

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Spring 2013 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:

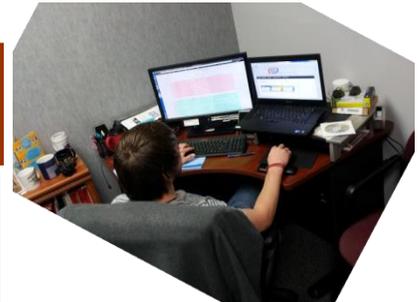
- Monitored 2,301 individual placements to date (49 in Spring 2013)
- Placed 1,146 students in internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Spring 2013 class – 3.26
- Average wage for paid internships for the Spring 2013 class - \$12.28 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Spring 2013 class - \$234,991
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$8,740,932

For the academic year to date, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,409 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 128 students. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

What Did You Like Most? What Was Most Valuable?

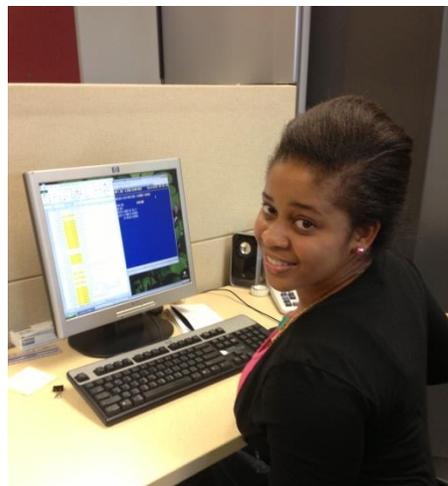
“Learning more about my career choice in a real world perspective.”

*Casey Walden
CIS Major
Servi-Tech Labs—Amarillo, TX*



“Preparing the financial statements because it has a lot to do with analyzing data and resolving discrepancies.”

*Chisom Ukpaka
Finance & Economics Major
Street Toyota—Amarillo, TX*



"I liked being able to use what I have learned in school to prepare myself for the future."

"Something that I learned about myself is that I like to problem solve and get a sense of enjoyment from completing a task before schedule."

Karmyn Totty
Accounting Major
&
Kori Chavarria
Management Major
Goldstar Trust Company—Canyon, TX

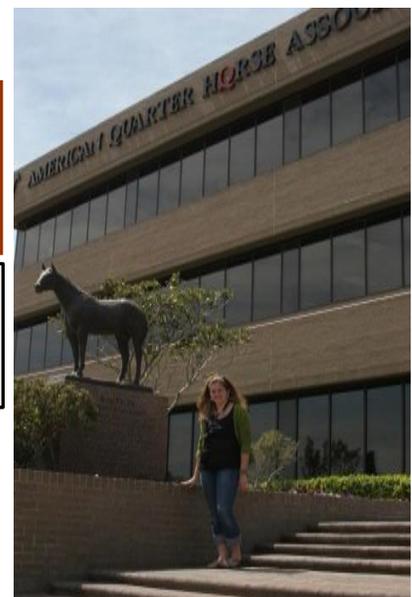


"I enjoyed learning and getting to have real world design problems to solve and real work experience."

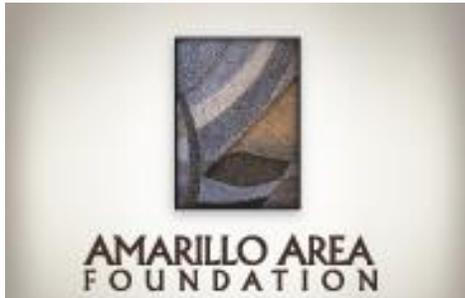
Lauren Bressler
Graphic Design Major
Diocese of Amarillo—Amarillo, TX

"I liked the freedom that I was given to work on my own and figure out problems that occurred, but was able to ask for help if I needed it."

Leah Thomas
Ag Communications Major
American Quarter Horse Association—Amarillo, TX



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Amarillo Venom



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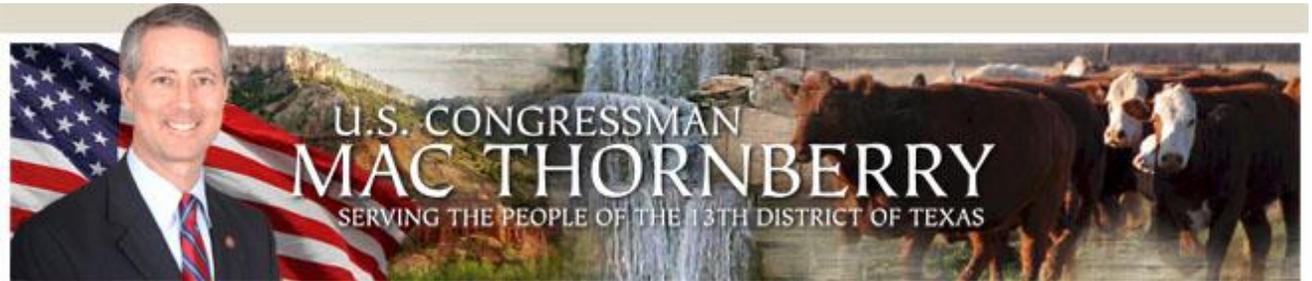


Brown Graham & Company, P.C.



