

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Fall 2013 Executive Summary

The Experiential Education program (formerly Cooperative Education) began in the spring of 1994. A Title VIII Department of Education grant started the program, and we placed the first students in the spring of 1994. Our vital statistics to date include:

- Monitored 2,425 individual placements to date (39 in Fall 2014)
- Placed 1,234 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Fall 2014 class – 3.35
- Average wage for paid internships for the Fall 2014 class - \$12.49 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Fall 2014 class - \$124,249
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$9,154,151

For the academic year to date, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 746 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 85 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most? What Was Most Valuable?

“The most valuable part of the experience was the people. Bob, especially, took time to show me new things with a lot of patience. Also, I have learned accounting first hand, which will help me with journal entries and basic knowledge of accounting in my future classes.

*Ashli Parkhurst
Accounting Major
Doshier, Pickens & Francis P.C.—Amarillo, TX*



“I was able to research and learn about so many different topics.”

*Charlotte Dozier
Agriculture Major
Texas House of Representatives
Representative Joe Strauss—Austin, TX*

"I think the most valuable thing was learning from everyone on the staff and getting to do hands on projects."

Zivorad Filipovic
Mass Communication Major
WT Enterprise Center-- Amarillo, TX



"This internship has helped define that this is the field I want to go into."

Simone Pike
Graphic Design Major
Amarillo Design Bureau--Amarillo, TX

Internship Partners- Fall 2013



American Star Corporation



A horizontal banner for Covenant Recording. On the left, there are two small inset images: one showing a person in a recording studio and another showing a mixing console. The text "Covenant Recording" is written in a yellow, serif font in the center. Below the text, the phone number "806-654-5466" is displayed in white. On the right side of the banner, there is a large image of a professional audio mixing console.



Roman Catholic Diocese of Amarillo

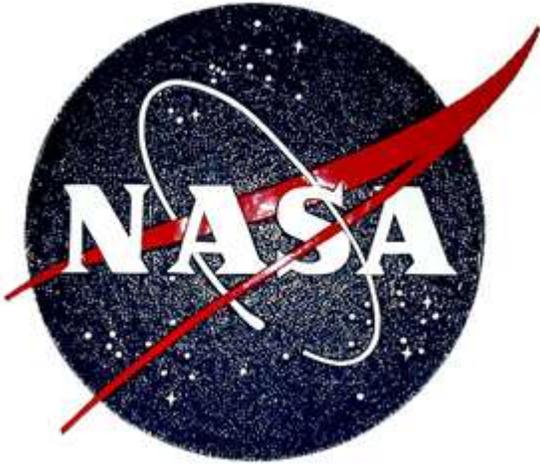
Serving Catholics in the Texas Panhandle





Masterson Management Corporation



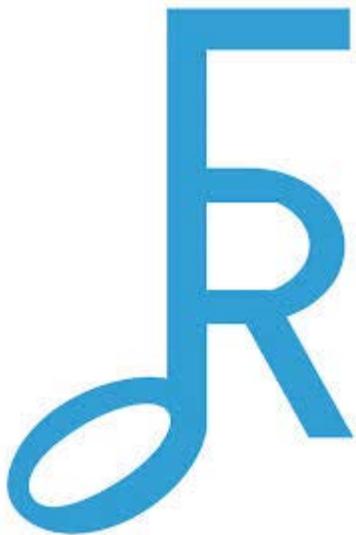


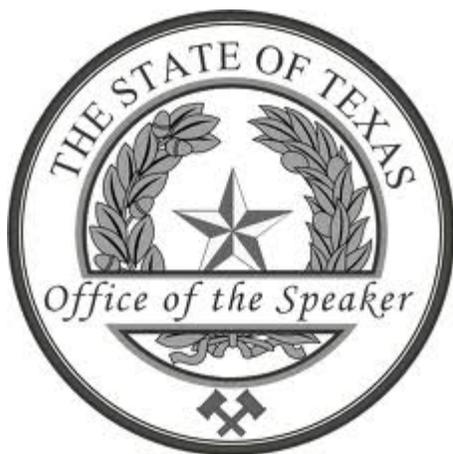
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Sincere Pursuits





