WTAMU Experiential Education Program
Spring 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 1,942 individual placements to date (60 in Spring 2011)
- Placed 922 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Spring 2011 class – 3.27
- Average wage for the Spring 2011 class - $13.56 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Spring 2011 class - $181,854
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - $7,002,048

For the academic year to date, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,236 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 227 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most About the Internship?

“I most enjoyed getting to work through a real "tax season" and see what it was really like. I have heard from fellow students and friends, but it was good to fully experience that on my own.”

Casey Webb
Accounting Major
Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb—Amarillo, TX

“I liked the fact that I was given real tasks/projects to work on and got to see them from start to finish.”

Claudia Leyva
Accounting Major
Marathon Oil—Houston, TX
(Claudia is the 3rd from the left)
My experience at the Kennedy Center opened my eyes to new career options in the field of arts education.

My favorite part of the internship was traveling to the various schools to help facilitate the teacher workshops.

Jillian Read
Music Education Major
The Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts—Washington, D.C.

Being responsible and part of a team. I love sales and talking on the phone to potential clients.

Lynsie Johnson
Mass Communications Major
Amarillo Globe-News—Amarillo, TX

“They trusted me to handle given tasks without watching over my shoulder. They allowed and encouraged me to explore new ways of completing tasks... showed me there’s more than one right way to do things.

Tawney Sippy
Accounting Major
Consolidated Beef Producers—Canyon, TX

I enjoyed being out in the business world as a professional who represented the Amarillo Sox Baseball Club. Meeting other professionals and helping with the overall advancement of the organization was the best part of it all.

Robert Reyes
Marketing Major
Amarillo Sox Baseball Club—Amarillo, TX
Internship Partners- Spring 2011

Amarillo Bulls

Amarillo Family – YMCA

Amarillo Globe-News

Amarillo Sox Baseball Club

American Star Corporation

Anderson Merchandisers

Aramark Corporation
Attebury Grain

B&W Pantex
Brown, Graham & Co.
Cervejaria & Restaurant Cabana Limited

City of Amarillo

City of McKinney

Consolidated Beef Producers

David V. Eck & Associates, P.C.

Disney Worldwide Services, Inc.
Dr. Mike Mimms, DVM

Education Credit Union

Entrepreneur Alliance

Enterprise Rent-A-Car

First Presbyterian Church

Goldstar Trust Company

Great Plains Ag Credit

Hillside Christian Church
Hollister Co.
Hudgins Crosier Sumpter P.C.

J.D. Heiskell & Company

Johnson & Sheldon, PC

Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts

Lovelady, Christy & Associates

Marathon Oil

Nobox Creative

Oklahoma Employment Security Commission

Schaeffer, Sutton, Schaeffer, Myatt & Bradley (SSSMB)
Intern to Full-Time for Spring 2011

This semester 25 out of our 60 interns either graduated, took full-time positions while they finish their degree, are pursuing graduate school or completing a post-graduation internship. All of these students are listed on the chart below.

Of these students, 18 (72%) have full-time jobs, 4 (16%) are seeking full-time employment, and 3 (12%) are pursuing graduate school. One of those pursuing graduate school (Dustin Hume) is interning this semester with The White House.
We have contacted those seeking and are trying to help them in their job search.

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*** Patrick Pollard  | MBA  | WTAMU- CIDM Department  | FT with Bell Helicopter
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   Preston Branch  | Accounting | Hudgins, Crosier & Sumpter | FT with Connor, McMillon, Mitchell & Shennum
   Russell Brixey  | Agriculture | Great Plains Ag Credit | FT with Cargill
   Travis Styer  | Economics | J.D. Hieskell & Co. | FT with Bartlett & Company

* - started FT and will finish degree in December 2011
** - started FT and will finish degree in August 2011
*** Will complete his MBA in May 2012 while employed

**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)

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**Spring 2011 Interns**

35% - Graduated or Secured FT Employment
86% of these students have full-time positions
14% are pursuing graduate school

7% Seeking Full-time Employment

33% - Continuing Their Internship

25% - 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!