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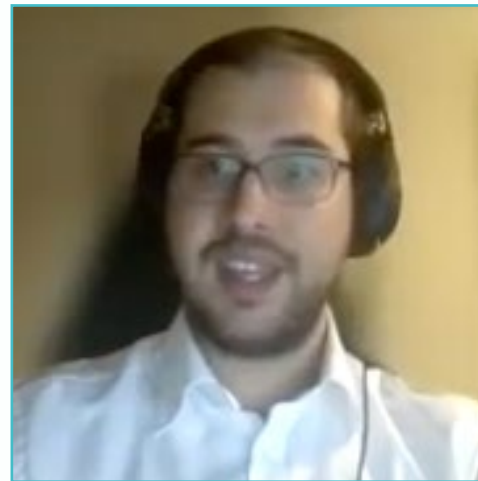
## PRODUCT INTERN

# Keren Duque

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY  
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA



**SHOUT OUT:** “Shoutout to Louis, who has been a really great mentor during my internship! I’ve learned SO much from him and the rest of the Product team, who were incredibly supportive during my entire experience thus far. Thank you everyone!”



## RF/ANTENNA INTERN

# Cem Kesicki

OHIO STATE UNIVERSITY  
COLUMBUS, OHIO

**MOST IMPRESSIONABLE TAKEAWAY:** “Currently we are waiting for the manufacturer to deliver these antennas. The only thing left to do in this project is to test these antennas and to see if they are actually working as good as the simulations. Unfortunately, they didn;t arrive by the end of my internship so I hope I could come back in the future to test these antennas. This would be a good closure for this project.”





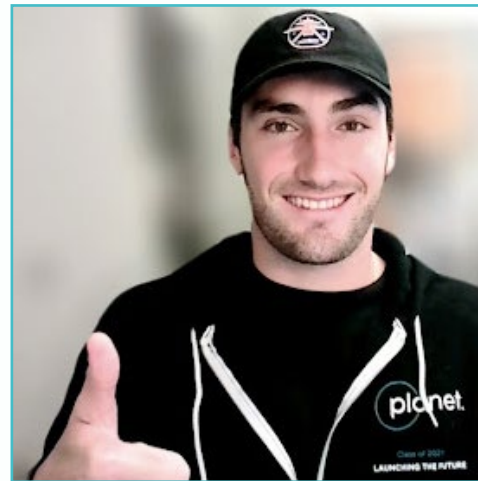
**MISSION SOFTWARE  
BROOKE OWENS FELLOW**

## Jessica Kuleshov

**COLUMBIA UNIVERSITY  
NEW YORK, NEW YORK**



**MOST IMPRESSIONABLE TAKEAWAY:** “Planet is truly a supportive and mission-driven workplace! I feel so grateful that I was able to work on something meaningful and impactful during my time there, and I’m especially grateful for all the amazing people I had the chance to meet and work with along the way.”



**SYSTEMS ENGINEERING  
ZED FACTOR FELLOW**

## Geronimo Nores

**STANFORD UNIVERSITY  
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA**

**MOST IMPRESSIONABLE TAKEAWAY:** “Looking back on this Summer, I’ve gained an extremely hefty amount of experience in both management, systems engineering, technical products, product selection, design traits, the decision process, and most of all [] there is definitely a lot of weight and value to be found being around a bunch of talented senior engineers and such a great, friendly team.”

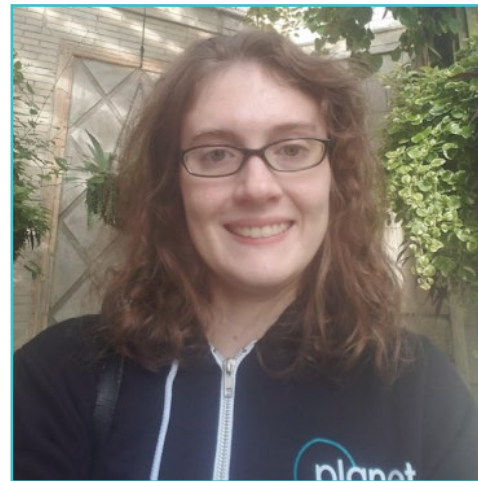


## COMMUNICATIONS INTERN Ryder Kimball

STANFORD UNIVERSITY  
PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA



**MOST IMPRESSIONABLE TAKEAWAY:** “Since working at Planet, I’ve come to further appreciate the unique ways in which a satellite perspective can help life on earth. It’s a remarkable way of seeing the world and it’s incredible to be a part of a team that collects and distributes these images across the planet.”