Joe Straus



West Texas A&M University



West Texas Chapter

Associated General Contractors of America

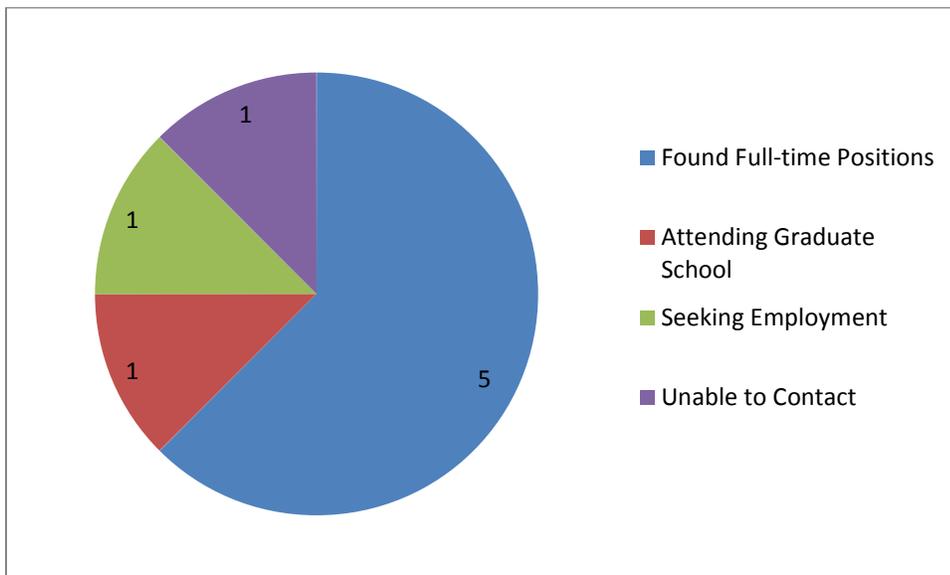
Whittenburg Law Firm



XF Enterprises

Intern to Full-Time for Fall 2013

This semester 8 out of 39 interns graduated. Five have full-time jobs, 1 is attending graduate school, 1 is seeking employment (although he has a strong job lead at the time of this report) and 1 we have not been able to contact. The chart below represents these numbers.



We will continue to assist the 1 seeking employment and try to contact the 1 we were unable to reach.

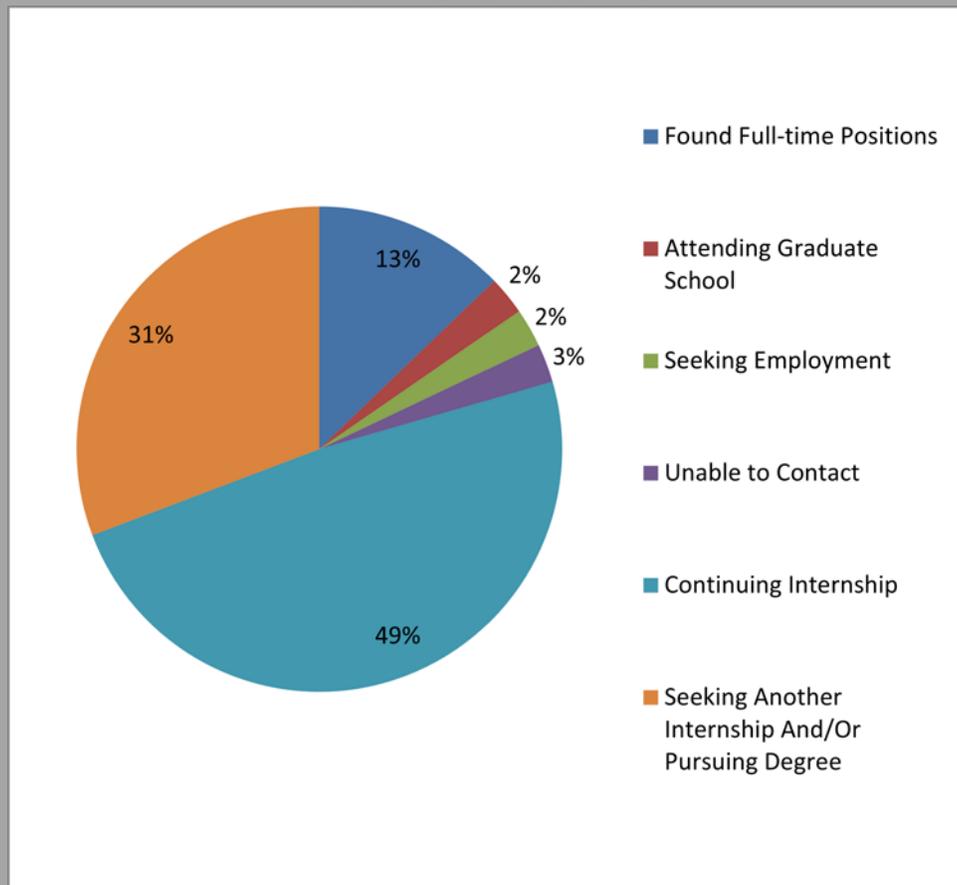
Graduating Students

Graduate/Student	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Bressler, Lauren	Graphic Design	Catholic Diocese of Amarillo	FT with Catholic Diocese of Amarillo
Fullingim, Caci	Mass Comm— Broadcasting	Singing R Ranch	Unable to contact
Filipovic, Zivorad	Mass Comm— Advertising/PR	West Texas A&M University Enterprise Center	FT with Amarillo South Chiropractic & Physical Therapy
Garcia, Yadira	Mass Comm— Advertising/PR	Whittenberg Law Firm	Whittenberg Law Firm
Mitchell, Lisa	Business	West Texas A&M University	Attending graduate school
O'Connor, Jackoline	Accounting	People's Federal Credit Union	FT with Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb
Rainwater, Denise	Accounting	Masterson Management	FT with Masterson Management
Wiens, Keltin	Mass Comm— Broadcasting	West Texas A&M University- Athletics	Seeking

Participating Employers

The full list of employers we have worked with are online at <http://www.wtamu.edu/student-support/cs-emp-participating-employers.aspx>

Fall 2013 Interns



Out of the 39 interns, 15% working full-time or attending graduate school, 5% are seeking employment or we were unable to contact them, and 80% are either continuing in their internship or seeking another internship and/or pursuing their degree.

Internships continue to be an effective way for students to gain major-related experience and in many cases, a professional position upon graduation!