

WTAMU Experiential Education Program Summer 2009 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 1,784 individual placements to date (52 in Summer 2009)
- Placed 779 students in paid internships (unduplicated count)
- Average GPA of the Summer 2009 class – 3.13
- Average wage for the Summer 2009 class - \$12.46 per hour
- Total dollars earned by the Summer 2009 class - \$213,658
- Total dollars earned by all internship students to date - \$6,052,641

To date in the 2008-09 academic year, the Experiential Education & Career Services program helped 1,082 students through both online and in-person résumé workshops. Additionally, our counselors have provided career counseling to 182 students so far in this academic year. This counseling and guidance helps students determine their best career path.

Selected Intern Comments

“Getting hands-on experience has been invaluable to me. The internship will also look great on my résumé. I think it says a lot about me that I have taken the initiative to get the training and experience that an internship provides.”

*Jill Baxter, Accounting Major
David Eck & Associates- Amarillo, TX*

“When I started the internship my only focus was to get school credit and get paid. I didn’t plan on ever thinking about maybe staying with the company. I have since changed my mind and have decided that United is a great place to work and would love to stay until I graduate and maybe even make a career there.”

*Angelica Silvas, Management Major
United Supermarkets- Amarillo, TX*

“I liked this internship because I was able to utilize and implement the things I have learned in my courses at WT.”

“Overall, there is nothing that could have made my experience better. I made a significant impact for the few months I was there. I met a lot of great people that care about my future.”

*B.J. Medley, Management Major
Enterprise Rent-A-Car.- Arlington, TX*

“I think the internship expanded my understanding of the real world...”

“The internship was well worth the early mornings. I met contacts who may help me with future opportunities.”

*Cullen Haworth, General Business Major
Bell Helicopter Textron- Amarillo, TX*

Intern to Full-Time for Summer 2009

This semester 4 of our 53 interns graduated. Two took full-time positions with their internship employers and 2 are seeking employment.

Graduate	Major	Intern Employer	Current Status
Botello, Joe	CIS	B&W Pantex	FT with B&W Pantex
Christner, Cassie	Marketing	Amarillo Dillas Baseball Club	Seeking FT
M'Pinda, Jonathan	Accounting	City of Amarillo	Seeking FT
VanPelt, Paige	Accounting	Lovelady, Christy & Associates	FT with Lovelady, Christy & Associates

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 2009 INTERNS

7.7% graduated

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

36.5% are continuing their internship

55.7% are seeking another internship and/or pursuing their 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!
