

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Summer 2010 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 1,833 individual placements to date (76 in Summer 2010)
- Placed 870 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Summer 2010 class – 3.01
- Average wage for the Summer 2010 class - \$14.33 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Summer 2010 class - \$301,200
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$6,663,529

For the 2009-10 academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,325 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 160 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most About the Internship?



“The most valuable part of the internship was the exposure and experience of being out there in the real work. It really boost my confidence.”

*Navdeep Uppal, Computer Science Major
Fidelity Investments- Plano, TX*

“The most valuable thing about this internship was increasing my knowledge and having an opportunity to prove to my superiors that I am capable of benefitting this agency.”

*Amber Synatschk, Plant Soil & Environmental Science Major
USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NM)-
Las Vegas, NM*

** Amber has a full-time job with the USDA when she graduates in May 2011*





“The thing I liked most was the working environment. They have an open-door policy. I can walk in and ask whatever I need to ask.”

*Lili Li, Accounting Major
Brosier & Buchanan Partners P.C.- Amarillo, TX*

“I think the hands on experience was very useful. I got to see how things work. Also, working at a small business, I got to see how everything works.”

*Jeremy Pyle, Engineering Technology Major
Sage Oil Vac- Amarillo, TX*



Intern to Full-Time for Summer 2010

This semester 7 out of our 76 interns graduated and one of the interns has a full-time position upon graduation in December. All of these students are listed on the chart below.

Of these students, 50% have full-time jobs—all with their intern employers. **Four (50%) are seeking full-time employment.** We have contacted those seeking and are trying to help them in their job search.

Graduate	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Baniya, Binod	Biotechnology	Texas Tech Health Science Center	Seeking
Faehn, Lauren	Speech Communications	ATS LLP	Full-Time with ATS LLP
*Lee, Kaysha	Computer Science	Fidelity Investments	Full-time w/ Fidelity Investments
Li, Lili	Accounting	Brosier & Buchanan,	Full-time with

		P.C.	Brosier & Buchanan, P.C.
Lujan, Victoria	Ag Communications	Southwest Dairy Association	Full-time with Southwest dairy Association
Oliver, Martin	Agriculture	Oliver Well Service	Seeking
Sicking, Ashley	Mass Communications- Broadcasting	Holly Jen productions	Seeking
Turner, Damion	Ag, Business & Economics	Crazy F Ranch	Seeking

*- has FT when she graduates in December

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>

Summer 2010 INTERNS

10.5% - Graduated or Secured FT Employment

50% of these students have full-time positions
50% are seeking full-time employment

32.9% - Continuing Their Internship

56.6% - 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!
