

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Summer 2014 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 2,336 individual placements to date (113 in Summer 2014)
- Placed 1,371 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Spring 2014 class – 3.09
- Average wage for paid internships for the Summer 2014 class - \$12.97 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Summer 2014 class - \$353,005
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$9,731,516

For the academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,954 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 173 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most? What Was Most Valuable?

“I really enjoyed working with the volunteers and the staff at the event during the weekend. I also liked seeing how many people came out to ride and participate in the event to raise money.”

“The most valuable part of the internship was getting to step out of my comfort zone and do things I haven't had to do or experience before.”

*Cheyenne Uphold
General Business Major
National MS Society
Amarillo, TX*



“The actual experience in the field is most valuable. I have been able to test out a career.”

*Kase Wilbanks
Broadcast Journalism Major
KCBD NewsChannel 11—Lubbock, TX*

"I really enjoyed being an important part of the work being done at the refinery. I was not just an intern, but an actual employee. I did real work that had real-life implications. My projects were worth-while and meaningful."

*Kendall Neill
Mechanical Engineering Major
Phillips 66-- Borger, TX*



"I liked the people, office environment, building and freedom to ask questions. The internship gave me a clarity in my educational path. I can choose courses that help me build my further career now."

*Priya Salagundla
MBA
BMC Software--Houston, TX*

Internship Partners- Summer 2014



American Star Corporation



West Texas Contractors Inc.





KCBD NewsChannel 11



Gisch Media



Net Texts

Agrivision Farm Management, LLC





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AMARILLO





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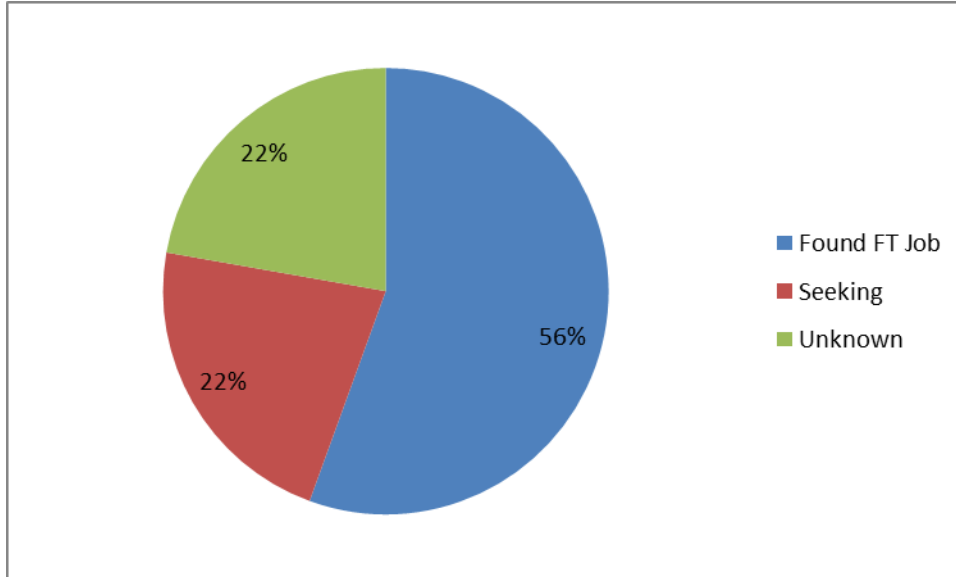


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Intern to Full-Time for Summer 2014

This semester 9 out of 113 interns graduated. Five (55.5%) have full-time jobs, 2 (22%) are still seeking employment at the time of this report and 2 (22%) we have not been able to contact after repeated attempts. The chart below represents these numbers.



We will continue to assist the 2 seeking employment and try to contact the 2 we were unable to reach.

Graduating Students

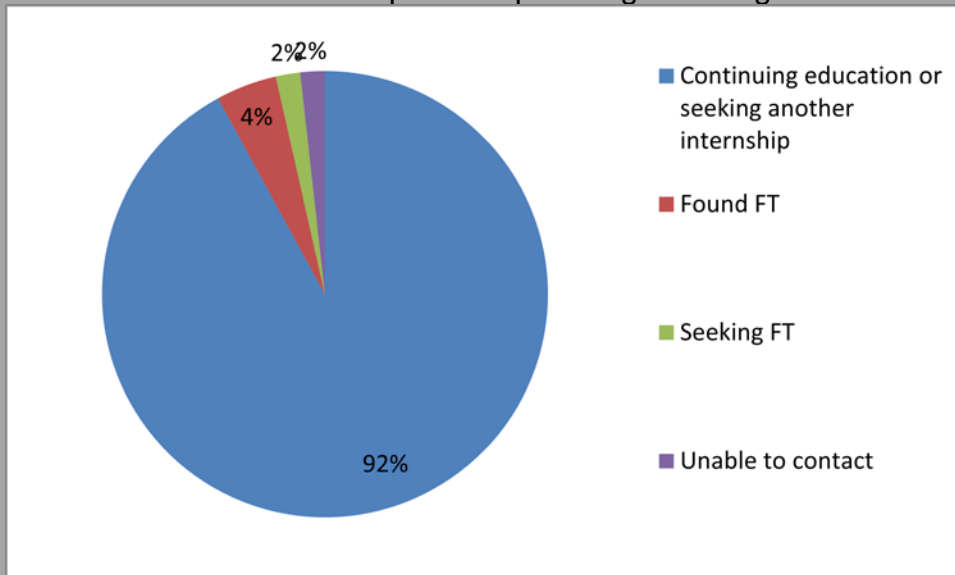
Graduate/Student	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Almas, Muhammed Rafee	Criminal Justice	Randall County Sheriff's Office	Unable to contact
Barnes, Brittany	Criminal Justice	Youth Center of the High Plains	FT with Youth Center of the High Plains
Cervantes, Yaneli	Biology	??	Unable to contact
Lamons, Dorothy	Biology	Amarillo Diagnostic Clinic	Seeking
Lechner, Ryan	Agribusiness	Skyland Grain LLC	FT with Gayland Ward Seed
Moreno, Greg	Accounting	Ogallala Commons	Seeking
Robison, Max	Ag Communications	Congressman Steve Daines	FT with Dunn Ranch
Townsend, Summer	Ag Communications	Farmer's Insurance Agency	FT with Farmer's Insurance Agency
Zellers, Zach	Education	Net Texts	FT with AISD

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 2014 Interns

Out of the 113 interns, 4% got full-time positions, 2% are seeking full-time, 2% we were unable to contact and 92% 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!