

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Fall 2008 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 1,681 individual placements to date (47 in Fall 2008)
- Placed 722 students in paid internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Fall 2008 class – 3.16
- Average wage for the Fall 2008 class - \$10.78 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Fall 2008 class - \$156,056
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$5,695,681

To date in the 2008-09 academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 376 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 93 students so far in this academic year. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

Selected Intern Comments

“I would definitely recommend an internship to fellow students. It is one of the best ways to determine if a particular career field is suited to you.”

“ I have never worked in a professional setting before and it was quite a change from my previous job. This experience polished my professional and communication skills.”

*Gabrielle Potts, Accounting Major
Conner, McMillon, Mitchell & Shennum- Amarillo, TX*

“My marketing classes made the biggest impact on my internship. I have to do a lot of persuasion with other project managers and these classes gave me the skills to do this. ”

“I can really see myself doing this type of work in the future.”

*Josh Compton, Marketing Major
B&W Pantex- Amarillo, TX*

“I have learned that every experience is a learning experience, that you never stop learning....”

*Romelia Robinson, Accounting Major
American Star Corp.- Amarillo TX*

Intern Comments on YouTube

[Jill Whitfield, Speech Communications Major
Disney World- Orland, FL](#)

[Lance Terrell, General Business Major
Herring National Bank- Amarillo, TX](#)

[Ryoichi Watanabe, Accounting Major
GE Commercial Credit- Osaka, Japan](#)

Intern to Full-Time for Fall 2008

This semester 11 of our 47 interns graduated. Eight took full-time positions with their internship employers, 1 took a full-time position with a non-internship employer, and 2 are still seeking employment.

Graduate	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Carrio, Morgan	CIS	B&W Pantex	B&W Pantex
Chamberlain, Matthew	Economics	FirstBank Southwest	FirstBank Southwest
Coleman, Lindsey	Finance	FirstBank Southwest	FirstBank Southwest
Davis, Ryan	CIS (MBA)	B&W Pantex	B&W Pantex
Fitzsimmons, Amanda	English	B&W Pantex	Seeking
Hahn, John	Computer Science	Financial Payments	Financial Payments
Harguess, Dillon	Computer Science	Financial Payments	Financial Payments
Hoover, Charles	CIS	McCoy Myers	Hastings
Painter, Tyler	Ag., Business & Economics	Great Plains Ag Credit	Seeking
Robinson, Romelia	Accounting	American Star Corp.	American Star Corp.
*Zachary, Jennifer	Accounting	Kathy Boozer, CPA	Kathy Boozer, CPA

* Took a full-time position while she completes her graduate 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>

FALL 2008 INTERNS

23.4% graduated

- 81.8% of these students have full-time positions

44.6% are continuing their internship

32% are seeking another internship and/or pursuing their degree full-time

Internships are an effective way for students to gain major-related experience and in many cases, a professional position upon graduation!