

West Texas A&M University Experiential Education Program Summer 2006 Executive Summary

The internship program at WTAMU 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 1313 individual placements to date (48 in Summer 2006)
- Placed 621 students in paid internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Summer 2006 class – 3.24
- Average wage for the Summer 2006 class - \$10.83 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Summer 2006 class - \$143,584
- Total dollars earned by all co-op / internship students to date - \$4,421,729

In the 2005-06 academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 2,204 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 219 students during the 2005-06 school year. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

Intern to Full-Time for Summer 2006

This semester 9 of our 49 interns placed graduated. Six found full-time positions, two are attending graduate school, and one is still seeking employment.

Graduate	Major	Employer
Batterman, Danielle	BBA CIS/ MBA Business	*BWXT Pantex
Carruth, Casey	BBA Mass Communications	Graduate School
Dickinson, Holly	BBA Agriculture	Not Reported
Gillmore, Jeff	BBA General Studies	*BWXT Pantex
Hernandez, Paul	BBA CIS	*BWXT Pantex
Pietsch, Evan P.	BBA CS	Microsoft

*- internship employer

As you can see, internships continue to be an effective way for our students to find full-time employment in their field.

Participating Employers

For a current list of employers who have participated in our program, please see
<http://wtcareer.wtamu.edu/coop/coopemp.htm>.

Selected Student Comments

"I've learned more about myself, by being exposed to the business world, than probably any other semester I've had. I am grateful for the opportunity to be a part of this internship program and I sincerely hope that the positive word gets out that West Texas A&M University is doing such a great job at it."

*Mark Newton, Marketing Major
Intern with Sir Speedy*

"This experience has done nothing but given me a positive outlook for my future. Taking this opportunity gave me back my confidence. I realized that I know more than what my grades show. Working at JBK helped me through my Auditing and Accounting Information Systems classes. I applied real like experiences to class room assignments."

*Roxy Sides, Accounting Major
Intern with Jack B. Kelley, Inc.*

"Working for the Dillas has solidified my choice to pursue a career in sales. I really enjoy meeting people and entertaining them. Most of all I enjoyed the satisfaction of making a sale and helping the customer."

*Mary Bea Martin, General Studies Major
Intern with Amarillo Dillas Baseball Team*