Computer Services Inc.

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Roman Catholic Diocese of Amarillo

Serving Catholics in the Texas Panhandle



First Christian Church
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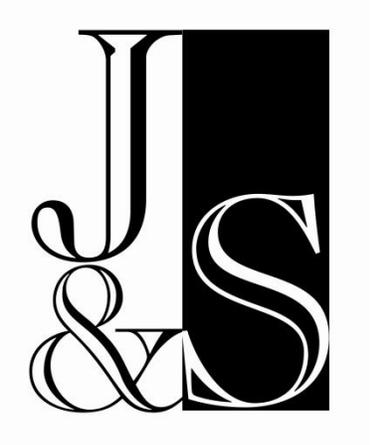


GOLDSTAR
TRUST COMPANY



Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation

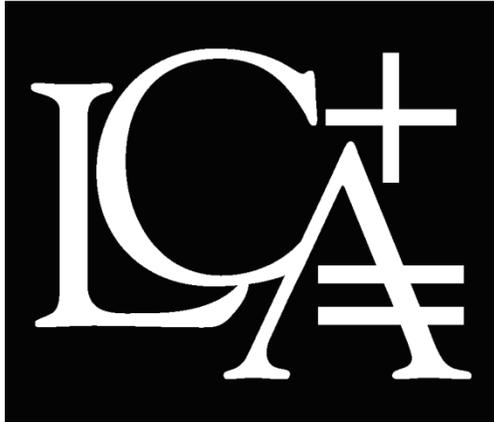
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Johnson & Sheldon P.C.



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Lovelady, Christy & Associates

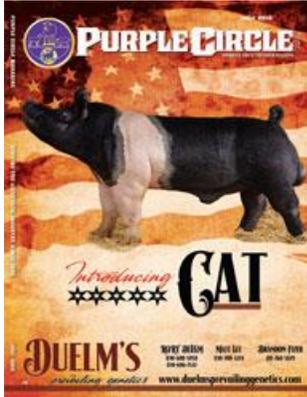
Masterson Management Corp.

Mission Amarillo



National Cattleman's Beef Association

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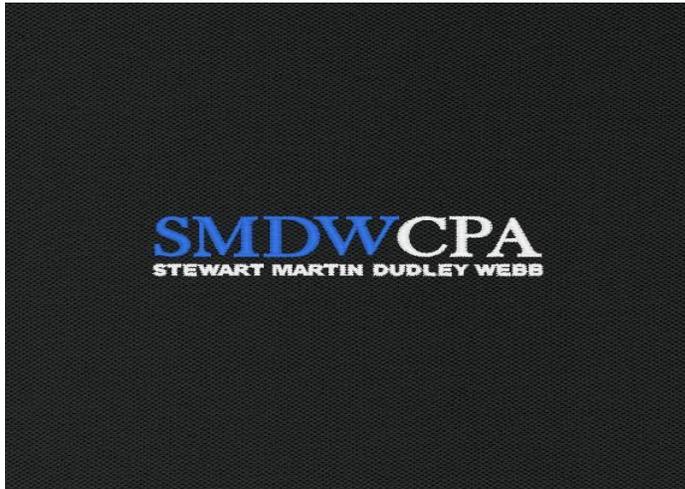


Purple Circle Livestock Show Magazine

Rowdy's Sports Cafe



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TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE RESEARCH AND EXTENSION CENTER AT

AMARILLO



Amarillo Tri State Exposition

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San Antonio Live Stock Show



USDA-ARS, Conservation & Production Research Lab (Bushland)



