

## WTAMU Experiential Education Program Spring 2008 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 1,517 individual placements to date (41 in Spring 2008)
- Placed 665 students in paid internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Spring 2008 class – 3.18
- Average wage for the Spring 2008 class - \$13.01 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Spring 2008 class - \$167,770
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$5,236,384

To date in the 2007-08 academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped **1,357** students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to **177** students so far in this academic year. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

### Selected Student Comments

“My favorite part of the internship was the opportunity to see so many different parts of auditing. The hands-on aspect was rewarding. I learned more about auditing through this internship than I have been able to learn in the classroom. I only wish the internship was longer. Fortunately, I was offered a job after I graduate!”

*Brad Baldwin, Accounting Major  
Intern at Deloitte & Touche LLP in Dallas*

“The internship has given me a chance to see how my chosen field can affect such a large facility and ultimately the company as a whole....this internship has confirmed my career choice.”

*Melvin Wilkinson, BAAS-Engineering Technology emphasis  
Intern at Conoco Phillips, Borger, TX*

“The internship was definitely worth it. I gained so much by doing this. Not only have I gained knowledge in the accounting field, but it also helped me develop my people skills. Advice I would give students who are thinking about an internship is to “DO IT.” Don’t be scared, employers understand you have a huge learning curve. Go for it and have fun with what you’re doing!”

*Jessie Rodriguez, Accounting Major  
Intern at Johnson & Sheldon, Amarillo TX*

“It was great to apply theory and see how it works. I believe the internship process is vital, and I would recommend it for anyone. It opens your eyes to the reality of the workplace without throwing you in the deep end, gives you a taste of what to expect, allows you to learn from people that have been doing it for years, that in itself is a priceless gain..”

*Oliver Mulamba, Mechanical Engineering Major  
Intern at Amarillo Gear, Amarillo TX*

## Intern to Full-Time for Spring 2008

This semester 9 of our 41 interns graduated or accepted full time positions while finishing their degree. Six found full-time positions with their internship employer, 2 found a related positions with other companies, and 1 is still seeking employment.

<b>Graduate</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Intern Employer</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
*Baldwin, Brad	Accounting	Deloitte & Touche	FT with Deloitte & Touche
Gonzalez, Jorge	Accounting	Lovelady Christy & Assoc.	FT with Bolinger, Segars, Gilbert & Moss
Junell, Nicki	Accounting	Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb	FT with Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb
Martinez, Valerie	Accounting	Amarillo Community Federal Credit Union	Still seeking employment
Miller, Morgan	Marketing	State Farm Insurance	FT with Hastings
Rodriguez, Jessie	Accounting	Johnson & Sheldon P.C.	FT with Johnson & Sheldon P.C.
Rollins, Casey	Accounting	Brown Graham & Co.	FT with Brown Graham & Co.
Wheeler-Null, Natalie	Marketing	B&W Pantex	FT with B&W Pantex
*Williams, Tanner	Accounting	Brown Graham & Co.	FT with Brown Graham & Co.

\* accepted a full-time position while continuing to pursue degree

### SPRING 2008 INTERNS

#### 17% graduated

- 85% of these students have full-time positions
- 15% of these students are seeking full-time employment

#### 73% are continuing their internship

10% are seeking another internship and/or pursuing their degree full-time

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**Internships are an effective way for students to find major-related experience and in many cases, a professional position upon graduation!**