

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Fall 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 2,071 individual placements to date (54 in Fall 2011)
- Placed 991 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Fall 2011 class – 3.38
- Average wage for paid internships for the Fall 2011 class - \$14.47 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Summer 2011 class - \$424,746
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$7,803,221

For the academic year to date, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped **674** students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to **79** students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most About the Internship?

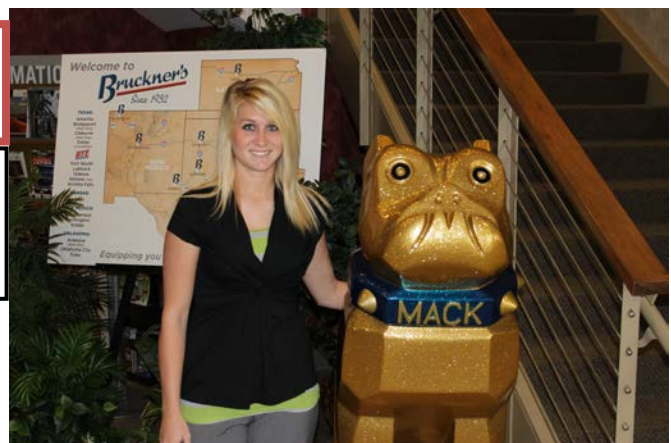


“Visiting the parks for free and getting to see beautiful birds, meerkats and frogs every day.”

*Alyssa Murphy
Biology Major
Disney World--Orlando, FL
Interned in Animal Kingdom*

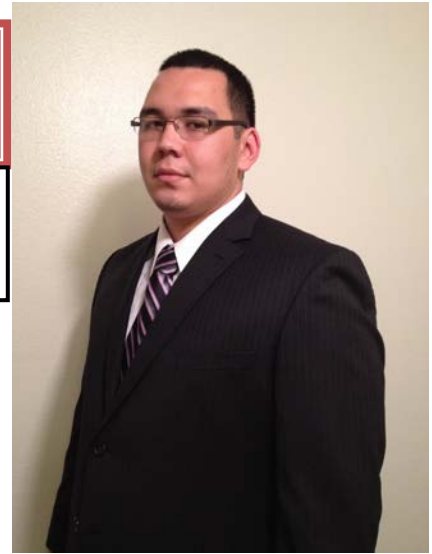
“Meeting everyone and realizing that my career choice is correct.”

*Brandi Ellison
Accounting Major
Bruckner Truck Sales—Amarillo, TX*



"I liked being responsible for tasks and learning how the real world works."

David Rojas
CIS Major
B&W Pantex—Amarillo, TX



"An internship/campus job that is relevant to my career path."

Jarrett Johnston
Graphic Design Major
WT Select Intern
West Texas A&M University—Canyon, TX

Internship Partners- Fall 2011



Attebury Grain, LLC

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B&W Pantex



Cactus Feeders

Canyon News



Chick-fil-A



City of Amarillo



Consolidated Beef Producers



County Line Dairy, LLC



Devil's Rope Studios



First Baptist Church Amarillo



First Presbyterian Church Amarillo



Goldstar Trust Company



Hillside Christian Church



Inline Technologies



Interactive 360



J.D Heiskell & Company



Johnson & Sheldon, PC



Juvenile Diabetes research Foundation

Lone Star Diamonds



McCoy Myers (CSI Inc.)



Nationwide Insurance



New Day Productions



Oklahoma Employment Security Commission



Panhandle Plains Historical Museum

Skilled Trades



Small Town Gypsy



Stewart Martin Dudley & Webb

Street Toyota



The Amarillo Independent



Vive Media



West Texas A&M University



White Deer ISD



Zachry Industrial, Inc.

Intern to Full-Time for Fall 2011

This semester 12 out of our 57 interns either graduated or took full-time positions while they finish their degree. All of these students are listed on the chart below.

Of these students, 12 (100%) have full-time jobs.

Graduate/Student	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
* Al-Dosari, Eid	Accounting	Johnson & Sheldon	FT with Johnson & Sheldon
* Ellison, Brandi	Accounting	Bruckner's	FT with Bruckner's
Hirt, Erin	Accounting	B&W Pantex	FT with D. Williams & Co., PC
Hudson, Randi	Mass Comm—PR	Interactive 360	FT with Make-A-Wish Foundation
Jolly, John	Mass Comm.—Broadcasting	Hillside Christian Church	FT with Crossroads Technologies
* Kruckeberg, Garrett	Accounting	Inline Technologies	FT with Inline Technologies
* Lanford, Robert	Accounting	J.D. Heiskell	FT with J.D. Heiskell
* Lipp, Suzann	Accounting	Cactus Feeders	FT with Cactus Feeders
Meraz, David	Mass Comm—PR	Interactive 360	FT with Interactive 360
* Scheer, Thomas	Accounting	Zachry Industrial, Inc.	FT with Zachry Industrial, Inc.
* Sippy, Tawney	Accounting	Consolidated Beef Producers	FT with Consolidated Beef Producers
* Webb, Casey	Accounting	Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb	FT with Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb

*- started FT while finishing 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 2011 Interns

9% (5) - Graduated and Secured FT Employment/Grad School

100% of these students have full-time positions

One student is pursuing her MBA while working full-time

12% (7) – Took full-time positions while they finish their degree

33% (19) - Continuing Their Internship

46% (26) - 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!