

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Summer 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 2,017 individual placements to date (75 in Summer 2011)
- Placed 962 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Summer 2011 class – 3.29
- Average wage for paid internships for the Summer 2011 class - \$13.41 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Summer 2011 class - \$376,467
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$7,378,475

For the academic year to date, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped **1,539** students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to **255** students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most About the Internship?

“I enjoyed the challenges and the projects that were assigned to me.”

*Alicia Morgan
Accounting Major
Attebury Grain--Amarillo, TX*



“What I liked the most was the fact that I was able to work in an environment that had people from all over the world.”

*Shawnte Smothers
General Business Major
Disney World—Orlando, FL
Shawnte is on the left*

"I enjoyed the level of responsibility given to me. By the end of the internship I was responsible for my very own billing divisions."

*Thomas Scheer
Accounting Major
Zachry Engineering—Amarillo, TX*



"I enjoyed the opportunity to assist with game entertainment. I was able to help in on field events pregame, between innings, and post game."

*Jordan Anuszkiewicz
Mass Communications Major
Midland Rockhounds—Midland, TX*

Internship Partners- Summer 2011



AMoA
AMARILLO MUSEUM OF ART

Amarillo Museum of Art
Amarillo Physical Therapy Services



Amarillo Sox Baseball Club



American Quarter Horse Association



Aramark Corporation



Attebury Grain, LLC

Attebury Grain



B&W Pantex



Cactus Feeders



City of Amarillo

Cole Stanley Builders



Conoco Phillips



Consolidated Beef Producers



Disney Worldwide Services, Inc.



Enterprise Rent-A-Car



Family Support Services



Fidelity Investments



First Presbyterian Church



Friona Feedyard



Hillside Christian Church

Inline Technologies



Johnson & Sheldon, PC



Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation



McCormick Advertising



Midland Rockhounds Professional Baseball

MONSANTO



Monsanto Company



NASA Johnson Space Center



Oklahoma Employment Security Commission

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



Scotts Miracle-Gro



Small Business Development Center



Southwest Conservation Corps



Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb, LLP



The Amarillo Independent



The White House



Top of Texas Football Magazine

Trinity Fellowship Church



Triumph Seed



West Texas A&M University

XF Enterprises



Zachry Industrial Inc.

Intern to Full-Time for Summer 2011

This semester 9 out of our 75 interns either graduated, took full-time positions while they finish their degree, or are pursuing graduate school. All of these students are listed on the chart below.

Of these students, 6 (67%) have full-time jobs, 1 (11%) are seeking full-time employment, and 2 (22%) are pursuing graduate school full-time.

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

Graduate	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Aaron Askren	Finance	Amarillo Sox Baseball Club	Seeking
* Emily Browning	MBA	Enterprise Rent-A-Car	FT with Bell Helicopter
Bo Bryant	Education- Business	Triumph Seed	FT with Seagraves ISD
Reanne Campsey	Communication	West Texas A&M University	Accepted to a PhD program with University of Kentucky
* Dustin Hume	CIDM	The White House	FT with West Texas A&M University
***Fernando Moreno	General Business	Friona Feedyard	FT with Cargill
Patrick Pollard	Finance & Economics	West Texas A&M University	FT with Bell Helicopter
Shelby Roberts	Animal Science	XF Enterprises	Grad school at Oklahoma State University
**Micah Wilson	Communication	Hillside Christian Church	FT with First Baptist Church- El Dorado, KS

*- started FT while working on graduate degree

** started FT and is finishing online classes in the Fall & Spring. Will graduate May 2012

*** graduates in December 2011. Starts with Cargill in January.

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>

Summer 2011 Interns

11% (8) - Graduated and Secured FT Employment or Grad School

75% of these students have full-time positions
25% are pursuing graduate school full-time

1% (1) - Seeking Full-time Employment

31% (23) - Continuing Their Internship

57% (43) - 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!
