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Darren Azdell is spending this semester at ARG Partnership, an architectural firm in St. Petersburg. Darren has been working closely with Ed Hussung. Darren realizes that architecture involves risks, but that risk adds to his interest in the profession. He has been able to work closely with an actual project and client and has found that to be interesting.

Jeff Borza has had the opportunity to work with many different medical professionals this semester as a result of the time and effort Dr. Malcolm Fraser has put into this venture. Although Dr. Fraser is based at Suncoast Medical Center, he has arranged for Jeff to complete rotation in a variety of environments at many different hospitals in St. Petersburg. Jeff's primary interest is pathology. His professional goal is to become a medical examiner. Jeff has gained new respect for the technologists in the hospital while serving his internship. Never before did he realize just how much these individuals add to the efficiency of operations.

With the assistance of Sonia Neiratko, at St. Petersburg City Attorney's office, Aaron Grau has discovered

that not all law is the type portrayed on the popular T.V. show, "L.A. Law". He has gained an appreciation for the incredible amount of paperwork and investigative work that is involved in preparing for a law case. Aaron had the opportunity this semester to appear on T.V. while attending a local hearing on a zoning appeal for the Jewish Community Center. Civil law and particularly its applicability to government is the area of law that interests Aaron the most.

Jay Green has been spending this semester at Bay Pines Veterans Hospital. He was assisted in his venture by Carolyn Dodson, Volunteer Services Coordinator at the hospital. Jay, however, has not been spending his time discovering what the average hospital volunteer does, but rather, finding out what the average physician does. Medicine is the profession that Jay is interested in pursuing. His experiences during his internship have taken him into many different specialties - a way to determine which area of medicine interests him the most.

Julia Larson has spent her internship time with Ellie Deacon at Interiors by Fanitsa. She has been given the opportunity to meet with a client and help

design the interior of this client's home. However, Julia realizes that clients don't always agree with the interior designer and revisions are necessary to please the customer.

Unusual is the best word to describe John Whitaker's internship placement. John has spent this semester working with Piper Archaeological Research in St. Petersburg, under the guidance of Janice Ballo. He has definitely interested in archaeology, but while studying at his internship he has been able to streamline his interest to cultural anthropology. John has had the opportunity to work with all the staff at Piper and meet a British Archaeologist. From this meeting John discovered that the British government is very much concerned about anthropological studies. John hopes to travel to Britain someday to participate in these studies.



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## Clearwater High School

Hospital administration interested **Jim Steiner**, thus the placement at **Largo Medical Center Hospital**. Under the guidance of **Bill Buck**, Jim has been able to rotate through the hospital in order to acquire a well-rounded view of hospital operations. Jim has learned that the hospital administrator is the person who is responsible for the decision making. He also realizes that the decision making process requires input from many individual departments and arriving at a decision that is pleasing to all is nearly impossible. Jim has also noticed that this hospital definitely has the atmosphere of caring, as he had expected.

If you are interested in a career in marine biology, **Clearwater Marine Science Center** is the ideal location for your internship, at least that's what **Stephanie Safos** thinks. Stephanie has learned that there is much work involved in maintaining a facility as comprehensive as the Science Center. Stephanie is involved in feeding the animals on display and has gained a great deal of knowledge regarding marine life under the guidance of **Dennis Kellenberger**.

Under the guidance of **Donna Benitez**, **Nicole Robinson** has helped first

grade students at **Skycrest Christian** in Clearwater with beginning sounds. In fact, she has been instrumental in aiding one of those students to such an extent that the student has allowed to remain in the first grade. As a result of her experience, **Nicole** now knows working with young children is a profession she is interested in pursuing.

One of three students placed this semester at **State Attorney's Office**, under the guidance of **Bill Overton**, **Rachel Rhodes** is as enthusiastic about her placement as the other students. Like the others, Rachel has had the opportunity to attend trials and assist the lawyers in their day to day activities. Rachel has gained an appreciation for the complexity of the judicial system and particularly, the length of time it takes for a case to reach court. Criminal law is definitely the career choice Rachel is going to pursue.

**Steve Franklin** is spending this semester at **Metal Industries** in Clearwater. At Metal Industries he has had the opportunity to work with the computer and other equipment. This experience certainly has shown Steve that being in business is a difficult and time consuming endeavor. Steve has had the opportunity to work

under the guidance of **Ed McArdle** and **Les Milewski**.

**Karri Brown** has discovered this semester that elementary students in the gifted program at **Eisenhower** are really learning an incredible amount of information under the guidance of **Marilyn Jacobs**. Karri has also discovered that teaching involves much more than standing in front of a classroom, but it also involves mounds of paper-work, preparation and, when working with exceptional students, testing. Despite that, Karri enjoys working with the first grade students and actually being given the opportunity to teach them the lesson for the day.



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## Countryside High School

Annmarie Sprague is interested in accounting as a profession and was able to determine whether it was really the career for her by interning at Innisbrook Resort in Tarpon Springs. There she worked with Tina Pipinos, Henry Goldhammer and Bill Peace. All of these individuals aided Annmarie in determining that the office environment and accounting were a perfect match for her. Annmarie was surprised to find out that there are many facets to the world of accounting, accounts receivable, accounts payable and data processing, just to mention a few.