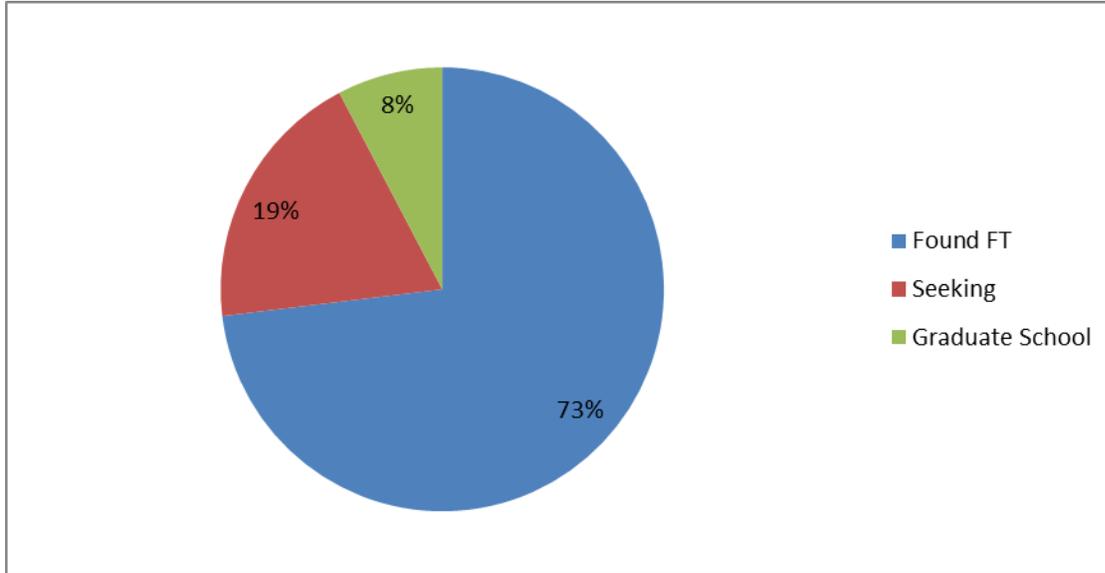
West Texas A&M University

Western Panhandle Family Ranch

Whiteside Construction Services

Intern to Full-Time for Spring 2013

This semester 26 out of 49 interns graduated or took full-time positions while they finishing the last semester of their degree. Nineteen (73%) have a full-time job, 5 (19%) are still seeking employment, and 2 (8%) are continuing to graduate school. The chart below represents these numbers.



We will continue to contact those seeking to help them with their job search.

Graduating Students

(and those with a full-time positions while they finish their degree)

Graduate/Student	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Alexander, Beth	General Studies	First Christian Church—Amarillo, TX	FT with Hereford ISD
Bankhead, Michael*	Accounting	Johnson & Sheldon P.C.	FT with Johnson & Sheldon P.C
Baptista, Crystal	Mass Comm-AD/PR	Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation	Seeking
Boone, Blake	Communication	Amarillo Globe-News	FT with Interactive 360
Borchardt, Shane	Agriculture	Texas A&M Research Extension Center-Vernon, TX	Continuing to intern but looking for something full-time
Chavarria, Kori	Management	Goldstar Trust Company	FT with Happy State Bank
Dahl, Walter	Accounting	Brown, Graham & Co. P.C.	FT with Brown, Graham & Co. P.C.
Garcia, Tiffani	Education	WTAMU	Seeking
Glawe, Mark	Accounting	Amarillo Area Foundation	Graduates in Dec and will continue to grad school
Hefley, Russell	Agriculture	Family Ranch	FT with Family Ranch
Heim, Brad	MBA	WTAMU	FT with WTAMU
Hillhouse, Meagan	Ag Equine & Industry	Zeb Corbin Horse Trainer	FT with Zeb Corbin Horse Trainer
Kazemipour, Muhsin	Accounting	Johnson & Sheldon P.C.	FT with Johnson & Sheldon P.C.
Long, Alexandra	Accounting	Brown Graham & Co. P.C.	FT with Stewart, Martin & Dudley P.C.
MacDonald, Garth	Ag Business & Economics	National Cattleman's Beef Association	FT with Happy State Bank
Mitchell, Lisa	Accounting	WTAMU	Graduate school
Morgan, Alecia*	Accounting	Brown Graham & Co. P.C.	FT with Brown Graham & Co. P.C.
Mowad, Estella	Accounting	Whitehead Construction Services of Amarillo	FT Whitehead Construction Services of Amarillo

Poston, Matthew	Accounting	Stewart, Martin Dudley & Moore	FT with Amarillo Police Department
Robinson, Amy	Marketing	WTAMU	FT with Estacar Companies
Sadoyama, Yuiko	CIS	WTAMU	Syscom USA
Sharp, Caroline	Accounting	Lovelady, Christy & Associates LLP	Seeking
Stewart, Christy	Accounting	Brown, Graham & Co. P.C.	FT with Brown, Graham & Co. P.C.
Trujillo, Gus	Management	Congressman Mac Thornberry	Seeking
Ukpaka, Chisom	Finance & Economics	Street Toyota	FT with Hyundai Capital America

*- took full-time position with their internship employer while they finish their last semester

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>

