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# To Quyen Ton "Gridley is a gem"

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GRIDLEY INTERN— Quyen Ton will be saying good-bye to Gridley in August after a two month internship at Biggs - Gridley Memorial Hospital. (Photo by Karen Duncan)

Quyen Ton, (pronounced Qwin Tan), greets patients at the "check-in" counter at Biggs-Gridley Memorial Hospital's Physical Therapy Unit with a smile and genuine warmth that is immediately reassuring and relaxing. She's been interning there since June.

A Chemistry Student originally from the University of California, Berkeley, Quyen is currently majoring in PT at Sacramento State University and when her master's program, (a two and a half year commitment), is complete, hopes to go into the

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<b>NYSE</b>	<b>8244.94</b>
 <b>+87.14</b>	<b>(+1.07%)</b>
<b>S&amp;P 500</b>	<b>1231.99</b>
 <b>+17.08</b>	<b>(+1.41%)</b>
<b>AMEX</b>	<b>2121.22</b>
 <b>-2.98</b>	<b>(-0.14%)</b>
<b>RUS 2K</b>	<b>678.75</b>
 <b>+16.40</b>	<b>(+2.48%)</b>
<b>Crude Oil</b>	<b>134.54</b>
 <b>-4.20</b>	<b>(-3.03%)</b>
<b>30YR Yield</b>	<b>4.58</b>
 <b>+0.13</b>	<b>(+2.92%)</b>

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field of pediatrics.

Quyen came to Gridley by way of spending two months in Clovis and having to commute twenty-five minutes each way. "That was a drag", she shared. "I love it here. Gridley is a gem. I can ride my bike everywhere I want to go".

The college contracts with hospitals and private practitioners. "Only thirty two people a year are accepted into Sacramento's Graduate program", Quyen explained.

"They have high standards". Students with families get first choice of places they'd like to intern in but she is really content with the assignments she got. "We work about forty hours a week for two months, (in each location) under an instructor", (in this case, Floris Van de Ven), "and then move to the next city". The clinic is her classroom.

As an intern, there is no salary. Living expenses are met through student loans but Quyen considers the career well worth the cost. She even met her boyfriend in the program. He's now in Santa Cruz. They deliberately chose different cities to insure they'd be able to concentrate on academics rather than socializing. That's how devoted and sincere Quyen is in her pursuit of excellence.

Not part of the curriculum but certainly a life lesson, Quyen has been learning how to communicate with patients who can't speak English. "I want to provide quality care", she said. Through a series of motions or sometimes a translator, she rises to the challenge. Surprisingly, as a student, part of her job requires teaching. Once patients are recovering it's important they learn how to be safe and not reinjure themselves. She derives tremendous satisfaction in guiding people toward a state of self-sufficiency.

Gridley will lose Quyen in August when she leaves for Medford. Those who have found themselves needing care will not soon forget her skill, kindness and encouragement in restoring them to good

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