Jackie Padilla, with the assistance of Lt. Mihelic, has gotten to know her way around the Coast Guard Air Station in Clearwater. She has discovered, while participating in her internship, that a career in aviation is exactly what she wants. She has particularly enjoyed working in the C-130 shop and hopefully a ride on this Coast Guard plane will be possible for her in the near future.

With the assistance of Ken Horner, Jennifer Johnson has had the opportunity this semester to spend her internship at Channel 44 WTOG. She has been working with Stan Rhoads. She is pleasantly surprised

at just how much input she has been allowed to have. She also has come to realize that hard work does pay off. Not many have acquired the skill Jennifer has -- that is, the skill of operating a T.V. camera.

## Dixie Hollins High School

Jill Henninger has spent this past semester interning in the State Attorney's Office under the direction of Helen Zanetakos and JoAnn Pulice. Jill has come to appreciate the criminal justice system and its complexity and aspires to a career as a criminal lawyer.

Lance Moyer spends his internship on Clearwater Beach -- what a location! The reason he gets this lucky duty is due to the fact that he is assisting and learning about the Coast Guard. Lance, with the cooperation of many members of the Coast Guard and Chief Kennovin, and been with them as they answered a call regarding a boat fire. He also has had the opportunity to learn to work the radar and other equipment used by this branch of service.

## Dunedin High School

Tricia Sagnella, while interning with Dr. McCauley has had the opportunity to

learn more about her special interest, animals. She has had the chance to see emergency surgery, but has also experienced the routine of the vet office. She realizes that not all veterinary medical practice is involved with animal care, but that much of the time is spent taking care of office procedures.

## Gibbs High School

What a semester to spend at Smith, Barney brokerage firm! Jim Parks was there to learn all that can happen when the stock market takes a nose-dive. Jim has come to realize that most of the brokers time is spent on the telephone, rather than face to face with the client. Being a broker means setting your own pace - the income you earn depends on the time, effort and expertise you give to the job. Luckily for Jim, Ruth Truelson has been able to share her expertise regarding the workings of a brokerage firm.





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## Lakewood High School

While working in a video service center, Howard I. Pryor II discovered that talent is important and creativity is a valued commodity. He has also had the opportunity to learn to work much of the sophisticated equipment used in the editing and preparation of film transfer to video tape. Howard's internship has been at Composite Video Services, under the direction of Bill Costello.

## Osceola High School

This semester Brad Hodge is learning about the many facets of marine biology while serving his internship at the Bureau of Marine Research in St. Petersburg, under the guidance of Ruth Reise. Brad has been assisting with a research project on stone crabs and has been able to work with the electron microscope.

Jeff Finkhousen has been working with Nalin Patel this semester at Aircraft Porous Media in the field of engineering. Jeff has had the opportunity to observe the engineers working on cad cam -this is used for computer assisted drafting. After spending a semester "on the job" Jeff realizes that there are many little steps that need to be taken by the engineer before getting the "big job".

Tessa Graham has had the opportunity this semester to intern in the same elementary school that she attended - Bardmoor Elementary. However, she has certainly gained a different perspective while assisting teachers and teaching reading groups. Tessa now understands that teaching involves more than standing in front of a class of students. She knows that there are hours of paperwork involved in teaching. Despite this fact, she enjoys the children and especially enjoyed the opportunity to accompany them to the St. Petersburg Science Center on a field trip.

Janine Calabrese has discovered that being an assistant state attorney is not all glamour. There is a lot of hard work in creating a case from start to finish. Janine has had the opportunity to spend the semester at the State Attorney's Office in Clearwater. She has seen assistants prosecute in court, worked with the computer to develop an arraignment calendar and assisted attorneys in completing the paperwork on misdemeanor cases. Her experience has convinced her that a career in criminal law is her goal.

Melinda Auer is interning at Ivey's Department Store. Melinda works closely with Sally Niggli, Special Events

Manager. As a result she is involved in a variety of activities, such as preparing for the American Cancer Society fashion show. Melinda knows that creativity has no boundaries in this job. However, despite the rewards for creativity there are realistic business expectations - such as meeting deadlines, and attempting to keep the customer and the management happy.

## Pinellas Park High School

Michele Gilbert realizes, after spending considerable time at Trinity Baptist School and Learning Center, that each child is unique. While on the job she has observed Kathy Delancey and other staff members attempt to develop a program to meet the needs of the individual child. Michelle has learned that teaching pre-schoolers is a time consuming job that requires considerable patience and understanding.



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## St. Petersburg High School

Betsy Assidy is spending her internship at the E.J. Hughes Company, under the guidance of Pat D'Amico. Betsy has had the opportunity to sit in on the editing of a television commercial and realizes that advertising is not all glamorous. It requires tremendous time and energy.

