

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Summer 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 2,208 individual placements to date (79 in Summer 2012)
- Placed 1,083 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Summer 2012 class – 3.38
- Average wage for paid internships for the Summer 2012 class - \$13.44 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Summer 2012 class - \$325,762
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$8,344,243

For the academic year to date, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,942 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 163 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most About the Internship?



“I enjoyed the variety and ability to learn new things every day.”

Matt Poston
Accounting Major
City of Amarillo—Amarillo, TX

“The experience I got with dealing with people on a daily basis. It taught me how to handle problems with little worries and little stress.”

Miguel Benavides
Mass Comm / Broadcasting Major
Amarillo Sox—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

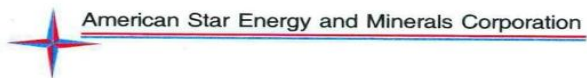


“The people I met and the friendships developed were my favorite part of the College Program.”

*Morgan Hysinger
Education Major*

Disney World—Orlando, FL

Internship Partners- Spring 2012



American Star Corp.





Attebury Grain, LLC

B&W
Pantex



Bell
Helicopter
A Textron Company

Borger News-Herald

BYN
HOUSTON 57.3
Broadcasting Youth Network, Inc.



Computer Services Inc.



Covenant Hospital Plainview



Coyote Bluff Café



ENERGY TRANSFER



ERNST & YOUNG



GAVILON 





Houlette & Garland



IBM Corporation



Jefferson National Laboratories



Johnson & Sheldon, P.C.



KAMR/KCIT/KCPN



KFDA/KTMO/KZBZ







Serv-Tech Laboratories

Skilled Trades



Congressman Mac Thornberry





USDA-ARS, Conservation & Production
Research Lab (Bushland)



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Intern to Full-Time for Summer 2012

This semester 20 out of our 79 interns either graduated, took full-time positions while they finish their degree, went to graduate school, took a post-graduate internship, or are seeking full-time employment. All of these students are listed on the chart below.

Of these students, 14 (70%) have full-time jobs, 3 are still seeking (15%), 1 (.5%) isn't actively seeking, 1 (.5%) took a post-graduate internship, and 1 (.5%) is pursuing graduate school.

Graduate/Student	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Bauer-Herzog, Melissa	Journalism	U.S. Equestrian Federation	Post graduate internship
Brooke, Becca	CIS	B&W Pantex	Stay at home Mom
Cochran, Heath	Accounting	Houlette & Garland, PC	FT with Houlette & Garland, PC
Collins, Audrey	Mass Comm—PR	Together We Rise	Seeking
Cunningham, Elaina	Mass Comm—PR	Panhandle Plains Historical Museum	FT with Panhandle Plains Historical Museum
Dorsey, Mackenzi	General Studies	National Western Stock Show	Seeking
Flores, Jennifer	Broadcast Journalism	KAMR	Seeking
* Havens, Ross	Biology	Vanderbilt University	FT with ASK Laboratories
Herbert, Brooke	Accounting	Happy State Bank	FT with Happy State Bank
Howland, Aaron	English	WTAMU- Cornette Library	Graduate School
Mengesha, Eyoel	Computer Science	WTAMU- Computer Center	FT with WTAMU
Mogg, Cassie	Finance	Covenant Health System	FT with Covenant Health System
* Morris, Vance	Computer Science	IBM	FT with IBM
* Pallares, Angelica	Accounting	American Star	FT with Deloitte
* Paschal, Nathan	Mechanical Engineering	Energy Net	FT with Energy Net
* Skelton, Ronal	Accounting	Johnson & Sheldon, P.C.	FT with Johnson & Sheldon, PC
Smith, Sara	Mass Comm- Ad/PR	Hastings	FT with Hastings
* Stovall, Tommi	BAAS	City of Amarillo	FT with City of Amarillo
Villena, Michael	Accounting	National Cherry Festival	FT with Herring Bank
Weatherford, Justin	General Business	Skilled Trades	FT with Skilled Trades

* Took Full-time position while they finish degree

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 2012 Interns

20% (16) - Graduated and Secured FT Employment/Grad School

94% of these students have full-time positions

6% of these students are pursuing graduate school

23% (18) - Continuing Their Internship

4% (3) - Seeking Full-time Job

53% (42) 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!