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To Our Sponsors:

It is our pleasure to compile and distribute the Executive Internship Program newsletter for the 2004-2005 school year. The entries in this newsletter have been developed by the high school interns who participated in the Executive Internship Program throughout the school year.

This school year has been very successful for all involved. We would personally like to thank all of our wonderfully supportive sponsors for taking the time to teach these students what professional life is really all about. There is no greater challenge than to face the unknown, and these students have all taken that risk and grown from the experience.

As always, the Executive Internship Program coordinators thank you for your continued support and for the meaningful experiences that you allow our students. We know how much of a responsibility it is to have an intern, and we are greatly appreciative that you are willing to take the time to enable students to experience the professional setting. We look forward to successful and exciting semesters to come.

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**Executive Internship Program
A Dual Credit, Experiential Education Success**

The Executive Internship Program was introduced into Pinellas County high schools in 1974. Today, the Executive Internship Program is affiliated with a national organization of experiential education programs and has been nationally recognized as a model program by the U.S. School-to-Work office. Over 3,500 students in Pinellas County have participated in the program.

The program represents a unique blending of the business community, the local junior college and the public schools. It is available to eligible high school students during their senior year. The students spend an average of 10 - 15 hours a week working with a professional at decision-making levels in their future career field. Students are not paid by their sponsors, but they do receive high school elective credit and college credit from St. Petersburg College for their participation. The serious educational nature of the program requires that interns maintain analytical logs of their activities; participate in seminars; prepare college-level coursework and presentations demonstrating what they have learned during the internship; and submit a program evaluation.

Internship placements include but are not limited to:

Law
Computers
Medicine
Advertising
Communications
Archeology

Banking
Public Relations
Law Enforcement
Social Services
Accounting
Physical Therapy

Engineering
Business
Fire and Rescue
Environmental
Education
Media Productions

Dentistry
Government/Politics
Architecture
Marine Science
Cultural
Veterinary Medicine

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BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL

Under the help of **David Friez** and **Mike Kerr** of **USF Center of Ocean Technology**, **Sean Sweeney** has been working very hard to complete the ROVEX project before November 27. There is a lot of work required to be done. The design and construction of both the chemical dispenser and buoy require a lot of engineering. Sean worked with **Judy Fu** to see if the chemical dispenser and sensor worked properly. **Joe Koleasr** showed Sean how to wire up the chemical sensor to ROVEX. These experiences made Sean want to look farther into this career field, and to attend USF in the upcoming year.

CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL

Sponsor **David Ewart** of **David Ewart Photography** showed **Gabrielle Canada** how tense owning your own photography studio can be. Gabrielle dealt with the slow days and grasped the sudden rush days. She

learned how digital photography works and how to use a camera. Gabrielle realized from her intern experience that she will pursue a career in photography.

While interning at **Target**, **Michael DeMent** had the guidance of **Alison Stone** and **Teresa Martin**, and learned that there is much more to being a **Guest Service Team Leader (Alison) and Human Resources Leader** that he had thought. All day Teresa and Alison become, "Swamped", with problems like: needing to set up interviews, docking the merchandise trucks, scheduling the workers for the next week, having orientation, setting up safety meetings, doing safety checklists, talking to "On the spot" applicants, taking care of the store, and dealing with employees. Michael DeMent had been helping along with these processes and has seen that it is a job of great dedication, strong will, and tremendous patients to be able to, "Stay on the ball". Michael went through every step of these activities and more and saw that there is so much work involved that

it is almost hard to explain. Michael's experience has helped him conclude in his mind that he would like to take up management in retail, because of all the challenges and rewards that come along with the jobs.

Krystal Ellis has been shadowing **Tricia Sagnella** at **Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Education Center** for the past three months. During her internship she has come to realize that speech therapy is a challenging and rewarding profession. Krystal feels that she could make a life long career out of being a speech therapist. In her time as an intern she was helpful with assisting Tricia perform her required duties with the children. In this process Krystal has learned how to operate the dynavox, board maker, and has learned a limited amount of sign language. The most memorable part of her internship would have to be when she was able to assist Grace B. in coming one step closer to communicating with other people through her dynavox program. This internship has influenced her to pursue

further education in the health services field.