## Seminole High School

Laura Polivka's internship has been in the law offices of Senator Kiser under the direction of Lynne Hankins-Fielder. This combination has allowed Laura to experience both law-related activities and state government. Laura enjoyed the opportunity to travel to Tallahassee to attend a Senate committee hearing on medical malpractice insurance. Like the other students who have law internships, Laura realizes that practicing law is not the glamorous occupation portrayed on T.V.

Jadie Deuben, while working at HRS (Health and Rehabilitative Services), has had the opportunity to accompany her sponsor, Harry Harvey, on a home visit. The purpose of this visit was to determine whether there was an atmosphere of support in the home. At the time HRS was using this information to determine whether a child should be

placed in the home. Jadie has learned that child abuse and juvenile delinquency are serious problems in Pinellas county and that HRS works as fast as possible to investigate these problems.

## Tarpon Springs High School

Drs. Cochran and Bessmer, along with Rachal Schroder have been assisting Robin Ochampaugh in learning all about the work of a veterinarian, while interning at Anclote Animal Hospital. Robin has seen emergency surgeries on several domestic animals, as well as routine procedures. She has become familiar with the instruments used in the office and has, in fact, used them frequently. Robin has also come to appreciate the need for sterilization to control the animal population and sees it as a major part of the doctor's work.



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## MORE TO COME

The second edition of The Executive Internship newsletter is being readied for print. It promises to offer more exciting information about sponsors and interns who are currently participating. Look for news about the new sponsors listed below:

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Pilot Corporation

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Spence, Marston and Bunch, CPA's

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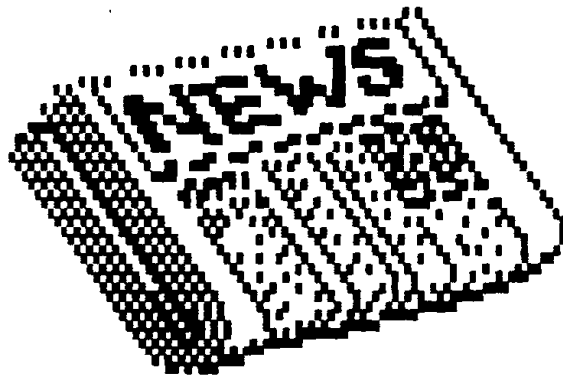
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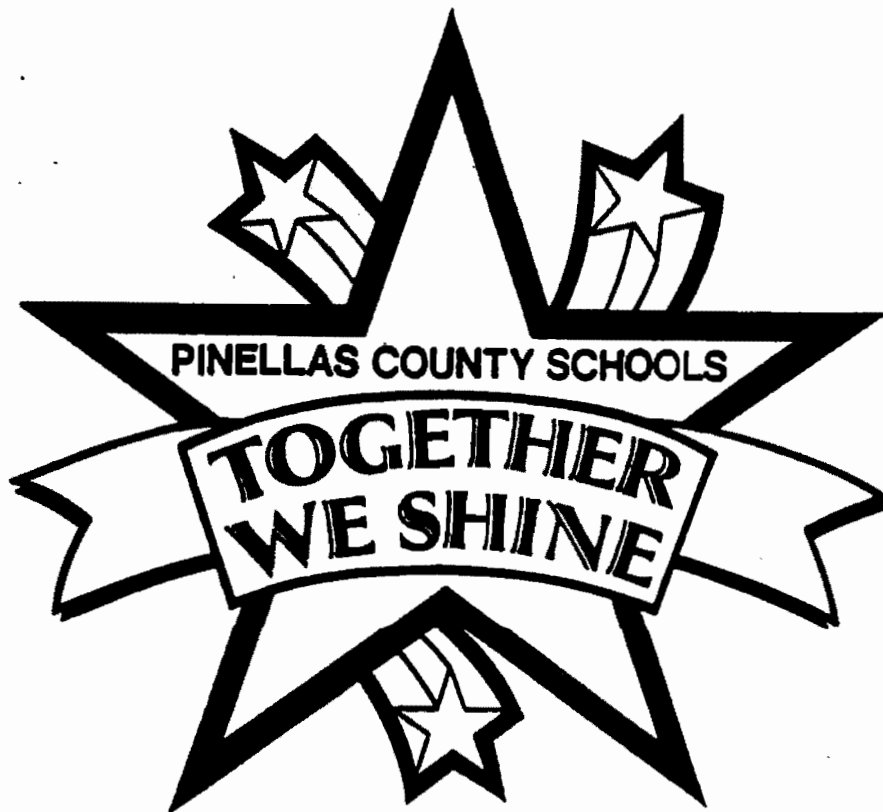
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Darren will continue to work at Edifice during the summer after he returns from an architectural tour of London, Paris and Scotland.

**Julie Larson** interned at Interiors by Fanitsa for the past two semesters. During second semester, she had the opportunity to meet with many clients and was involved in all of the projects undertaken by the company. She learned everything from sorting fabrics, to writing up contracts, to presenting her ideas to a client. Interiors by Fanitsa does about 50% residential work and 50% commercial work and Julie felt that this broad range gave her a definite advantage in her future.

**Todd Riordan** spent second semester with Mark Ziehr at Our Savior Lutheran Church. Todd gained insight into developing an actual youth program. He was able to teach a confirmation class, plan a hiking trip and attend various meetings before interning. Todd never

realized just how busy a youth minister can be. Todd definitely knows he is on the right track.

