Program to expand next summer

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employers and students about the positive impact the program had on them. The Oakville Soccer Club employed four students this summer. According to David Harris, executive director of the club, they simply could not do the large number of things they accomplished this summer without them.

"Each summer we have more than 19,000 registrations as the largest soccer club in North America, so having additional staff to manage that and the programming means so much to us," he said.

"Our CSJ students are a vital part of our organization. Without them we wouldn't have nearly as much of a community presence."

Emma Manjialardi, one of the Oakville Soccer Club's summer employees, is a student at chiropractic school and grew up playing at the club. "I want to give kids the same experience I had, and the experience of working here in marketing has been invaluable," she said.

During a visit to another CSJ work site, Xiris Automation Inc., I was pleased to hear that summer student Leigh was doing an excellent job technical writing for the innovative company that develops optical systems for quality control from its headquarters in Burlington.

"Ensuring our technical writing documentation is up to date and well written means we can better serve our customers and enter new markets," said Leigh's supervisor Alex.

And Leigh found the experience of learning from a team of professional engineers a definite asset to his education and experience

I know how valuable it is for students to have access to paid employment during the summer months, particularly in the fields that match their career goals. I look forward to expanding the CSJ program next summer and pairing more students with local employers to gain experience and confidence as they prepare for the future.

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