

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Spring 2012 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 2,129 individual placements to date (58 in Spring 2012)
- Placed 1022 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Spring 2012 class – 3.25
- Average wage for paid internships for the Spring 2012 class - \$12.68 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Spring 2012 class - \$205,420
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$8,018,481

For the academic year to date, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,575 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 148 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most About the Internship?



“We liked that we were able to actually get hands on experience in our career field choice and determine if it was the right choice for us.”

*Kelli Harrison
&
Mallory Stephenson
Accounting Majors
L. Kruckeberg, CPA, LLC—Amarillo, TX*

“I enjoyed changing the look of products to provide better visual appeal and sales.”

*Drew Brown
Agribusiness Major
Cavenders Boot City—Amarillo, TX*



“My employer has been extremely flexible with my school schedule. I have also enjoyed the real world experience I was able to acquire.”

“I liked gaining a valuable experience by being able to work on assignments that are realistic and useful for accountants.”

*Emilee Cavaness
Finance Major
&
Angelica Pallares
Accounting Major*

American Star Corporation—Amarillo, TX



“The people I met and the friendships developed were my favorite part of the College Program.”

*Morgan Hysinger
Education Major*

Disney World—Orlando, FL



Internship Partners- Spring 2012



Accent West Magazine



Advanta US Inc.



Amarillo Area CASA



Amarillo Family YMCA



Amarillo Venom



American Star Energy and Minerals Corporation

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Attebury Grain, LLC

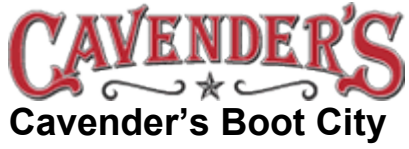
Attebury Grain



Big Texan Steak House



Brown Graham & Company



Chick-fil-A



City of Amarillo



Computer Services Inc.



Family Support Services



FEDERAL DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION
Federal Deposit Insurance Corp



FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH

Amarillo

First Baptist Church Amarillo



**FIRST
PRESBYTERIAN**

First Presbyterian Church Amarillo



Goldstar Trust Company



Graham Data Supply

**Harvest 3 Medical Supplies &
Equipment**

Houlette & Garland, P.C.



Hudgins Crosier Sumpter, P.C.

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L Kruckeberg, C.P.A., LLC



Lovelady Christy & Associates



National MS Society



New Day Productions



Serv-Tech Laboratories



Stewart Martin Dudley & Webb

The Nonprofit Center of Wichita Falls



West Texas A&M University



White Deer ISD

Intern to Full-Time for Spring 2012

This semester 30 out of our 58 interns either graduated or took full-time positions while they finish their degree. All of these students are listed on the chart below.

Of these students, 18 (60%) have full-time jobs, 6 are still seeking (20%), 1 (3%) isn't actively seeking, and 5 (17%) are pursuing graduate school.

| Graduate/Student | Major | Intern Employer | Current Status |
|-------------------------|----------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| * Almas, Rafeea | General Business | FDIC | Pursuing graduate school |
| Bagwell, Austin | Broadcast Journalism | New Day Productions | Seeking |
| Binning, Jeran | Communication | National MS Society | Pursuing graduate school |
| Boyd, Shawn | Mass Comm—PR | First Baptist Church—Amarillo | Pursuing graduate school |

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| ** Brantley, Evan | Accounting | Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb, LLP | FT with Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb, LLP |
| Brown, Andrew | Agribusiness | Cavender's Boot City | FT with JBS |
| Cain, Jacob | Broadcast Journalism | KFDA NewsChannel 10 | FT with KFDA NewsChannel 10 |
| DeLeon, Daniel | Accounting | Hudgins, Crosier & Sumpter P.C. | FT with Hudgins, Crosier & Sumpter P.C. |
| *** Fry, Jordan | Journalism | Harvest 3 Medical | Not actively looking yet |
| Gruhlkey, Lauren | Mass Comm—PR | Graham Data Supply | Starting her own business |
| Harrison, Kelly | Accounting | L. Kruckeberg CPA, LLC | FT with Amarillo College |
| ** Haskins, Amanda | CIS | Computer Services, Inc. (CSI) | FT with Computer Services, Inc. (CSI) |
| Hernandez, Oscar | CIS | B&W Pantex | FT with Fiore (B&W Pantex contractor) |
| Howland, Aaron | English | WTAMU- Cornette Library | Pursuing graduate school |
| Johnston, Jarrett | Graphic Design | WTAMU- IITL | FT with Caliber Creative |
| Keller, Andrea | Counseling | White Deer ISD | FT with Plainview ISD |
| Kuhns, Kristin | Mass Comm—PR | KFDA NewsChannel 10 | Seeking |
| Marvin, Erin | Mass Comm—PR | Nonprofit Center of Wichita Falls | FT with 2020 Companies |
| Mendez, Kenia | Accounting | Lovelady, Christy & Associates | FT with Hay Rice & Associates |
| Milton, Shon | Psychology | First Presbyterian Church—Amarillo | FT with Amarillo National Bank |
| Morgan, Alicia | Accounting | Attebury Grain | Pursuing graduate school |
| Nickel, Kenzi | CIS | Computer Services Inc. (CSI) | FT with Computer Services Inc. (CSI) |
| Nollner, Zackery | Mass Comm—PR | Accent West Magazine | Seeking |
| Parks, Crystal | Accounting | J. Rex Lemert, PC | FT with Dove Thompson & Associates |
| Reyes, Robert | Marketing | Interactive 360 | FT with the Midland/Odessa Symphony |
| Rojas, David | CIS | B&W Pantex | Seeking |

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| Snider, Adam | Broadcast Journalism | WTAMU Athletic Department | FT with KVII ProNews 7 |
| Stanford, Lindsey | Accounting | Brown Graham & Co. | Seeking |
| Stephenson, Mallory | Accounting | L. Kruckeberg CPA, LLC | FT with L. Kruckeberg CPA, LLC |
| Wang, Ami | Accounting | J. Rex Lemert, PC | Seeking |

*- graduated in Dec. but just finished internship

** - finishing degree this summer

*** - not actively looking yet

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 2012 Interns

40% (23) - Graduated and Secured FT Employment/Grad School

77% of these students have full-time positions

23% of these students are pursuing graduate school

22% (13) - Continuing Their Internship

10% (6) - Seeking Full-time Job

28% (16) 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!
