

## WTAMU Experiential Education Program Spring 2014 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:

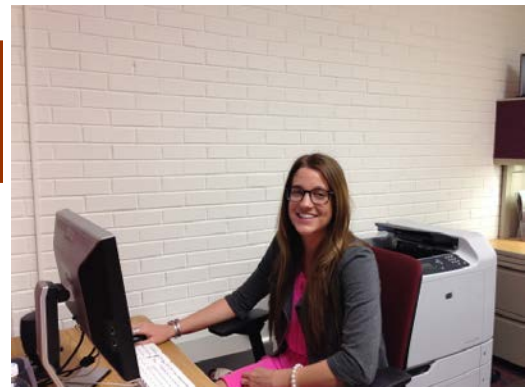
- Monitored 2,223 individual placements to date (61 in Spring 2014)
- Placed 1,274 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Spring 2014 class – 3.22
- Average wage for paid internships for the Spring 2014 class - \$12.43 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Spring 2014 class - \$224,300
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$9,378,511

For the academic year to date, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,523 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 152 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

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

“I very much like working in the same office with a very experienced and creative professional. I hope to continue to learn more and more from her.”

*Avery Miller*  
*Mass Comm. Ad/PR Major*  
*West Texas A&M University, Student Affairs—*  
*Canyon, TX*



“Getting hands-on experience with networking equipment and learning to communicate with people I work with internally as well as external resources.”

*Art Mundo*  
*CIDM Major*  
*Sharyland Utilities—Amarillo, TX*

"Preparation of monthly financials and compilation reports and getting to apply what I have learned academically in the real world."

*Belinda Urrita*  
*Accounting Major*  
*Swan & McCrary, PC-- Amarillo, TX*



"The application of theory learned in classes. Real world experiences, though bumpy, helped put it all in perspective."

*Devin Miller*  
*Accounting Major*  
*Brown Graham & Company, PC--Amarillo, TX*

## Internship Partners- Spring 2014



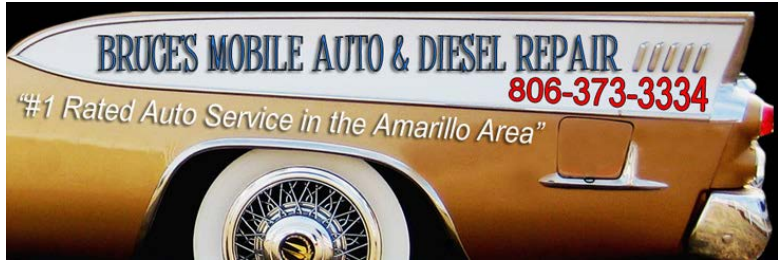


Amarillo Venom

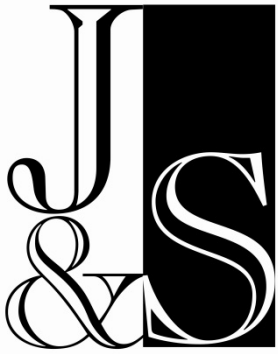
American Star Corporation



Brown Graham & Company







Johnson & Sheldon PC



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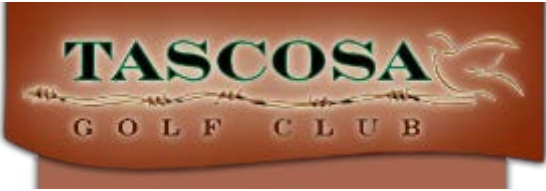


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Potter County Adult Probation







TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER AT  
**AMARILLO**

**Totally-Fit: Private Fitness**

**Trey Williams**



Victor B Glenn, CPA  
806-358-8997



**West Texas Chapter**  
Associated General Contractors of America



**Wisian & Breeding PLLC**

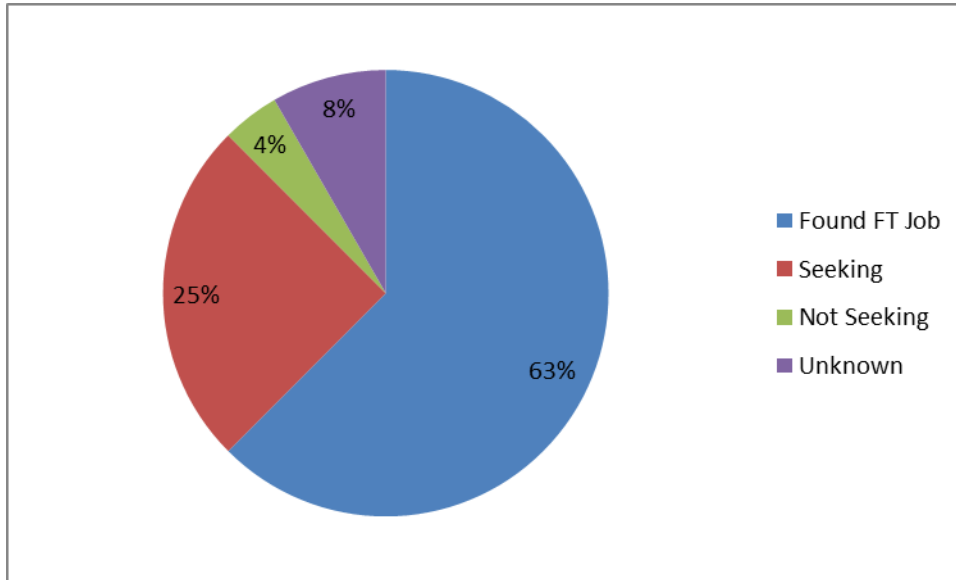


Wylie Sprayers



## Intern to Full-Time for Spring 2014

This semester 24 out of 61 interns graduated. Fifteen (62.5%) have full-time jobs, 1 (4.17%) is not seeking full-time employment, 6 (25%) are still seeking employment at the time of this report and 2 (8.33%) we have not been able to contact after repeated attempts. The chart below represents these numbers.