Under the leadership of **Ed. Bottger** of **Time Warners Cable's** local TV station **TWTV Channel 47** as the **Local Operations Manager**, Senecha Lewis uncovers that leading a station and production crew is hard work, but is rewarding. Senecha worked with many of Ed's production crew. Senecha observe Ed and his crew direct and produce many shows for example, High School Score Board, Bay Today, Cable Connections, and Average Angler just to name a few. Senecha also observe the Promotions Director, Paul Kitwood, do all different types of promotions, from theatre shows to TWTV 47 website promotion. He has assisted the production crew with taping shows, setting up sets, and giving ideas for promos. He really has found out how much work goes into putting together everything you see on TV, and he said it is not easy. Senecha saw that there are many rewards to being a part of a production staff. The staff get to go to different events for example, Pro and College Football Games, Jazz Concerts, Kick Boxing Matches and many more local events. Senecha has made up his mind that

communications is where he is going, but he knows that it is going to take a lot of hard work to get there from the experience TWTV 47 crew has given him.

With the assistance of **Geof Kledzik** of **Family Resources**, **Jasmyne Robertson** realized that non-profit organizations truly help out the community in many ways. Many different people contribute to the organization running smoothly and aiding homeless and runaway teenagers. Jasmyne helped Geof with training staff that works directly with the troubled youth involved in Family Resources. She revised the training curriculum and made it much more user friendly as well. Jasmyne's experience has opened up the social services field as a new career interest for her.

COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

John Berglowe and the marketing department at **Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority** took **Katie Abele** under their wings this semester. She was able to get excellent hands on experience in both the marketing and graphic design fields. By

incorporating digital photography into many award projects Katie was able to understand the thought process and day-to-day activities that go on in those fields. Thanks to Katie's mentors, **John Berglowe** and **Laurie Layman**, she has become one step closer to her goal as a graphic designer. With the help of the whole marketing team Katie has realized she would like to pursue a career as a designer, and wouldn't have been able to do that without the help from everyone at PSTA.

Through the tutelage of **Hill Abrahams** of **CMPC**, **Sean Anthony** has learned much about the different type of skills required to perform in the Computer Science industry. Sean has learned that he must know how to use different types of software and hardware to get the job accomplished. He has worked with software programs ranging from Microsoft FrontPage to Adobe After Effects as well watching Mr. Abrahams learn how to use a DVD+RW external drive. All of this has increased Sean's excitement in fulfilling his goal of becoming a Computer Scientist/Engineer.

With the support and guidance of **Debby Green**, a teacher at **Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Education Center**, **Katy Brock** had an experience that will not soon be forgotten. She has learned and grown so much with the help of her sponsor as well as Pam Phillips, also a teacher there. With the support of these two amazing mentors and also the entire staff of Paul B. Stephens School, Katy Brock has found a new career option to pursue, physical therapy. She thanks everyone who helped make this such an amazing experience.

While interning at **Northside Hospital and Heart Institute** under the supervision of **Pam Hayes**, **Valarie Cribb** has investigated various opportunities in the medical field. She has been in nuclear medicine, the operating room, the emergency room, and many other parts of the hospital. She found the emergency room to be especially intriguing. Valarie learned how to take temperatures, measure blood pressures, do EKGs, and transport patients. Valarie's experience at Northside Hospital has reaffirmed her dream of becoming a doctor.

Having worked with **Steve Roylance** at **Family Resources**, **Stacy Harper** saw a different side of society. There are a lot of children suffering from lack of a good home and a place to live. Stacy saw every type of child with various personal problems enter and leave the shelter. She found out a lot of good techniques in psychology and witnessed a few counseling sessions where she learned how to talk to teens - making them feel comfortable and able to talk openly. She found that working with troubled teens in unpredictable every day and a good learning experience personally and professionally. Stacy's experience at the shelter has showed her that working with kids and helping them is something she wants to consider when choosing a career.