## Clearwater High School

**Sean Antle** thought that being an intern at Mudano Associates was nothing but day after day of interesting happenings. According to Sean, everyone in the office, particularly Bill Lemmel, was helpful and interested in his internship. He was able to sit in on weekly staff meetings. In the staff meetings, the architects discussed what went on the week before and what would happen in the week ahead. Sean felt it was a privilege being around these professionals. They made being an intern more enjoyable.

During the semester, Sean's project was working on a "dream" house. After he completed the floor plans, he built a model. His experience with Mudano Associates helped Sean realize some of what it takes to keep a business profitable and competitive in the world of architecture and design.

**Chris Cate** realized that having an internship at Val-Pak broadened his career choices. He had the opportunity to work with computers on a day to day basis and the luxury of learning from professionals who have experience in the field.

While at Val-Pak Chris learned to do many things.

He worked with the main frame computer system, hooked up computer terminals in many rooms, and learned to deal with people. During his training at Val-Pak, Howard Land taught him the intricacies of the business. Richard Maddalena also helped answer his questions. Chris felt this program was a great start for high school students thinking seriously about a profession.

**Wendy Denhart** interned at Williams Architects where she learned about architecture and its complementary fields. Wendy found the atmosphere relaxed, but the employees hard at work. Wendy also discovered how hard an architect works and how, at times, the work can be stressful. She was at an organization where individual cooperation helped reduce the stress of deadlines. She appreciated all the help that each and everyone gave her during her internship. While she was there, she did many things, from making blue prints to actual drafting. She felt that she learned many things and enjoyed what she was doing. Wendy was glad that Mr. Hank St. Jean accepted her as an intern.

**Judy Doo**, under the direction of Susan Churuti and William Faulkner, interned at the Pinellas County Attorney's Office. She spent a lot of time in court. She thought that was the best part. The Clearwater courthouse handles civil cases. She

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remembered one of the most exciting occurrences was when a woman ran screaming out of the courtroom.

Usually, however, the days were more routine. She was assigned current law literature to read and summarize. Judy said because of her internship, she has a better understanding of the inner - workings of the county government.

Brian Drutman interned at Dr. Brutus' Veterinary Hospital and found it to be a fascinating and highly educational experience. Veterinary medicine is much more than the simple caring and handling of animals: it involved a high degree of interaction with other people, namely the clients' owners. Brian believed the proper attitude toward these people determined the rate of success one has in a practice.

Brian gained valuable learning experiences while being an intern. Whether he observed a splenectomy (surgical removal of the spleen) or studied the bone anatomy and organs in an autopsy, he gained insight into this wonderful field. However, no experience compared to the day when he was asked to hold a pan while the veterinarian, Dr. Brutus, squeezed a cat's bladder to get a urine sample, and Dr. Brutus missed the cup! Brian also experienced life in a locked kennel!

Brian Hayes spent his internship at Jeff Arthur Productions a 24 track

recording studio across from Showboat Dinner Theater. There he had the opportunity to be in a video promoting Jeff Arthur Productions. He met one of Elvis Presley's back up singers and two St. Louis Cardinal baseball players. Jeff Arthur, Paul A. Bletsch, and Vince Wheeler, were very helpful and understanding. Jeff Arthur was a nice guy and never stopped working. Brian said, "I think that I would much rather be on the other side of the board playing instead of recording, but I'm glad I'll at least know what the engineer is doing." Brian realized how difficult it was to administer and operate a recording studio. One day he hopes to be in a studio recording, not as an engineer but as a performer. He will definitely be a performer who knows what goes on behind the scenes.

Mike Murphy, from Clearwater High, with the assistance of Alex Allen, had the pleasure of interning at Honeywell, Inc. During his stay there he learned from Bob Almer and various other engineers, about today's highest technology first-hand. He was quoted as saying, "The experience was very beneficial to me. I was able to learn useful information about my field while at the same time helping out the company."

The group he interned with was hard at work on an inertial navigation unit for the government. This system will upgrade current technology and will be used into the

Twenty First Century. Honeywell won this project away from many contenders

Guy Niemann thought that one of the neatest things at his internship with Mike Marston was the fact that he could ask any of the partners or employees questions and they were more than willing to help answer them. Guy was able to say this despite the fact that Spence, Marston and Bunch, CPA's was extremely busy second semester with tax season. Guy learned a great deal of information from the journals, tax books, and accounting books in the firm's library. He discovered that he definitely wants to go into business for himself. He learned about auditing from Jim McFarland and Jeane. He also worked with Connie Stevens and learned about income tax work. He had many informative talks with Mike Martson, Mike Rhoda, Anne McNamee and Bill Smith. He also worked with Lotus 1-2-3 while helping with an audit and has mastered the 10-key adding machine.

He thinks that he would prefer to work in a small firm setting much more than a large firm setting like a Big 8 accounting firm. He has also learned from talking to the people at Spence, Marston and Bunch, that most professionals recommend interning in college. This internship will not be his last.

