

## WTAMU Experiential Education Program Spring 2007 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 1,406 individual placements to date (42 in Spring 2007)
- Placed 658 students in paid internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Spring 2007 class – 3.11
- Average wage for the Spring 2007 class - \$11.11 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Spring 2007 class - \$146,321
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$4,735,067

To date in the 2006-07 academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 772 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 187 students so far in this academic year. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

### Intern to Full-Time for Spring 2007

This semester 13 of our 42 interns placed graduated. Seven found full-time positions, 3 are seeking additional education, and 3 are still seeking employment.

<b>Graduate</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Intern Employer</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Beasley, Taryn	Accounting	Brown, Graham & Co.	FT with Brown Graham & Co.
Branum, Alan	Accounting	Johnson & Sheldon	FT with Johnson & Sheldon
Copeland, Andy	Engineering	ASARCO	FT with ASARCO
Crouse, William	Accounting	Welch Law Firm	Graduate school
Hair, Larissa	Accounting	Lovelady, Christy & Associates	FT
Hamilton, Ryan	General Studies	YMCA	Seeking
Hatch, Taylor	Mass Communications	Visiting Angels	Working on teacher certification
Hedtke, Jon	CIS	Pantex	FT with Pantex
Roberts, Jay	General Business	Bruckner Truck Sales	FT with Bruckner's
Sandoval, Galeana	MBA	Amarillo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	FT with Cintas
Stevenson, Ashley	Management	Panhandle Regional Planning Commission	Grad school
Whigham, Anastasia	Accounting	Johnson & Sheldon	Seeking
Wieck, John Paul	Accounting	Wisian & Breeding	Seeking

As you can see, internships are an effective way for our students to find full-time employment in their field.

## **Participating Employers**

For a current list of participating employers, please see  
<http://wtcareer.wtamu.edu/coop/coopemp.htm>.

## **Selected Student & Employer Comments**

“My experience has been one adventure after another. I’ve had good and bad experiences, but I wouldn’t change a thing. The experience has made me stronger and wiser.”

*Cindy Estrada, Pre-Physical Therapy Major  
Intern with Disney*

“Overall the experience was excellent. I started out having no idea what was behind an audit and no experience filling out a tax return. Now I am more than confident to tackle the above average return.”

*J.P. Wieck, Accounting Major  
Intern with the Wisian & Breeding LLP.*

”My internship was a worthwhile growing experience- I accomplished more than I expected. As I worked I would, at times, sit back and say to myself, “I can’t believe I am actually doing work this complicated.”

*Reagan Williams, Accounting Major  
Intern with Brown, Graham & Co.*

“Tyler consistently adds value to this firm through his knowledge and ability to work well with others. He will be a great asset in the accounting world.”

*Sarah Dawes  
Office Manager, Welch Law Firm  
Intern: Tyler Crouse, Accounting Major*

“Jonathan has done everything we asked of him. He has consistently improved and shown his considerable skill in programming. He also had an excellent attitude which helped him throughout the internship.”

*Duane Crowley  
Programming Manager, McCoy Myers & Associates  
Intern: Jonathan Sharp, CIS Major*