Under the leadership of **Brad Wright** of the **Suncoast Spinal, Medical and Rehabilitation Clinic**, **Joel Hosner** is learning the ins and outs of a multi specialty rehabilitation facility. He is learning this by operating modalities, guiding patients through treatment and observing professionals at work. From his experience, Joel has realized how different treatments compliment each

other to minimize a patient's healing time to as little as possible. Joel has expanded his dream of running a chiropractic office to starting a rehabilitation facility.

Under the supervision of **Jack Doherty** and help from **Frank Corsones**, **Joey Hussar** has observed the automobile business. He has sat in on business meetings, sales meetings, delivered cars and has ported cars. There is a lot more involved in selling a car than he thought and a lot that he expected. He has become more involved everyday he attends the dealership. Joey's experience has convinced him that a career in automobiles is his future.

While interning at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium Marine Biologist**, **Melody Baran** and her assistant **Rhonda Bailey** gave **Amy Jones** many exciting experiences. Amy learned all about taking care of marine animals, and their food preparation. Amy also learned that caring for stranded marine animals is not all glamour when the animal you are in the water with gets sick! Amy has experienced the opportunity of a sea turtle release, participated in the

attempted rehabilitation of a stranded dolphin, helped with the maintenance of sea turtles and their tanks, and learned all the procedures of the animal care department and food preparation. With Melody and Rhonda's guidance Amy has decided to pursue a career in marine biology, and thanks them for giving her this opportunity!

Nikki Marinake has had an amazing time exploring the entertainment industry from a top rated theater's point of view with amazing support from the **Ruth Eckerd Hall** staff including her mentors **Jeff Hartzog** and **Tyson Smith**. Since the start of her internship, Nikki has worked many of the great shows that make their way to Ruth Eckerd such as Joe Satriani, VH1's Triple Shot of Rock where Nikki got to work the merchandise booth and The Temptations and the Four Tops where Nikki got the chance to sing "My Girl" on stage with the Temptations. The experience at Ruth Eckerd Hall has only affirmed Nikki's dream of having a career in the entertainment industry. She looks forward to next semester with great anticipation.

Under the guidance of **David Oak** and **Joseph Vangeri** of **Visiosonic**,

Erica Myers learned how a small business works. Erica worked closely with secretary Ali Martin in the area of public relations. She worked on advertising and promotion ideas, contacted retailers nationwide, and helped put together product displays to be shipped out. By observing Visiosonic's CEO Joe Vangeri, Erica has discovered how hard it is to run a small business that sells internationally. Her experience has proven to be quite beneficial towards her future career in music business.

Under the guidance of **Lia Richey** of **Jabil Circuit's Project Management**, **Frank Wan** have learned many aspects of national and international business. Frank discovered various challenges and job requirements of certain jobs, he also learned about different occupations and careers within the corporation. Frank worked with **Workcell Manager Art Buccino** and **Planning Director Marc Leaman**, he carefully observed the tasks and duties that were performed on the job and also assisted them in completing the data from various plantations. Frank found the business field is what he intends to pursue, and the experience with Jabil Circuit truly

convinced him that a career in international business is his ultimate goal.

EAST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

With the support of **Barbara Julian, Controller, of Lockheed Martin, Christine Fitch** learned that having a key financial position in a major corporation requires a strong understanding of math. There are several reports to review and verify to accurately report the financial status of the company. Christine had the opportunity to participate in a business review that was presented to the Vice President, Fred Kozlowski, and it was conducted by Barbara Julian, Tricia Salchert, Sabrina Cammarota, Chris Dotson, and Pam Beckman. Christine's experience working at Lockheed Martin and participating in the business review reinforced her decision to pursue a college degree in a math related field.

GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL AND GIBBS HS BETA

While working in the **Business Continuity Planning Department** of **Raymond James &**

Associates, under the guidance of **David Schirm**, **Robert Lambdon** learned that working in Information Technology is not all about computers. There are many decisions to be made and planning that must be completed while preparing for “disaster recovery.” Robert worked with David Schirm, as well as **Denise Brown**, in planning for an exercise to take place in November, where systems would be tested in a backup facility. He then participated in this exercise, and learned exactly how everything would transfer over in the event of a disaster. After this experience, Robert decided that a career in Information Technology is what he will pursue.

