

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Spring 2011 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 1,942 individual placements to date (60 in Spring 2011)
- Placed 922 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Spring 2011 class – 3.27
- Average wage for the Spring 2011 class - \$13.56 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Spring 2011 class - \$181,854
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$7,002,048

For the academic year to date, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped **1,236** students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to **227** students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most About the Internship?

“I most enjoyed getting to work through a real "tax season" and see what it was really like. I have heard from fellow students and friends, but it was good to fully experience that on my own.

Casey Webb
Accounting Major
Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb--Amarillo, TX



“I liked the fact that I was given real tasks/projects to work on and got to see them from start to finish.”

Claudia Leyva
Accounting Major
Marathon Oil—Houston, TX
(Claudia is the 3rd from the left)

My experience at the Kennedy Center opened my eyes to new career options in the field of arts education.

My favorite part of the internship was traveling to the various schools to help facilitate the teacher workshops.

Jillian Read
Music Education Major
The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Washington, D.C.

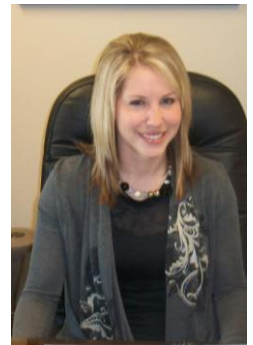


Being responsible and part of a team. I love sales and talking on the phone to potential clients.

Lynsie Johnson
Mass Communications Major
Amarillo Globe-News—Amarillo, TX

“They trusted me to handle given tasks without watching over my shoulder. They allowed and encouraged me to explore new ways of completing tasks... showed me there's more than one right way to do things.

Tawney Sippy
Accounting Major
Consolidated Beef Producers—Canyon, TX



I enjoyed being out in the business world as a professional who represented the Amarillo Sox Baseball Club. Meeting other professionals and helping with the overall advancement of the organization was the best part of it all.

Robert Reyes
Marketing Major
Amarillo Sox Baseball Club—Amarillo, TX

Internship Partners- Spring 2011



Amarillo Bulls



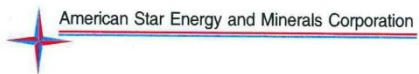
Amarillo Family – YMCA



Amarillo Globe-News



Amarillo Sox Baseball Club



American Star Corporation

Anderson Merchandisers



Aramark Corporation



Attebury Grain

B&W Pantex

Brown, Graham & Co.

Cervejaria & Restaurant Cabana Limited



City of Amarillo



City of McKinney



Consolidated Beef Producers



David V. Eck & Associates, P.C.





Dr. Mike Mimms, DVM



Education Credit Union



ENTREPRENEUR ALLIANCE

Entrepreneur Alliance



Enterprise Rent-A-Car



First Presbyterian Church



Goldstar

Trust Company



Great Plains Ag Credit

Hillside Christian Church
Hollister Co.



J.D. Heiskell & Company



Johnson & Sheldon, PC



Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts



Lovelady, Christy & Associates



Marathon Oil



Oklahoma Employment Security Commission

Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, Myatt & Bradley (SSSMB)



Small Business Development Center



Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb, LLP



Texas Sunbelt Services

Three Leaf Creative
Victor B. Glenn, CPA



West Texas A&M University

Intern to Full-Time for Spring 2011

This semester 25 out of our 60 interns either graduated, took full-time positions while they finish their degree, are pursuing graduate school or completing a post-graduation internship. All of these students are listed on the chart below.

Of these students, 18 (72%) have full-time jobs, 4 (16%) are seeking full-time employment, and 3 (12%) are pursuing graduate school. One of those pursuing graduate school (Dustin Hume) is interning this semester with The White House.

We have contacted those seeking and are trying to help them in their job search.

Graduate	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
April Ramirez	Mass Communications	Amarillo Bulls	FT with Buckle
Benjamin Shaw	Accounting	Lovelady, Christy & Associates	FT with Lovelady, Christy & Associates
* Brant Shores	Animal Science	Dr. Mike Mimms, DVM	FT with Dr. Mike Mimms, DVM
Brenda Friend	Accounting	Brown Graham & Company	FT with Brown Graham & Company
Charlene Richardson	Accounting	Anderson Merchandisers	FT with Great Plains Ag Credit
Courtney Inman	Mass Communications	WTAMU- Counseling Services	Seeking
Daniel Gross	Mass Communications	WTAMU- Broadcasting	FT with Microsoft
Dustin Hume	CIDM	WTAMU- CIDM Department	Post graduation internship with The White House
Erika Lewis	Accounting	Education Credit Union	Seeking
Ivan Cardenas	CIDM	B&W Pantex	FT with Data Systems International
** Jack Sanderson	Accounting	David Eck & Associates, P.C.	FT with David Eck & Associates, P.C.
Jacob Rivas	Finance	American Star Corporation	Graduate School
Joshua Kroeger	Animal Science	Dr. Mike Mimms, DVM	FT with Dr. Mike Mimms, DVM
Justin Hendrix	CIDM	B&W Pantex	FT with B&W Pantex
Karli Schilling	Ag Communications	Great Plains Ag Credit	FT with Holiday Inn
Katelynn Mulcahy	Mass Communications	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	Graduate School
Lance Green	Accounting	Johnson & Sheldon, P.C.	Seeking
Lindi Pritchett	Ag Communications	Texas Sunbelt Services	FT with Pritchett Properties
Lysie Johnson	Mass Communications	Amarillo Globe-News	FT with Amarillo Globe-News
Matthew Ware	Marketing	Cervejaria & Restaurant Cabana Limited	FT with Falcon Technologies
Niki Ross	Speech Communications	City of McKinney	Seeking

*** Patrick Pollard	MBA	WTAMU- CIDM Department	FT with Bell Helicopter
Preston Branch	Accounting	Hudgins, Crosier & Sumpter	FT with Connor, McMillon, Mitchell & Shennum
Russell Brixey	Agriculture	Great Plains Ag Credit	FT with Cargill
Travis Styer	Economics	J.D. Hieskell & Co.	FT with Bartlett & Company

*- started FT and will finish degree in December 2011

** - started FT and will finish degree in August 2011

*** Will complete his MBA in May 2012 while employed

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>

Spring 2011 Interns

35% - Graduated or Secured FT Employment

86% of these students have full-time positions

14% are pursuing graduate school

7% Seeking Full-time Employment

33% - Continuing Their Internship

25% - Seeking Another Internship and/or Pursuing Degree Full-Time

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