

## WTAMU Experiential Education Program Spring 2015 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 or documented 2,506 individual placements to date (84 in Spring 2015)
- Placed 1,498 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Spring 2015 class – 3.24
- Average wage for paid internships for the Spring 2015 class - \$11.86 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Spring 2015 class - \$160,030
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$10,087,975

For the academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,638 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 157 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

### What Did You Like Most? What Was Most Valuable?

“Again, learning how to function in a true office setting before I actually enter the real world is such a blessing. You learn the best way possible, through hands on experience, something you can’t always learn in a classroom.”

“Networking- I can’t speak enough on this.”

*Jayla Lackey  
Public Service Administration Major  
&  
Jose Lopez  
Management Major*

*Congress Mac Thornberry’s Office  
Washington, DC*



“The most valuable thing for me was being to ensure myself that I had chosen the right profession. When you go to college, you have an idea of what you want to be, but it sometimes is really hard to see how much you will like it until you get out into the actual workforce.”

*Derek Lesley  
Accounting Major*

*Wilson, Haag & Co.  
Amarillo, TX*



"Just having people like my boss Tim Butler and the news director Shane McBride helping me with talent and writing portions of the job."

*Anthony Miller*  
*Mass Comm- Broadcasting Major*

*KGNC Radio*  
*Amarillo, TX*



"I enjoyed getting the hands-on experience of the things that I am learning in my classes."

*Delainey Fowler*  
*Communication Major*

*Sharing Hope Ministry*  
*Amarillo, TX*

## Internship Partners- Spring 2015



**American Star Corporation**



**Conder, Kletchka & Assoc.**



**Congressman Mac Thornberry's office**



**Doshier Pickens & Francis**





**First Nazarene Church**



**J Shehan Engineering**





**Law Offices of Tina Davis - Richones**



**LoveLady, Christy & Associates**





**New Blue Tattoo**







**Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb P.C.**





**West Texas Contractors Inc.**

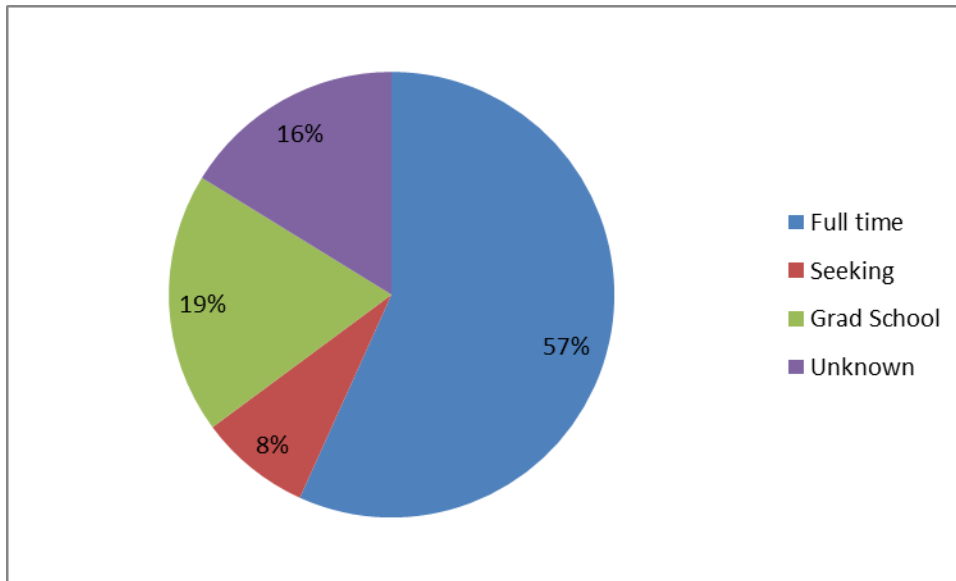
**Wilson, Haag & Co. P.C**

**Wisian and Breeding, PLLC**



## **Intern to Full-Time for Spring 2015**

This semester 37 out of 84 interns graduated. Seven of our interns took a full-time job while they complete their degrees. Out of those that graduated, 21 (57%) have full-time jobs, 3 (8%) are still seeking employment, 7 (19%) are planning to attend graduate school and 6 (16%) we have not been able to contact after repeated attempts. The chart below represents these numbers.



