

## WTAMU Experiential Education Program Fall 2015 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 or documented 2,737 individual placements to date (97 in Fall 2015)
- Placed or documented 1,683 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Fall 2015 class – 3.19
- Average wage for paid internships for the Fall 2015 class - \$12.45 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Fall 2015 2015 class - \$201,623
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$10,729,469

For the academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,068 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 78 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

### What Did You Like Most? What Was Most Valuable?

“The most valuable thing about this experience is that I got hands-on experience in my field. I now know where the numbers come from, the background and how to solve problems that pertain to certain accounting situations.”

*Magali Moralez  
Accounting major*

*City of Amarillo  
Amarillo, TX*



“I enjoyed all the opportunities on the Hill. I got to see hearings, give tours in the Capitol almost every week, meet many important people, and see how a political office runs first hand. I liked how everyone helped me to succeed rather than treat me like I was just an undergrad intern.

I have learned most importantly that this is NOT what I want to do with my life. As much as I enjoyed this internship, it made me realize government work is not something I want to do long term. It was a great experience and I'm glad I did it, however, it has changed my plans for the future. I think I would like to work here with this office, but not all my life.”

*Britt Snipes  
Mass Comm/Ad PR major*

*Congressman Mac Thornberry  
Washington, D.C.*

"I liked being able to work with customers as well as doing a lot of their bookkeeping. I also loved being able to be part of the directors meetings."

"The internship also helped me decide what I want to really do long-term."

*Yelithza Morales  
Accounting majors*

*First Financial Bank  
Hereford, TX*



# Internship Partners- Fall 2015

101.3 ESPN Radio



Amarillo Globe-News



Amarillo Hispanic Chamber of Commerce



**American Quarter Horse Association**

AQHA

AMERICAN QUARTER  
HORSE ASSOCIATION

**American Star Corporation**



American Star Energy and Minerals Corporation

**BSA Health System**



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**City Machine & Welding, Inc.**



**City of Amarillo**



**Congressman Mac Thornberry**



**Cox, Allen & Company**



**Cumulus Media Amarillo**



**Eskimo Hut**



**Family Medicine Centers of Amarillo**



**Family Support Services**



Farmers Insurance



First Financial Bank



Hurst-Euless-Bedford ISD



KAMR/KCIT/KCPN



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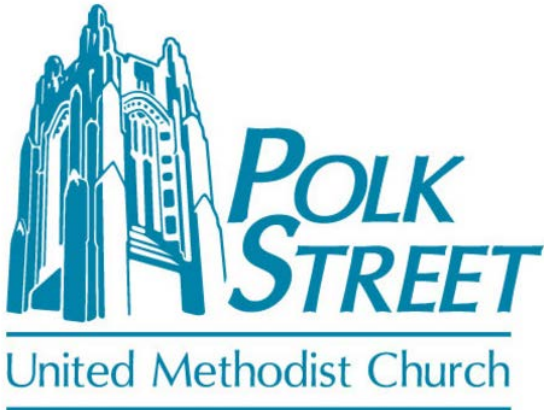
Ochiltree General Hospital



Pantex



Polk Street United Methodist Church



Potter County Community Supervision & Corrections Dept.



**Sharyland Utilities**



**SSC Service Solutions**



**Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb, PC**

**Talon LPE**



**Texas A&M AgriLife Research**



Texas Agricultural Cooperative Council



Texas Cattle Feeders Association



Texas Commission on Environmental Quality



Triangle Realty, LLC



Trinity Fellowship Church



Turn Center



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**United States Department of Agriculture**  
Natural Resources Conservation Service

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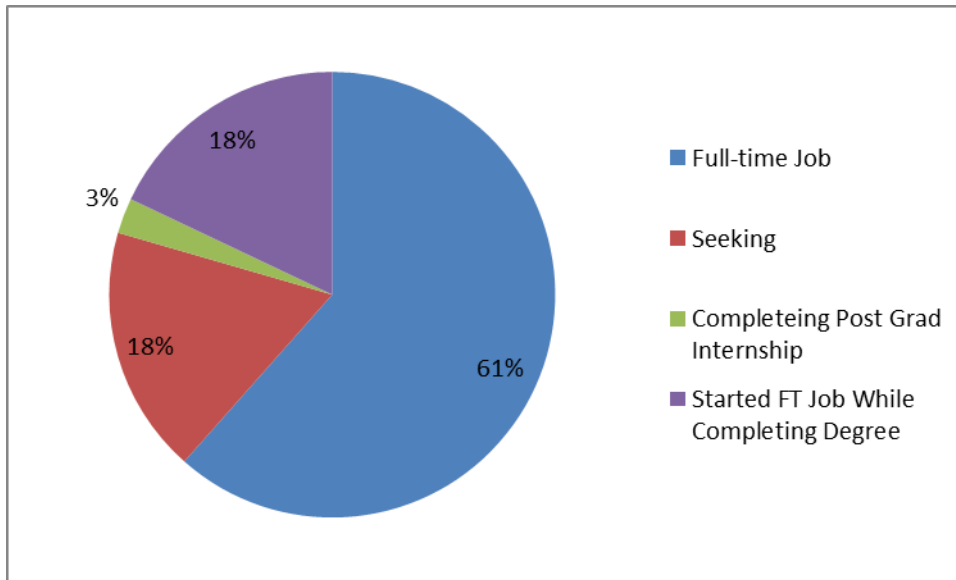
**WTAMU – Intercollegiate Athletics**