Steve Plant said that

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interning at the **Clearwater Sun** in the Photo Department under the guidance of **David Pero** taught him many new things. With the help of **Howard Balm**, he learned most by doing. He learned how to process black and white film as well as color, and how to use an enlarger. He also learned a lot about how a newspaper runs.

**Jodi Pope's** internship at **Honeywell** with the Strategic Defense and Advanced Technology Division was arranged by **Alex Allen**. Her sponsor was **Dr. Doty** and she thought that he was the single most helpful person at the internship. He not only taught her about the engineering field, corporate structure, and computers, but he also subconsciously showed her a love of engineering! He allowed her to work on her own and see the company and the field in her own perspective.

At **Honeywell**, she worked in a group which did simulations. While she was there, they simulated conditions in space and their effects on a new computer system. In order for **Jodi** to understand what was going on around her, she did a lot of studying in probability so she could understand about the reliability of systems. She also studied **Fortran** and **Network II**, computer languages, so she could develop programs to solve some problems. All in all, she discovered that she really would enjoy being an engineer, but she thinks she would like to work with

chemicals or medicine instead of space.

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**Glenn Riddle**, under the direction of **Ed Farina** at the **Florida Knee Center**, saw and used some very interesting equipment. This equipment was used to strengthen the knee after surgery or help the person who had difficulty walking or who was post operative. **Glenn** learned that therapy requires diagnosis, careful development of a good healing program, and implementation of that program in order to help the patient.

He learned how to use equipment he had never seen before - for example, electrical stimuli. Before the internship, he had not known what it was or how to apply it. **Glenn** learned that electrical stimulation is a process used to relieve pain and help strengthen muscles. **Glenn** believed that his internship was fun and an educational experience.

**Stephanie Safos** thought that interning at Attorney **Jeffrey L. Myers'** office was a very educational experience. She learned that the field of law was very diversified. She learned about criminal law, personal injury and municipal law. Exciting things happened to **Stephanie**, such as being able to study criminal case files, as well, as several personal injury case files. She was able to see how **Mr. Myers** represented his clients, and how he researched and found statutes to protect his client. **Stephanie** found it interesting to see how time spent researching statutes can be invaluable in a case. She also learned that there are too many lawyers in practice at this time. She understands that many people now study law which pertains to their career field, so that they know exactly what laws protect them and use their law education to work more effectively in other career fields. This information has given **Stephanie** something to think about before she makes a career choice.

**Scott Scargle** enjoyed himself at **Paragon Music**, under the guidance of **Jean Gaito**. He learned so much there about music. Much more than you could learn by reading a book. He became familiar with the business aspects of the store and also the products that were sold. He discovered how diversified the music field had become and how risky it can be to be a musician. He saw store management as a steady

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income and a fairly risk-free career. Despite the risk, Scott plans to capitalize on the information and education he has received at Paragon, along with his college education and make it in the music profession as a musician.

Mindy Woods enjoyed her internship at Clearwater Community Hospital under the guidance of Terry Jacobs, R.N. Mindy found that everyone was so helpful and interested in what she was doing. They asked her lots of questions about her future plans. The hospital staff let Mindy participate in the daily operations of the hospital. Mindy definitely believes this gave her an idea of what she wants to do and if she really wants to go into the medical field. Nancy Torch-Baker, R.N., had the most influence on Mindy. She was very informative and helpful. She quizzed Mindy on hospital procedures and she arranged her work schedule. During her internship, Mindy met a young man who lived in the same small town as her grandparents - she wondered if they might have known one another as children. Mindy thought her internship was a great experience. Chip Jones, Director of Radiology, helped Mindy find her career field. He helped her discover the field of radiology and was pleased when she told him she would be attending the radiology program at St. Petersburg Junior College.

Countryside High School

Lisa Caponiti spent second semester at Clearwater Community Hospital and through her internship, she has definitely decided to become a medical doctor. The most exciting event she was involved in at the hospital was working alongside Nancy Torch-Baker, R.N. Nancy works on the Orthopedic (bones) wing and Lisa thinks she is a fabulous individual. Not only did she let her perform minor nursing tasks such as: reading and recording IV intake, recording medication intake, feeding very ill patients, wheeling patients to their tests, but she would set up appointments for Lisa to see minor surgical procedures as well. Lisa thought being in the operating room was fantastic! She saw a few operations - knee replacement, aneurism, laminectomy. Thanks to CSR (central supply) worker, Dave Hines, she learned about many operating tools and their uses. Dr. Larry Harris was an extremely helpful individual. Lisa says Dr. Harris helped her realize her goals. Lisa decided on a career in medicine, with a specialization in Dermatology. She'd love to find the cure for Acne so teenagers would no longer have to suffer from it.

Jennifer Johnson learned that there was more to hospitals than sick people and says of her internship with Rey Aquino and the Media Department at Morton Plant Hospital, "I always knew that I'd be using computer graphics in college, but I never knew

I'd get so much of a jump on it in high school!" Fermin Cruz (Audio/Visual specialist) was an encouraging and patient teacher, he exposed her to many new areas of the media field and made it fun along the way. She also re-discovered photography, which she had moved to the back burner while learning video camera techniques. She was able to learn more about photography, try some different techniques, and go with Fermin or some of his "shoots" around the hospital. Hendy Talbot has a new character generator and has taught Jennifer to use it.