## Graduating Students

<b>Graduate/Student</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Intern Employer</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Beltran, Jesus	Nursing	Northwest Texas Healthcare System	FT with Baylor Healthcare
Biemer, Ethan	Environmental Science	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	FT with the Army
Borunda, Cecilia	Mass Comm.	Make-A-Wish North Texas	FT with Via Learning
Burks, Tre'Von	Mass Comm	First Nazarene Church	Seeking
Campsey, Hayden	Finance	Merrill Lynch	FT with Merrill Lynch
Camunez, Mayra	Criminal Justice	Youth Center of the High Plains	FT with Potter County
Castellini, Kylee	Nursing	BSA Healthcare System	FT with Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Conklin, Helen	Nursing	Northwest Texas Healthcare System	FT with Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Cox, Corey	Art	Mixed Media Creations	FT with Mixed Media Creations
Crites, Thomas	Criminal Justice	State of Texas-Regional Public Defender of Criminal Cases	Grad School
Ehlers, Jessica	Accounting	Wisian & Breeding PLLC	Unable to Contact
Freeman, Lexi	Nursing	Northwest Texas Healthcare System	FT with Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Garcia, Kimberly	Communication	Schlotsky's Deli	Unable to Contact
Gray, Raymond	Criminal Justice	Amarillo Police Department	Seeking
Harleson, Amy	Nursing	BSA Healthcare System	FT with Hendrick Medical Center
Hubbard, Caleb	Communications	LEAD WT	FT with Amarillo Bulls
Lackey, Jayla	Public Service & Admin.	Congressman Mac Thornberry	FT with Congressman Mac Thornberry

LaFluer, Tiffany	Environmental Science	WTAMU Core Lab	Grad School
Lopez, Jose	Management	Congressman Mac Thornberry	FT with Congressman Mac Thornberry
Lozada, Alexander	Criminal Justice	Potter County Community Service	Seeking
Marquez, Jacob	Mass Comm	KACV	Unable to Contact
McClure, Travis	Accounting	Amarillo Area Foundation	FT with Cal Farley's Boys Ranch
McInnis, Braden	Plant Science	Dickey Farms	FT- self employed
McKee, Kendall	Communications	WT Wesley Foundation	Grad School
Mendoza, Carla	Nursing	Northwest Texas Healthcare System	FT with Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Millner, Chandess	Communications	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation-West Texas	Gard School
Novian, Karlie	Nursing	BSA Healthcare System	FT with Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Pantazi, Maria	Environmental Science	Texas Commission on Environmental Quality	Grad School
Pinson, Joseph	Environmental Science	Talon LPE	Unable to Contact
Self, Brooke	Mass Comm	806 Sports Authority	FT with KVII-TV
Smallwood, Kaylin	Accounting	Conder, Kletcha & Assoc.	FT with Conder, Kletcha & Assoc.
Smith, Myles	Communications	WT Wesley Foundation	Grad School
Valmores, Amos	Nursing	Northwest Texas Healthcare System	FT with Northwest Texas Healthcare System
Walker, Alesha	Criminal Justice	Law Offices of Tina Davis-Rinchones	FT with Texas Department of Family & Protective Services
West, Jessica	Mass Comm	Townsquare Media	Unable to Contact
White, Chontiquah	Criminal Justice	WT University Police Department	Unable to Contact
Wood, Emylee	Biology	Northwest Texas Hospital	Grad School

## 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 2015 Interns

Out of the 84 interns, 25% got full-time positions, 4% are seeking full-time, 8% are pursuing grad school and we were unable to contact 7%. 56% 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!