**Xcel Energy**



## Intern to Full-Time for Fall 2015

This semester 32 interns graduated. Twenty-four of these students have a full-time job, 7 are seeking employment and 1 is completing a post-graduation internship. There were also 7 students who started a full-time job while they complete their internship. Out of these 40 students, 31 have full-time jobs, 1 (6%) are still seeking employment, 6 (38%) are planning to attend graduate school and 1 (6%) we have not been able to contact after repeated attempts. The chart below represents these numbers.



## Graduating Students

Graduate/Student	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Al-Ag, Clinton	Animal Science	WHB Farms	FT with Blue Sky Farms
Baca, Robert	Mechanical Engineering	American Star Corporation	Seeking
Banks, Jerell	Mass Communications	WTAMU	FT with Atom Factory
Brown, Anthony	Communication	Triangle Realty	Seeking
Dancer, Jonathan*	Mass Communications	Eskimo Hut	FT with Eskimo Hut
Flores, Erica	Criminal Justice	Potter County Community Supervision	FT with Amarillo Independent School District
Gonzalez, Anna	Nursing	Northwest Texas Hospital	FT with Vibra Hospital of Amarillo
Gonxzales, Elizabeth**	Equine Industry & Business	Farmers Insurance	Post grad Internship with

			Farmer's Insurance
Hambright, Vicki	Nursing	BSA Health System	FT with BSA Health System
Hanson, Ashley	Biochemistry	Palo Duro Animal Hospital	Seeking
Harrist, Rexie	Ag Communications	USDA-NRCS	FT with USDA
Heinrich, Grant	Plant, Soil & Environmental Science	Sanders	FT with Heinrich Brothers Farms
Herrera, Mark	Civil Engineering	SSC Service Solutions	FT with Kinley, Horn & Associates
Jackson, Christina	Nursing	Northwest Texas Hospital	FT with Northwest Texas Hospital
Paige, Kelley*	Nursing	BSA Health System	FT with BSA Health System
Kiehl, Roger	Nursing	BSA Health System	FT with Texas Tech University Health Sciences Center- Amarillo
Lee, Jacy	Mass Communications	Panhandle Plains Historical Museum	FT with Wortham Insurance
Lesley, Derrick	Accounting	Wilson, Haag & Co.	FT with Wilson, Haag & Co.
Levinsky, Martha	Nursing	BSA Healthcare	Seeking
Looney, Ashley*	Accounting	Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb	FT with Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb
Lopez, Amber	Nursing	BSA Healthcare	FT with Northwest Texas Hospital
Martin, Taylor*	Geology	J-Brex Company	FT with J-Brex Company
McAnally, Lexi	Nursing	BSA Healthcare	FT with Hereford County Hospital District
McDowell, Leslie	Nursing	BSA Healthcare	FT with BSA Healthcare
Missilidine, Sandra*	Nursing	Vibra Hospital of Amarillo	FT with Vibra Hospital of Amarillo
Morales, Yelithza*	Accounting	First Financial Bank	FT with First Financial Bank
Nation, Nakisha*	Accounting	Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb	FT with Stewart, Martin, Dudley & Webb
Northern, Shelby	Nursing	BSA Healthcare	FT with Northwest Texas Hospital

Oliver, Beverly	Music	Polk Street United Methodist Church	FT with Polk Street United Methodist Church
Reynolds, Harley	Agriculture	McCormick Livestock	Seeking
Savage, Devin	Economics	First Financial Bank	FT with First Financial Bank
Sheets, Tori	Mass Communications	KAMR News Channel 4	FT with Ouray County Plaindealer
Simpson, Laura	Nursing	BSA Healthcare	FT with BSA Healthcare
Stroud, Taylor	Mass Communications	Cintas	FT with Cintas
Van Blommestein, Rocky	Nursing	Vibra Hospital of Amarillo	FT with Cedar Creek Hospital
Villagran, Christina	Criminal Justice	No Boundaries International	FT with Milan Institute of Cosmetology
Villegas, Clemente	Mass Communications	Amarillo Globe-News	FT with Amarillo Globe-News
Willey, Lewis	Nursing	BSA Healthcare	Seeking
Wynee, Michael	General Studies	CSI	Seeking

\* working FT while completes degree.

\*\* completing post-graduation internship

## 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 2015 Interns

Out of the 97 interns, 32% got full-time positions, 7% are seeking full-time, 1% are completing a post-grad internship and 60% are 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!