Jennifer enjoyed working with everybody in the department (Rey, Fermin, Hendy and Deidre). She loved their personalities and they made her feel very comfortable!

## Dixie Hollins High School

Second semester, Sara Benson, was very fortunate to intern at WTOG-TV 44, under the guidance of Ken Horner. She worked as the camera operator on Cash Call with Stan Rhodes. Not only did she operate the camera, but she setup the stage lighting and brought the camera into the studio and opened Stan's fan mail.

In her spare time at her internship, she learned how to write promotional advertisements for movies. She most enjoyed being able to talk to everyone

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comfortably about their personal life styles and about techniques in television broadcasting.

Some of the highlights of her experiences were visiting an evening news broadcast and seeing quick editing and sound overs done, as well as, last minute touch ups. She was filming Cash Call when a live news break occurred because of a shooting at Pinellas Park High School.

Sara says that "Timing seems most important in this business, as important as accuracy. What good is it if you can do it quickly but not accurately." This summer Sara will continue working at Channel 44 as part of the production staff doing the evening news broadcast.

Jill Henniger spent second semester interning in the State Attorney's Office under the direction of JoAnn Pulice. Jill came to appreciate the criminal justice system and its complexity and aspires to a career as a criminal lawyer.

Lance Moyer said that being an intern at St. Petersburg/Clearwater Airport-Flight Service Station was one of the most rewarding and most useful events which occurred in all of his years of high school. He learned a wide range of things at the Service Station. Lance was able to determine current weather and with the help of computers, predict weather events. Lance's most exciting experience was when he was able to fly to Naples in a

Saber Liner (small Lear jet). It gave him a great opportunity to talk one-on-one with a pilot and learn the process for becoming a pilot. Lance became more familiar with the Federal Aviation Authority due to his internship and he decided that his goal is to become a pilot. Lance talked to the head of the aviation program at St. Petersburg Junior College who said he was looking forward to having Lance in his class.

## Dunedin High School

Faye DeLay said that she never knew Pinellas County Schools' public relations office would be so exciting!! She thought public relations was going to be a little humdrum and routine. She was wrong! Her days were filled with news conferences, interviews, photo assignments and interactions with all the schools! She was thrilled to be able to observe the filming of an interview with a school official and later watch it on Channel 10. She gave a big thanks to Tracy Pierce, through his efforts, she got to be on the front lines of PR work.

Although research on an article can be long, Georgianna Anderson helped Faye see the excitement of PR writing. Photography had always interested her but she had not been serious about it. Faye got to work with Terry Jones who showed her that photography was not only work but fun.

Faye says that Tracy Pierce has a great job because he gets to work directly with the media. It's strange she says to see someone prancing through the office that you thought only existed on the 6 o'clock news. Faye says of Carol Jackson, who was out on maternity leave for most of her internship, she really keeps the office together. Carol is the school board's spokesperson. She is also an advisor and buffer for school officials. Faye says excitedly, "This is a job I would like to have."

Tricia Sagnella learned a lot about proper feeding and care of exotic pets. She was very glad that Dr. Corcoran, her sponsor, let her treat and care for a snake. She was able to see some of the problems resulting from improper care and learned all the zip codes of Palm Harbor. (Ha! Ha!)

Tricia knows how to use an autoclave (for sterilization), and how to develop X-rays. Dr. Corcoran always went out of his way to help her and teach her new things. Tracy was helpful in lab work and Dorothy taught her the hospital's paper work system.

## Gibbs High School

Laura Lindsay interned at Florida Trend Magazine, where she was able to learn about the many facets of producing a business magazine. In the short time she was at the magazine, she was able to compile and

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tabulate a business survey which will be featured in one of the upcoming issues. She updated the magazine's index thus becoming familiar with the magazine's columns and articles. And she gathered information for a professional service directory which will feature Florida's top firms. She also had the opportunity to write a story for the June issue.

With the assistance of her sponsors, Matt Walsh and Thomas Billiritti, she had many opportunities to explore this career field. She felt that the magazine prepared her for the real world of journalism.

Debbie Youngs said that the most exciting thing that happened to her in the deaf education program at Cross Bayou Elementary School was when the children recognized her name sign. She learned a lot in her internship. For instance, you must be patient and calm when working with hearing-impaired children. Mrs. Kelly did a great deal to introduce her to speech therapy. It's wonderful to see the students recognize symbols and ideas they have been taught during the semester.

Krista Berry interned at Humana Hospital Northside with the help of Caroline Levy, R.N. and the rest of the nurses in the Progressive Care Unit. Krista decided that the medical field is where she wants to be.

During her internship Krista was able to help with many

minor nursing procedures. She observed the insertion of a lung tube, a bronchoscopy and several other medical tests.

Krista said that her internship was a great experience and she hopes that other students who have the opportunity to be in the program will do so.