## DEVELOPER RELATIONS FOR OPEN INITIATIVES INTERN

### Laura Murphy

SUNY NEW PALTZ  
NEW PALTZ, NEW YORK

**MOST IMPRESSIONABLE TAKEAWAY:** “Everyone at Planet is very self-motivated and shares the same mission of using space to help life on Earth. Everyone is amazingly smart, open to conversation, and friendly. “Work” passed by so quickly that it didn’t even feel like work because of how much satisfaction I got from remote sensing.”



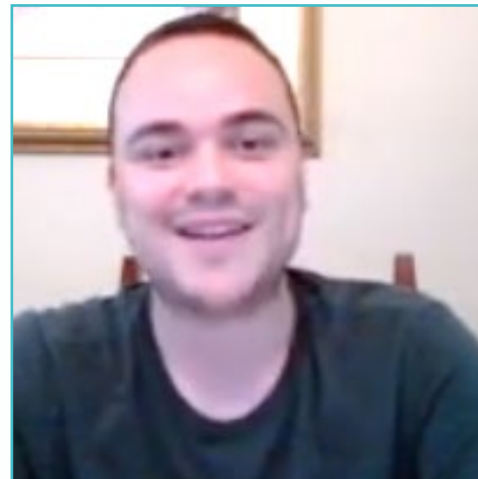
**DEVELOPER  
RELATIONS INTERN**

## Jordan Parker

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
AT URBANA-CHAMPAIGN  
CHAMPAIGN, ILLINOIS



**SHOUT OUT:** “I would like to give a huge shoutout to my mentors Sara and Desmond! Thank you for guiding me through my internship with Planet, introducing me to some cool folks in different departments, and lending a hand when I needed it. You’ve made my Developer Relations experience very insightful and interesting!”



**ORBITS R&D  
MATTHEW ISAKOWITZ FELLOW**

## Thomas Gonzalez

MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE  
OF TECHNOLOGY  
WFH MINNESOTA

**SHOUT OUT:** “I’m really happy to have been a part of this work and I want to give a shout out to my team at Orbits R&D. Thank you so much for all the support and guidance you’ve given me over the summer. I’m really happy to have been able to help out.”



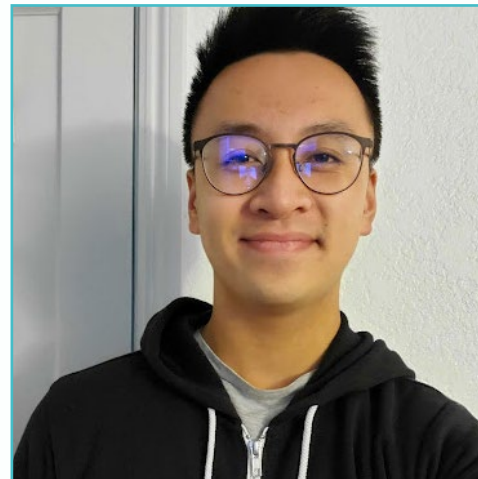
**STRATEGIC SPECIAL  
PROJECTS INTERN**

## Sushmitha Mollamala

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE  
IRVINE, CALIFORNIA



**SHOUT OUT TO MY MANAGER, COURTNEY:** “Your leadership and words of encouragement have been a huge support during my time as a Summer Intern at Planet. I’m very grateful for the opportunities you have given me. Thank you for your guidance and for pushing me to do my best! :) Thank you for your time again! :)”



**QUALITY ENGINEERING INTERN**

## Nathaniel Chang

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA CRUZ  
SANTA CRUZ, CALIFORNIA

**SHOUT OUT:** “I would like to make a shout out to Haritha Dodda and Ken Chu on the Quality Engineering Team for creating a very supportive and encouraging environment during my time at Planet.”

