MGWII Staff Host Job Shadow Student

On May 11, 2017, Midwest Grape and Wine Industry Institute (MGWII) staff hosted a job shadow student, Jordan Nicholson. She is an 8th grader at Ames Middle School. Jordan sat in on the initial presentation given by MGWII Education and Outreach Coordinator Erin Norton at the May 11th Sensory Proficiency Tasting Training where she learned about the olfactory system and the major part it plays in wine tasting. She also was guided by MGWII Research Associate Maureen Moroney in an aroma exercise where participants don’t taste, but smell specific labeled aromas and then try to match them to smells of blind or unlabeled aroma samples on an adjacent table.

Following this, Jordan was given a tour of the wine laboratories by Assistant Scientist Somchai Rice where she learned about the various pieces of sensory equipment that assist in evaluation of wines and other foods on a fee-for-service and research basis. Later in the day, she joined some
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