**We will continue to assist the 6 seeking employment and try to contact the 2 we were unable to reach.**

## Graduating Students

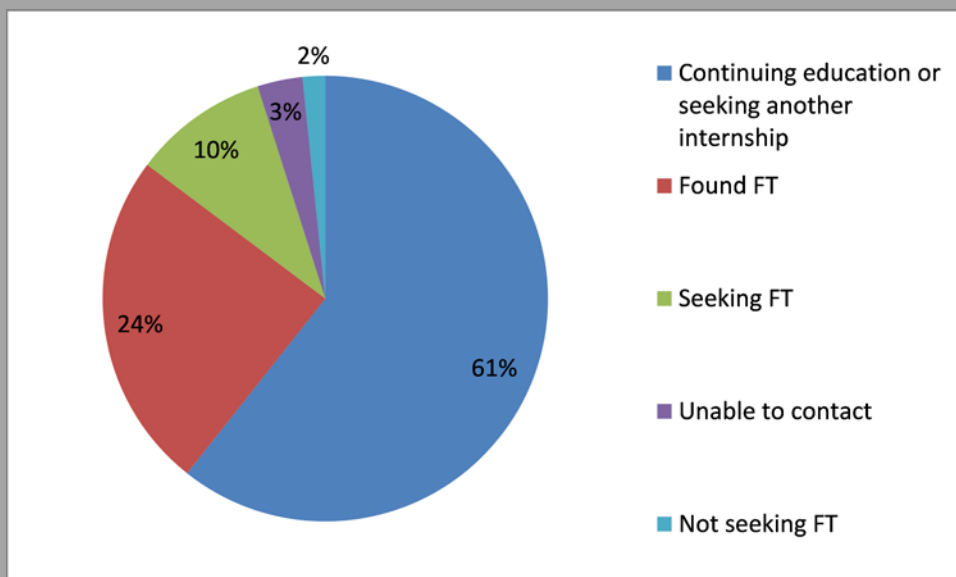
<b>Graduate/Student</b>	<b>Major</b>	<b>Intern Employer</b>	<b>Current Status</b>
Bargas, Sarah	Mass Comm— Advertising/PR	Bruce's Mobile Auto and Diesel Repair	Not seeking a FT position
Benavides, Miguel	Mass Comm— Broadcasting	Amarillo Bulls	Unable to contact
Blackstock, Justin	Accounting	Tascosa Golf Club	FT with Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts
Blackwell, Elyse	History	West Texas A&M University	PT with West Texas A&M University
Braudt, Elizabeth	Accounting	Brown Graham & Company PC	FT with Brown Graham & Company PC
Hanner, Mary “Sage”	Agriculture, Business & Economics	San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc.	FT with San Antonio Livestock Exposition, Inc.
Harrison, Katelinn	Agriculture, Business & Economics	Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra	FT with ASCO
Kitts, Trevor	Engineering Technology	Xcel Energy	Seeking
Leyva, Claudia	MBA	Brown Graham & Company PC	Seeking
Miller, Devin	Accounting	Brown Graham & Company PC	FT with Victor Glenn, CPA
Montez, Ian	Mass Comm— Broadcasting	Totally-Fit: Private Fitness	Seeking
Moreno, Greg	Accounting	WTAMU Small Business Development Center	Seeking
Mundo, Art	CIDM	Sharyland Utilities	FT with Sharyland Utilities
Ortiz, Aurora	Political Science	Congressman Mac Thornberry	FT with NCW Insurance
Pike, Simone	Graphic Design	Amarillo Design Bureau	FT with Amarillo Sign Company
Proctor, Erica	Mass Comm— Broadcasting	KAMR NBC 4	Unable to contact
Radach, Erica	Accounting	Johnson & Sheldon PC	FT with Johnson & Sheldon PC
Reasoner, Tailore	Agriculture Education	Wylie Sprayers	FT with Wylie Sprayers

Roskens, Jeshaiiah	Mass Comm— Broadcasting	Amarillo Venom	Seeking
Shields, Jon	Agriculture	Trey Williams	FT with Shield Construction
Soltero, Alba	Accounting	Johnson & Sheldon PC	Johnson Miller & Company, CPA's
Swaim, Austin	Agriculture	Monsanto	Grady Reynolds
Vega, Brenda	Criminal Justice	Potter County Adult Probation	Seeking
Walden, Casey	CIDM	Servi-Tech Labs	FT with Servi- Tech Labs

## 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>

## Spring 2014 Interns



Out of the 61 interns, 24% got full-time positions, 10% are seeking full-time, 2% are not seeking full-time employment, we were unable to contact 3%, and 61% are either 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!