

Peninsula Co-op: Working with – and for – students

One of the true signs of a successful, community-oriented company is quality of its staff. Good people want to work for good companies.

That in turn is reflected in how well they treat their customers.

It's certainly true at Peninsula Co-op, which employs some 300 people on the South Island, including

Stephanie, who at 19 has already worked at the Co-op grocery store on Keating X Road for about four years. Her brother, who enjoyed his time working at the Co-op gas bar, encouraged her to explore the

possibilities afforded by the locally owned and managed company. "I was always hearing good things about it," she explains.

Stephanie started working in the deli and bakery departments while still in high school – "It seems like everyone at Stelly's works at Peninsula Co-op," she says with a smile. Now, as a Camosun College student, she alternates

between cashier and the customer service desk, offering a variety of tasks she thoroughly enjoys. "The people I work with all get along really well so it makes it fun."

In addition to competitive wages and an enjoyable and supportive, community-minded work culture,

Peninsula Co-op also offers flexible hours that work around students' hectic schedules and scholarship opportunities to both high school and post-secondary students, Stephanie notes. In fact, the Co-op offers student employees up to \$1,000 in financial aid per year of study – much appreciated as tuition fees and expenses continue to climb!

Stephanie also appreciates the many skills she's learned from her varied work experience, she says, recommending Peninsula Co-op to students looking for a part-time job while they finish their studies. "I really enjoy working with the staff and getting to know all the customers."



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