Under the supervision of **Vonda Smith, ASA**, of the **State Attorney's Office**, **Cortnei McKinney** has learned that being an assistant state attorney is a most worthwhile profession. It takes a lot of creative thinking to solve a case and win it realized Cortnei as she witnessed Assistant County Court Division Director **Pat Siracusa** in action. Among her many duties, she helped complete the endless amount of paper work that is part of this demanding job. Cortnei's experiences

have convinced her that a career in legal studies is her goal.

LARGO HIGH SCHOOL

With the leadership of **Bill Miller** of **Limited Edition Interior Design**, **Erica Bush** realized that working as an interior designer was not what she had imagined. There are a lot of creative differences among clients and designers. Erica saw designers; **Judy Miller**, **Donna Costanza**, **Ted Davis**, **Margie Erwin**, **Patti Goins**, **Erin Kelly**, **Babs Thacker**, and **Joan Torell**; present themselves to our clients to persuade their decision. Erica assisted in pricing furniture and accessories, moving out sold merchandise, and arranging the floor room. Erica also assisted the helpers, **Jackie Aragon**, **Jay Parmer**, **Eric**, and **Timmy**, with moving furniture and arrangement. Erica encountered that interior design was very interesting and that her experience as an interior design would be a great career goal for her.

Sheena Hickey's average day at **Feline, Avian and Exotics Animal Hospital** under the supervision of **Dr. Diane Perry** is definitely no walk in the

park. A variety of tasks must be completed, and someone has to do them. Tina Megill and Sally Miller help assist Sheena with basic husbandry needs. Cathie Hamerlinck shows Sheena how to properly assist with a spay and a neuter. Good and bad experiences are involved with becoming a Veterinarian. Sheena definitely realizes that her lifelong dream is becoming more of a reality everyday.

Northside Hospital and Heart Institute has welcomed a new high school student intern **Verda Ljubuncic** into their staff. **Pamela A. Hayes** and **Natalie O'Brian** have worked hard at helping Verda decide on her future career. Seeing surgeries in the Operating Rooms, and accidents in the Emergency room, along with many other career opportunities that are hidden behind the hospital walls, Verda has decide to pursue her career in Cardio - Vascular Surgery.

Since early September, intern **Jennifer Massey** has spent her afternoons at **Largo Central Elementary School**. Jennifer has been teaching twenty-four children alongside of first-grade teacher **Lisa Lannon**.

Jennifer has had the opportunity to form lesson plans, teach all subjects, and work individually with each student. There have been many rewards and pleasant experiences, including watching the students grasp a new concept, work together peacefully, and looking up to her as a role model. Overall this internship has shown Jennifer that becoming a teacher is the correct career choice for her.

While interning at **Paul B. Stephen Exceptional Student Center Kelly Regnier** has had a great learning experience that she will never forget. The great staff at Paul B. have taught her how to handle different handicapped children in different settings. Along with teaching her patience, kindness and a laid back attitude. The time at Paul B. has also helped Kelly to decide that she does want to pursue a career in Occupational Therapy.

PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

Under the guidance of **Kelly Boles of Mobile Notaries, Forrest Boles** became very proficient at understanding all of the documents and procedures

involved in the business of a Certified Signing Agent. Forrest even completed a few closings on his own. In doing so, he ran into a few unexpected problems, but handled them well and completed each job in a very professional manner. As far as a career goes, this might not be the best choice for him because this business is not always constant and payment can be random. However, working at this job can significantly help Forrest through college and teach him important information about mortgages and loans that will be very useful in his pursuit of a career in finance or real estate.