## Lakewood High School

Juana Burgohy attended Lakewood High School. Second semester her schedule was changed in order to incorporate an internship. Her assignment as an intern was with Florida State Senator Jeanne Malchon. At the office, she learned about the legislative process within Florida. She read senate bills and discussed them with Mark Harper, a legislative assistant to the Senator. Another important part of the legislative process was handling problems of constituents. Rosette Walsh, legislative assistant to the Senator, handled these concerns. Of course, Senator Malchon did the actual job of getting the laws passed. Juana had the chance to see this when she went to the State Capitol in Tallahassee and served as a page for a week. Juana concluded by saying, "Everyone in the office was great to work with and I have gained a lot from this experience."

Angela Carter interned at Maximo Elementary School. During the course of her internship, she experienced the funny antics of kids; like

getting knocked in the head, saying things they should not, and not getting notes signed that were due. One thing Angela said she would never forget was the sinking feeling she had when she thought she had broken the xerox copier. Angie said that Marilyn Gibbons gave her a lot of guidance and support and that she was really great to watch with the kids! On April 20th Angie went on a field trip with the kids to the Salvador Dali and Great Explorations Museums. A funny thing happened on the way through the art museum - one of the students moved a picture and set off the alarm!

## Largo High School

Robin Gressman spent the second semester interning for Dr. Wooddell. Once Robin got out from behind the front desk, her experience became more and more exciting and Robin gained great insight into dentistry. Hopefully this will make her college years go easier.

During the semester Robin also spent sometime with Dr. Joe Jackson, an Orthodontist. Thus she has had the opportunity to see two professionals at work. The insights she gained in dentistry will be fantastic experiences to take to Ohio State.

Rob Libengood thoroughly enjoyed his internship at the Largo Police Department, under the guidance of Lt.

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Piehl. He felt he gained more experience during his internship than he could have asking a million questions. Rob learned about laws and defensive tactics and was able to actually ride with police officers during the Friday evening shifts.

Joann Shipman enjoyed her internship at Anona Elementary School. The best thing about the internship was returning to the school she once attended. Everyone was very receptive and she had fun working with the teachers and students. The most enjoyable part was the children. According to Joann, some of their antics were unbelievable. The thing she found teachers disliked the most was the paperwork, especially lesson plans.

She's glad she had this opportunity. In fact, she plans to start college at U.S.F. as an education major.

## Osceola High School

Janine Calabrese discovered that being an assistant state attorney was not all glamour. There was a lot of hard work in creating a case from start to finish. Janine had the opportunity to spend the semester at the State Attorney's Office in Clearwater. She saw assistants, Robert Santa Lucia and Kevin Hayslett, prosecute in court, worked with the computer to develop an arraignment calendar and assisted attorneys in completing the paperwork in misdemeanor cases. She found

the process of jury selection fascinating. Her experience has convinced her that a career in criminal law is her goal.

Chris Corey reported that being an intern at the Bureau of Marine Science is not just playing with fish as seen at Sea World. Some of his activities included writing reference cards and request cards. The request cards were sent around the world. The addresses were hard to write because there were different formats for every country.

Chris sorted different fish. He was lucky enough to be able to do this on the roof and developed a nice suntan. He would like to thank Ruth Reese and Illiana Quintero for their help and guidance. Chris also had the opportunity to work with turtles and a turtle study project at the Clearwater Marine Science Center.

Darryl Dragoni found life at Pilot Corporation under the guidance of Sue and Jim Lentz hectic. The major part of his job was learning what key members of the staff do. Each week he was with a different member of the corporation's staff. Darryl learned new tricks of the trade and developed an understanding of the business world. Darryl did whatever tasks staff members assigned. These tasks included drafting, doing details and working on specifications. He also worked on project proposals and preliminary drawing

blueprints.

A unique feature of Darryl's internship was the fact that his sponsor, Jim Lentz, is both an architect and a lawyer. So not only did Darryl get an architectural insight, but he also learned about law as it pertains to the construction industry.

Tessa Graham interned at Bardmoor Elementary School in the Media Center. In the media center, she worked with all age groups. With the guidance of her supervisor, Gail Gotwald she learned that a media specialist does more than check books out to people. They have to order books, type shelf cards, order films for teachers, keep track of book circulation and even teach classes.

The topics students learned in the media center ranged from library skills in grades 3-5 to story telling for grades K-2. She also used the laminating machine, which melts plastic on objects to preserve them. Life in the library can be exciting!

Jon Payne interned at Remax Realty. He was introduced to the skills needed to be a successful small business owner and a realtor in today's fast paced world. He learned everything from how to use a plat map to how to speak to a client. He found out that the life of a realtor is fast and busy and very

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enjoyable.

Jon stated that there are no 8 hour days in realty; maybe 12-14 hour days, or 2-3 hour days, but not 8 hour days. Jon really enjoyed this business. He plans on getting his real estate license this summer.

Richard Hehl, the broker at Remax Realty, taught him to use many different computer programs designed to help a realtor in his normal daily activities. Jon also participated in seminars which covered a variety of realty topics.