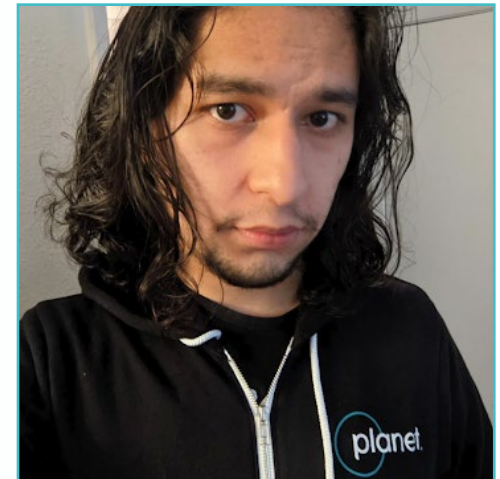




**PAYLOAD INTERN**

## Raul Bernal-Gonzalez

SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY  
SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA



**MOST IMPRESSIONABLE TAKEAWAY:** “The best moment of my internship was seeing my work used to make important project decisions. It reinforced that I was not just an intern, I was a valued member of a team.”

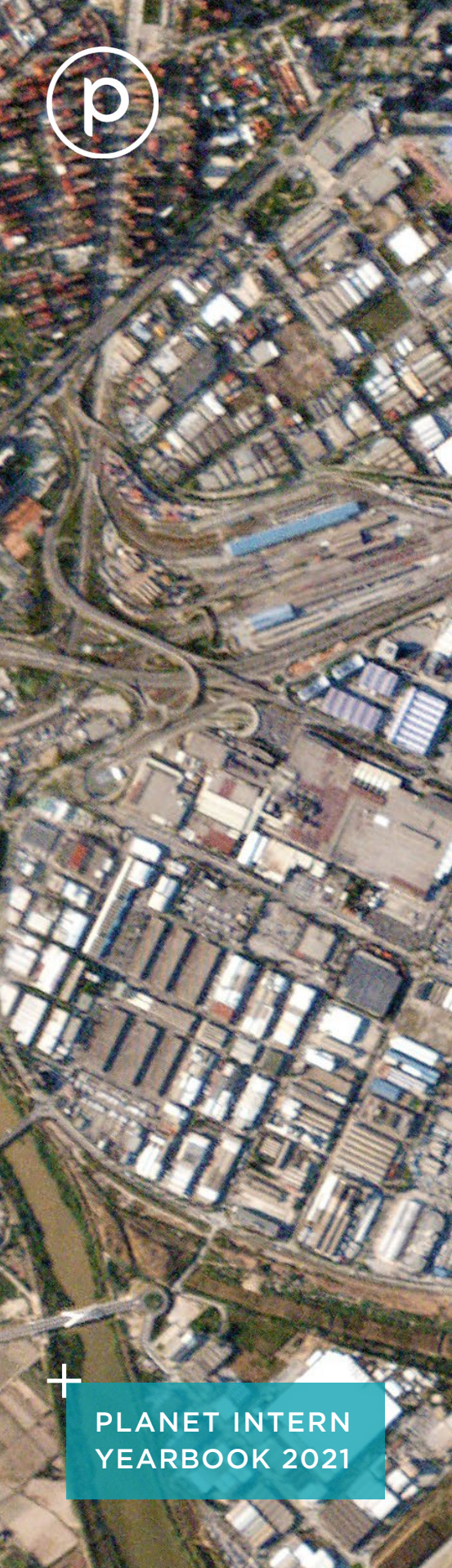


**ANALYTICS MODELING INTERN**

## Sayantan “Monty” Majumdar

MISSOURI UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE  
AND TECHNOLOGY  
ROLLA, MISSOURI

**SHOUT OUT:** “I was fortunate to intern at Planet in the summer of 2021. I remember having been interviewed by Tori, Dee, and Ramesh back in March and April. Overall, it was a fantastic interview process, and I got selected as an Analytics Modeling Intern. I want to give a shoutout to my hiring manager, Ramesh. He is a great mentor, manager, and human being. The entire Analytics Team and Planet, in general, are full of super-smart people who are there to help you out whenever necessary. If you love Earth Science or Geospatial Tech and are interested in addressing critical challenges in the Earth Observation domain through remote sensing and machine learning, then Planet is the company you are looking for.”