With the leadership of wound specialist, **Shaun Abbott, M.D.** at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** in Tarpon Springs, **Benjamin Burns** learned that the daily life of a doctor working with a hyperbaric chamber is not all fun and games. Medical knowledge, planning, networking, and communication skills are required to succeed in the medical field and to reach the overall goal of healing the patient wounds. Benjamin observed the assistants **William Jones and Royce Kurbe** administer hyperbaric chamber treatments for wounds that would not

otherwise heal on their own. Some of the patients had wounds that were twenty years old, and never healed properly. The assistants must help the patients into the chamber, observe their conditions, maintain the patients' comfort, and any other miscellaneous duties required. In addition, prior to heading into the chamber, **Bonnie Aslett** examines the patients and changes the bandages. Meanwhile, Dr. Shaun Abbott supervises the chamber and the examinations and fills out the immense amount of paperwork. Dr. Abbott and the assistants must keep in contact with many other doctors to obtain the full knowledge on their patients. Although the doctor's position requires much sacrifice, Benjamin is certain that a profession in medicine is his goal.

Victoria Burton, with the help of **Jennifer Pate**, a seventh grade math instructor at **Carwise Middle School**, has learned what it takes to become an outstanding teacher. During her internship she worked with students individually, completed necessary paperwork, and taught lessons. This internship has helped Vicki realize the amount of work

involved and the patience it takes to assist a student in being successful. She is looking forward to continuing her career as a teacher and is thankful for this opportunity.

Hunter Davis, under the watchful eyes of **Joshua Sheridan, ASA**, of the **State Attorney's Office**, realized that being an Assistant State Attorney is no easy task. There are ample amounts of work to be done and no room for slacking off. Hunter interacted with assistants, **Misa Terwilliger** and **Summer Goldman**, helping them prep for their upcoming motions. Hunter had the chance to witness Summer Goldman in court prosecuting and arguing in an important DUI Trial.

Also, he helped compute arraignment calendars. He found the motions to be exciting and heated with arguments. Hunter's experience at the State Attorney's Office has fueled his desire to reach toward a future career in criminal law.

Kimberly Dyer, an intern at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** on the 8th floor, also known as the **Woman's Center**; is learning so much useful information to take with her in future years. She is very

grateful to the entire OB staff for welcoming her and trusting her with small jobs. She would also like to extend a special thanks to **Mandy Green**, Nurse Manager, who took Kim under her wing and allowed her into her ward to observe her staff. Kim is very thankful she got this opportunity and can't wait to further her knowledge in the OB field.

Under the guidance of **John Sullivan, M.D.** of the **Orthopedic Specialists** practice, **Carlie Engelhardt** discovered that being an orthopedic surgeon requires much hard work and effort. Carlie was able to see Dr. Sullivan working with his patients and was also able to view many fascinating surgeries. Carlie's experience has taught her so much about the orthopedic career field. She now thinks that a career in orthopedics is worth pursuing.

Under the watch full eye of **Edward Quigley** at **The Westin Innisbrook Resort**, **Erin Flannery** discovered the wonderful and interesting world of Sales and Marketing. She waited with eagerness and anticipation to find out what each day had to offer. Erin saw proposals and contracts come and go and

anticipated what the outcome of each would bring. She met many new and interesting people, learning so much in the process, that this experience made her realize that marketing is the career choice for her.

As an intern at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, under the tutelage of **Dr. Evan Harris** and **Dr. Allen Fisher**, **Jessica Fung** has experienced the procedures and occurrences in the daily hospital routine of the Radiology Department and Emergency Room. Jessica observed different x-ray techniques such as CT Scan and MRI and examined the x-rays with Dr. Harris, the radiologist. Dr. Harris explained the results of the pictures and allowed Jessica to listen to his diagnoses. In the Emergency Room, Jessica shadowed Dr. Fisher and observed his examinations of the patients. She was fascinated to understand the relationship between the two departments and their dependence on each other. Through her internship, Jessica has been able to discover more about the medical profession and is certain she will follow a medical-related career path; becoming a physician is her career goal.

Diana Giannas' internship at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** in the Radiology Department was an enthralling experience. **Margie Fader** assisted Diana in discovering all aspects of Radiology. Diana observed Margie and fellow Radiographers during their tough days at work and realized that a career in Radiography is what she would like to pursue in the future.

Melissa Griffin, under the supervision of **Pat McCormick, RN**, realized her calling while interning at the **Turley Family Health Center**. She worked one-on-one with many employees such as **Dawn Maguire**, the procedure nurse. With Dawn, she was able to observe several skin biopsies as well as a colposcopy. Also, Melissa was able to use skills she had learned while participating as a student in PHUHS's medical magnet program. Through this valuable experience, Melissa decided that the field of medicine was her intended career choice.

