn how your work drives impact. Purpose leads to better decisions and initiative.

02

**Say yes.** Attend the event, introduce yourself, and step outside your comfort zone. Some of the best lessons happen beyond your desk.

03

**Make your follow-through visible.** After meetings, confirm decisions, owners, and next steps. People notice those who keep momentum going.

04

**Share progress early.** Bring forward early ideas, questions, and drafts. Feedback is most useful before the work is final.

# The executive desk



➔ “The opportunities today are vast. You are only limited by the size of your imagination and vision.”

**Raj Subramaniam**

President & chief executive officer, FedEx Corporation

## Leadership take

**Q1** What should an intern do in week one that pays off all summer?

“Work hard, ask questions, take initiative, and go above and beyond. The habits you build in week one can shape your entire internship.”

**Q2** What's the first step to becoming an effective leader?

“Know your why. Identify your key skill sets and use them with intention to drive results.”

**Q3** What do you wish you had known starting your career?

“That a career is not a ladder, it is a network of people who saw you work. Be the person they want to call back.”

**Q4** How do you keep learning once the summer ends?

“Keep learning by staying curious, seeking new experiences, and building on what you learn.”



**Randi Taylor**  
Manager Of Global  
Foundations

“The most amazing thing happens every summer, and this year is no exception. I see a beautiful transformation take place over the course of the internship: students grow into corporate employees embracing our FedEx ‘family’ culture, individuals unite to become a close-knit team of lifelong friends, and everyone gets to experience everything our HQ city of Memphis has to offer. The ultimate measure of success is watching everyone present their incredible work and meaningful results during the final week, and seeing how many of our interns hope to make FedEx their professional future.”

# Metrics & mindsets

Ten weeks, counted honestly. Twenty-two one-word answers, arranged into the shape that has been hiding in the logo the whole time.

10

Weeks in Memphis

10+

Executive speakers

22

INAL PRESENTATIONS

500+

Connections made

10k

USO kits packed

01

Unforgettable summer

100%

- Say the internship helped them grow as a professional.
- Would recommend this program to a classmate.
- Feel more ready for their career than they did in school.

My internship in one word

Twenty-two responses, one arrow



Twenty-two answers, eighteen different words. The bigger the word, the more of us said it.

# Intern events

Ten weeks in the order they happened.

## The summer, in order

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| 01 | Orientation & welcome reception<br>Badges, the first cohort photo, & meeting leadership. | 02 | National Civil Rights Museum<br>The heaviest & best afternoon of the summer. |
| 03 | Executive Q&A<br>Learning from President & CEO Raj Subramaniam.                          | 04 | Redbirds night<br>Fun baseball game with team.                               |
| 05 | Memphis scavenger hunt<br>Seeing a different side of Memphis, at the zoo!                | 06 | FedEx Cares x USO<br>Ten thousand kits packed in one Morning.                |
| 07 | Executive lunch<br>Lunch with leadership.                                                | 08 | World Hub tour<br>The whole network.                                         |
| 09 | Riverboat send-off<br>The Mississippi & summer wrap-up.                                  | 10 | Final presentations<br>Ten weeks, twenty-two presentations, one room.        |



### To Jay, Callie, & Ally: Our phenomenal intern leads

We are incredibly lucky to have had your guidance this summer. Having once walked in our shoes, you stepped into these roles to give back, continuously pouring your time and energy into keeping our cups full.

Seeing the successful careers you've built at FedEx is deeply inspiring. Thank you for always being in our corner leading by example, pushing us to grow, and supporting us through every single step. You didn't just guide us; you shaped our entire summer. This experience simply wouldn't have been the same without you. Thank you for everything!

# The highlight reel



**Lina Tanjaoui**

Web Experience & Platform  
Intern



**Sarah Bekele**

Global Media Orchestration  
& Design Intern

## Message from the editors

We arrived in Memphis from thirteen states with the same quiet question: what does a Fortune 50 company actually feel like from the inside? Ten weeks later, the answer is in your hands. What surprised us most was not the sheer scale of the global network, it was the undeniable warmth of the people behind it, and how quickly twenty-two strangers became a deeply connected cohort.

This summer taught us that the true magic of the FedEx experience isn't just found in the projects we deliver, but in the opportunities we choose to embrace. We learned the immense power of stepping outside our comfort zones, raising our hands for the hard tasks, and sending that extra email. Every door we knocked on was opened by a leader eager to share their insights, proving that networking here isn't just about building contacts, it's about building a genuine, supportive community. We were given a front-row seat to world-class marketing, but more importantly, we were given the trust to make a real impact. If we could leave one piece of advice for the interns who will take our seats next year, it would be this: be bold enough to say yes to everything. Ask the extra question, introduce yourself in the elevator, go on every tour, and lean heavily on the cohort beside you. The summer goes by in a flash, so don't be afraid to take up space and fill your cup at every chance.

Thank you to Randi Taylor, to the incredible leaders who so generously gave us their calendars, and to our fellow interns who gave us the stories filling these pages. It has been the experience of a lifetime.

