WTAMU Experiential Education Program
Spring 2009 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 1,731 individual placements to date (50 in Spring 2009)
- Placed 749 students in paid internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Spring 2009 class – 3.04
- Average wage for the Spring 2009 class - $12.42 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Spring 2009 class - $143,298
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - $5,838,979

To date in the 2008-09 academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,082 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 182 students so far in this academic year. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

Selected Intern Comments

“I learned a great deal about myself and the importance of different things in life when considering a career. I also learned a lot about people and will use the skills I have learned in the future.”

Janie Wagner, Agribusiness Major
Herring National Bank- Amarillo, TX

“I feel I greatly enhanced my ability to problem solve…I have learned to just take everything step by step, and learn how to get through problems on my own….”

Eric Olivarez, IDM Major
Amarillo Design Bureau- Amarillo, TX

“My supervisor gave me assignments that were both educational and challenging. I learned so much from this experience.”

“I learned about the many differences between the real world and the classroom world. These differences and how to cope with them has been an invaluable addition to my educational experience.”

Cari Thompson, Accounting Major
Brown Graham & Co.- Amarillo TX

“I would recommend this internship for any type of person. It really broadens views in many areas and many great relationships are created.”

Aaron Peacock, Finance Major
Disney World- Orlando, FL

“The knowledge and skills I have learned during this assignment will be useful to me throughout my future career. It was also important for me to be able to work in the career field I am pursuing before I graduate to gain experience and decide if this field is the right choice for me.”

Delia Grantham, Accounting Major
Johnson & Sheldon- Amarillo, TX
Intern to Full-Time for Spring 2009

This semester 11 of our 50 interns graduated. Four took full-time positions with their internship employers, 1 is pursuing graduate school, 5 are seeking employment, and we haven’t been able to reach one.

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* 4 phone calls & 3 emails

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](http://www.wtamu.edu/student-support/cs-emp-participating-employers.aspx)

SPRING 2009 INTERNS

22% graduated
- 45.5% of these students have full-time positions or are pursuing a graduate degree
- 45.5% are seeking full-time employment
- We haven’t been able to reach 1 student (9%) (4 phone calls & 3 emails)

38% are continuing their internship
40% are seeking another internship and/or pursuing their 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!