With **Chris Williams, M.D.** of **Morton Plant Mease Dunedin Hospital** as her guide, **Victoria Hall** has discovered what it means to devote her thoughts and energy to a

career in medicine, specifically the field of pathology. As a student intern, she learned many facts such as organ physiology, cell and tissue types, and how to distinguish between cancerous and non-cancerous specimens. She had the opportunity to watch tissue diagnosis, the process of slide creation, and viewing completed slides under the microscope. Victoria was astounded to recognize how the pathology department significantly reciprocates with other areas of the hospital such as radiology and endoscopy. She was fascinated to hear the depth of Dr. Chris Williams' ability to recite previously memorized material. Victoria dreams of attending medical school and one day becoming a great pathologist such as Dr. Chris Williams.

Under the guidance of **Connie Davis** at the **Palm Harbor Chamber of Commerce**, **Alesya Izoita** realized that being the President/CEO of a company is quite a responsibility. There is a tremendous amount of organizing, planning and supervising involved. Alesya saw **Kelly Reinbolt, Arlene Miolla** and **Cathy**

Germer work as a team to pull off a number of successful events. Alesya got to do a little bit of everything at the office and attended many functions, among them: Rotary club, Committee Meetings, Coffee Hour, First Friday, Student of the Month Luncheon and the Annual Dinner. Alesya's internship experience convinced her that a career in public relations is very rewarding.

Literally a family practice, **Amanda Kramer** watches and learns the skills needed to become a pathologist from her father, himself a pathologist, **Charles Kramer M.D.** at **Morton Plant Mease Hospital in Dunedin**. The science of this particular field requires an extraordinary amount of memorization and focus. Diagnosing specimens, creating slides and viewing slides can often be a very tedious task. In many cases the diagnosis may require a second opinion. Through her internship, Amanda acquired knowledge involving organs such as the liver, pancreas, and colon, to name a few. Even though pathology is not considered a high school subject, Amanda continues to find it captivating.

Under the supervision of **Mike Ramsey**, Manager of Television Production at the **Pinellas 18 Government Access Channel**, **Shahzeen Lakhani** learned the “tricks of the trade” of a career in media production. She was also lucky to work with production assistants, Mike Rotter, Dan Eggleston and Jim Devine. Shahzeen helped edit videotapes, went on shootings for various shows and assisted with a marketing campaign for Pinellas 18. She discovered that TV production is not a simple task and that it requires much time and effort. Shahzeen is still uncertain of exactly what career choice she will make in the future, but she will definitely keep this experience in mind when making that crucial decision.

At **Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Student Center**, under the direction of educator, **Jan Neff**, **Jenna Lemons** discovered that being a Special Education teacher involved a tremendous amount of planning and paper work, but the rewards of this profession more than make up for the hard work. After observing the classroom assistant, Pam Roth, Jenna learned a lot about interacting with the

children. She found each child fascinating as she worked with them on an individual basis. Jenna's experience has persuaded her to consider pursuing a career in Special Education.

Under the supervision of **Kim Lomas**, Curator of Education, **Deborah Ewusiak**, Marketing Department, and **Aimee Towey**, Department of Exhibitions, at the **Gulf Coast Museum of Art**, **Sean Leone** found out that working in these varied areas is not an easy job. Sean found while working in Education that calling schools is a good way to set up tours. The Marketing Department is very involved with sending information to members and non members of up coming events and working on mailouts. While working in the Exhibition Department, Sean found that it is not all a glamorous job. Measuring, restoration, and hanging art work can be very tedious but satisfying. Sean's experience has convinced him that working in the field of art exhibitions is his goal.

Under the leadership of **Tom Sweeney**, News Director, **Kristina Martinez** came to realize that what you see on

television watching **Channel 28 ABC Action News**, takes more work than the viewer understands. The work involved in discovering a story and educating the public requires the assistance of many people. Tom Sweeney and the assignment desk personnel find and investigate a possible story, camera people, such as Eric Moore photograph the segment, and anchors, such as Patrick Emory, narrate the story, which may air for less than a minute. This same story also requires the work of video and audio editors, graphic artists and "on the scene" reporters. Though Kristina's experience has been eventful and educating, she has come to the realization that news may not be her first career goal due to the stressful atmosphere of the newsroom.

