Introduction

- The Tree Fruit Research and Extension center (TFREC) in Wenatchee was founded in 1937 when a bill was passed by state legislature in part with Washington State College.
- Several research programs are based at TFREC to research pathology, entomology, horticulture and breeding-related topics.
- TFREC researchers work closely with the industry to help improve productivity, quality and storability of multiple tree fruits.
- Next to the TFREC there is a USDA Tree Fruit Research Laboratory comprised of offices, laboratories and fruit storages for USDA research in plant pathology, plant physiology, and postharvest horticulture.
  - The Research center is home to a wide spectrum of workers, with lots of cultural representation.
  - The center employs staff, faculty, graduate students, post-doctoral research associates as well as visiting scientists.

Summary

- This internship was a vital point in my development as it was the first opportunity I have had to work full time.
- It taught me how to work well as a team member as well as learning communication skills very important when working with coworkers who have different first languages and cultural backgrounds.
- If I ever encounter problems with pathogens in a greenhouse, landscape or nursery I have the knowledge to isolate and perform tests on the pathogens in search for the best way to control them.