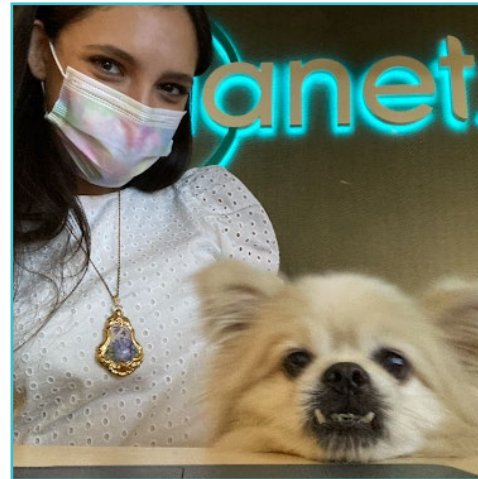
**PROFESSIONAL  
SERVICES INTERN**

## Vini Perin

**NORTH CAROLINA STATE UNIVERSITY  
RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA**



**SHOUT OUT:** “Getting to know Thomas [my hiring manager] in person during my last week of internship was incredible! Thomas is above and beyond an amazing leader. During my internship, he was always very supportive and insightful, I truly hope to continue working with him in the future.”



**WORKPLACE & CULTURE INTERN**

## Brooke Rapko (pictured with her pup, Chacha)

**SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY  
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**SHOUT OUT:** “A HUGE shoutout to my team leader, Julie Kuschke for being one of the most supportive and encouraging managers I have ever had the honor to work with. Throughout my time at Planet she has encouraged and helped me to grow exponentially more than I could have imagined when I started my internship. Even with being so supportive and encouraging she manages to still be an incredibly strong leader with inspiring determination and vision! In addition, she has also helped me to follow opportunities within Planet that have led me to stay with the company and I couldn't be more glad about being at Planet and having this opportunity to learn from not only my incredible manager, but all the amazing people who work at Planet!”





**BUSINESS  
DEVELOPMENT INTERN**

## Octave Lepinard

MIDDLEBURY COLLEGE  
MIDDLEBURY, VERMONT



**MOST IMPRESSIONABLE TAKEAWAY:** “What I really enjoyed about working at Planet this Summer was getting a large diversity of different teams and touching in on the engineering side as well as the customer feedback and really getting to branch both sides.”



**IMPACT MEASUREMENT INTERN**

## Will Moseley

PEPPERDINE GRAZIADIO  
BUSINESS SCHOOL  
MALIBU, CALIFORNIA

**MOST IMPRESSIONABLE TAKEAWAY:** “As a member of the impact team, I was able to work across different departments all throughout Planet’s infrastructure. I also had the opportunity to be a part of our long term sustainability strategy.”



**PAYLOAD INTERN**

## Willow Coleman

HARVEY MUDD COLLEGE  
WFH CONNECTICUT



**MOST IMPRESSIONABLE TAKEAWAY:** “This work [my chunkifying project] could be incorporated into strip sats as a potential future metric if it proves to work well!”



**DATA SCIENCE CARDIO INTERN**

## Arthur Platel

FOOTHILL COLLEGE  
LOS ALTOS HILLS, CALIFORNIA

**MOST IMPRESSIONABLE TAKEAWAY:** “Overall, I had an amazing Summer and I learned so much from my experience. In addition to expanding my coding skills and gaining more technical knowledge, one thing that I’m going to remember most is just the company culture at Planet. From the first day I started working there, I didn’t feel like an intern. I was instantly treated as a coworker and team member and I was able to contribute ideas and brainstorm and [be] given responsibility as if I were a full time employee and that was really refreshing.”



**QUALITY  
ENGINEERING INTERN**

## Christina Indudhara

**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS**



**SHOUT OUT:** “I would like to make a shout out to my managers Haritha Dodda and Ken Chu on the Quality Engineering Team for creating a very supportive and encouraging environment during my time at Planet. I’m grateful for the project I worked on this summer thanks to their guidance and look forward to building upon the skills I’ve gained at Planet as a Quality Engineering Intern.”



**ANALYTICS  
APPLICATIONS INTERN**

## Justin Wong

**UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY  
BERKELEY, CALIFORNIA**

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