## Pinellas Park High School

Michelle Gilbert spent her internship in classes from kindergarten through second grade at Trinity Baptist School. The best thing that happened to her during the semester was meeting Miss Reyes and attending the CEA convention. Miss Reyes became a very close friend to her and treated her as a professional and a teacher. Michelle said, that "When she asks me questions, she regards my answers as very valuable." Miss Reyes allowed her to teach some lessons to the class and taught her how to make bulletin boards. Michelle started a bulletin board library. Miss Reyes gave her a broader knowledge of teaching and volunteered to help her in college. Michelle attended the Christian Educators Association (CEA) convention and loved every minute of it. She gained a lot of valuable information

and ideas and felt as if she really was an educator. She would love to go again and thanks Mr. Gary Smith, the school's principal, for providing this great opportunity. Michelle concluded her internship by saying "I love Trinity, the children I work with, and the exciting opportunities I had to learn about a career in education."

Yolanda Harper, worked at HRS (Health and Rehabilitative Services), and had the opportunity to go out on several home visits with the dependency unit of HRS.

She participated in the intake process with her sponsor, Mr. Harry Harvey. Mr. Harvey is the supervisor of the Delinquency Unit at Wildwood.

Yolanda learned that through the years the function of an HRS counselor has changed. The delinquency counselors used to counsel, now they do more information gathering.

## Seminole High School

Sarah Bialaszewski interned at Evatone Soundsheets, Inc., and discovered that being part of a recording studio was not all fun and glamour, even though it was exciting at times. The employees are under stress to meet deadlines. From day one she learned things had to be done quickly; which inspired her to learn quickly. She learned how to almost totally operate a sound room on her own. This may sound like

fun, but she cautions that not all the music she listened to was inspiring.

Nevertheless, Sarah thought this was an exciting semester. Wayne Hampson provided direction for Sarah. It was under his guidance that she learned and enjoyed herself. Mike Newsome and Mark Evans were great in helping her even when they were in a rush. She is sure a career in studio recording is her future. She was also exposed to film editing thanks to Jaque and Joe Sherman which is a career she would like to work up to after recording.

Tracey DeMuth learned that children need more love than anyone. They always wanted a hug, a compliment, or just a plain pat on the back. Everyday at Country Day Montessori in Seminole, the children made everything happy. They had so much love to give. Under the direction of Mrs. Sharon Hall, Tracey learned how to return that love and gave guidance to pre-school age children. Tracey learned that tying shoelaces and giving out band-aides are not the only things involved in preschool teaching. Young children need much discipline, guidance and attention.

According to Laura Oldanie her internship at Bay Pines Hospital was a great learning experience. Laura under the guidance of Mr. David Drake and volunteer coordinator, Rick Gillette, spent the



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semester learning about the complexities of staffing and administering a large personnel department. Laura definitely learned about governmental red tape. Personnel is more than just job applications and interviews. Laura rotated through different divisions of personnel and learned the functions of each - from application to civil rights regulations.

Dawn Simpson said, "My internship at Bay Pines Hospital was probably the best educational experience of my life." Her sponsor Mr. Gillette, volunteer coordinator at Bay Pines, set up an interesting rotation, which enabled Dawn to rotate through several interesting areas in the hospital. She did many exciting things including observing pacemaker surgery, seeing a bronchoscopy and learning endless amounts of information about radiology and the work of the technicians. Mr. Martin, Mr. Celeste and Mr. Finnegan were all very helpful and taught Dawn valuable information about radiology.

Dawn also learned a lot of interesting things about Respiratory Therapy and Ophthalmology under the supervision of Mr. Steve Garrett and Dr. Ayer. Overall it was a great experience. Dawn is convinced that this is the profession for her.

Tarpon Springs High School

Merriann Abblett would have

liked to spend more hours at Innisbrook than were possible. One of the most exciting things that happened to her at Innisbrook was starting to learn Lotus on the computer.

The one individual who helped Merriann the most was Lillian Archacki. Merriann worked with Lillian everyday. She also worked with Carolyn Boswell. Lillian showed Merriann that she really cared about how she was doing. Merriann thought Innisbrook was like one big happy family and since Merriann now works at Innisbrook she is a member of the family.

Drs. Cochran and Bessmer, along with Rachal Schroder assisted Robin Ochampaugh in learning all about the work of a veterinarian, while she interned at Anclote Animal Hospital. Robin saw emergency surgeries on several domestic animals, as well as routine procedures. She became familiar with the instruments used in the office and did in fact, use them frequently. Robin also came to appreciate the need for sterilization to control the animal population and saw it as a major part of a veterinarian's work.

The most exciting experience Ken Wood had at A.C. Nielsen was learning a new programming language. After a slow start reading hand written descriptions in manuals, the learning process became exciting. He was chosen to enter the hand-written information into an

IBM Conventional Monitor System. The system was quite advanced compared to an IBM PC. He learned many advanced features that an ordinary PC would not be capable of handling. Ken felt A.C. Nielsen had an extraordinary staff. Andy Kugilowski assisted Ken in the understanding of formats and policies of A.C. Nielsen. Finally Ken said that, "The entire staff at Nielsen aided in my learning experience. I had a great time!!"

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