

REMEMBERING BENZIE:

An Oral History Project December 2020 Update

Year Two of the Remembering Benzie project is under way and it is going to be a GREAT year! We have hired three talented and energetic individuals as our student interns. This year's team includes Benzie Central High School students Olivia Bailey, Leola Richard, and Liam Jones. They will work under the guidance of Benzie Central High School teacher Ferdinand de Guia and library director Amanda McLaren. Congratulations to the Leola, Olivia, and Liam, welcome to the team!

The student interns have already been hard at work! They have attended their first training workshop led by our professional trainers from the University of Michigan School of Information and Michigan State University. They are learning how to use their video equipment and skills for interviewing. Each intern was issued a MacBook, a Canon DSLR camera, a tripod, and other video equipment for this year-long project. The interns are practicing with their new equipment, becoming familiar with the features, and learning how to properly setup the audio.

The students are also in the process of starting the Library of Congress Veterans History Project. Each intern will be interviewing two local veterans and videotaping their stories. These interviews will then be sent to the Library of Congress for their national archives where anyone can watch them. These interviews will also be included on the Remembering Benzie YouTube page.

This year will look a little different for the students (and all of us!) with some slight adjustments to the program. Check ins with student interns will now be virtual and all safety precautions are being taken during any in-person interviews.

We are excited to be moving forward with Year Two of the Remembering Benzie project and we cannot wait to see the year unfold!

We thank you all for your continued support and excitement for this wonderful program! Please subscribe to our Remembering Benzie YouTube page to watch past interviews recorded by our interns last year and click on notification settings to be notified as new videos are posted.

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