With the help of **Michele Polek**, a kindergarten teacher at **Palm Harbor Elementary School**, **Erika McGee** has been exposed to the real life of being a kindergarten teacher. Erika observed Michele daily, interacted and worked with students and imagined how she would one day run her own class. Thanks to Ms. Polek's mentorship, Erika

knows she will be prepared to make education her career choice.

Under the excellent leadership of **Terri Hepburn**, Assistant Director at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, **Lindsey Parks** gained valuable experience in the Public Relations field.

Public Relations is a position where an out-going personality is a must. Communication skills are key. Lindsey was able to sharpen these skills with the help of Ms. Hepburn.

Lindsey spent months learning the ropes of Public Relations and was able to sit in on meetings, learn how advertising affects the aquarium as well as participating in many other valuable experiences.

Lindsey learned how to barter, trading tickets for advertising in written or oral venues. She found interacting with the public to be an exciting opportunity. Lindsey's experience has influenced her to go into a profession of helping others while being active within the community.

Jason Waz, PT, helped **Alexis Rose** discover what being a physical therapist is all about. During Alexis' internship at **Sports and Orthopedic Rehabilitation**

Services, she learned many interesting things about physical therapy. Alexis worked alongside Jason Waz and **Patty Cain**, and through this experience she gained knowledge about the challenging duties therapists accomplish in their daily routines. Alexis helped patients with their therapy exercises and helped Jason with tedious paperwork. She found that physical therapy is an extremely rewarding career. This experience has led her to the determination that physical therapy is definitely the profession she wants to pursue.

While interning with **Vera Sheremeta** at **Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Student Center**, **Jennifer Ross** has learned and applied a great deal of information about occupational therapy. She has learned that occupational therapy requires a lot of patience, creativity, and tolerance. Jennifer was able to witness Vera solve different problems for students. Jennifer was given the opportunity to work with a PT, Calvin Smith, who taught her about different types of orthotics and what they do for the students. She also assisted with feeding and worked with profound and autistic

students. Jennifer's experiences assisted her in making the difficult decision of what career path to follow.

Under the direction of **Joyce Short, OR Nurse Educator** at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **Michael Thompson** has received a taste of everything he's asked for. His interest in the medical field has been greatly reinforced, and he's certain that the medical field is a career he would like to pursue. Through the experiences and procedures that he has seen (laparoscopic cholecystectomy, ct scans, spleen removals) in the emergency room and the operating room, Michael has been given an "up close and personal" view of the world of medicine -- a world that he is greatly interested in entering.

The internship experience at **Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Student Center** has had a dramatic impact on Cammie Voss' career path with the guidance of classroom teacher, **Debbie Cox**. Every day, Voss grows closer and closer to the 12 mentally handicapped children in her classroom. "There is a lot of hard work to put in because most of

the students can't even dress themselves in the morning," said Voss. She watches Cox and her aides to learn how to discipline and take care of each one of the students. Voss has gotten to know each child's personality, and with that, it is easier to discipline each of them because they are all so different. The experience has led Voss to conclude that she would like to major in special education in college.

PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

With the assistance of her sponsor **Nita Pancal, Emily Chica** has had much experience in the **State Attorney's Office**. She attended many trials and advisories. In addition she worked one-on-one with many attorneys such as **Vonda Smith and Holly T. Osgood, Lead Trial Attorney**. Furthermore, Emily was amazed on the steps it took to view a whole trial. Interning has had such an impact to her that Emily will excel in studying law.

Holly T. Osgood, one of the lead trial attorneys with the **State Attorney's Office**, taught **Carmen G. Foran** the up's and down's of the job she has been

doing for the past few years, each day spending her time to teach a new person old tricks. Holly taught what to do, when to do it, and how to do it with everything that goes on in the office. She spent time explaining things that she rarely does just so that her intern had something interesting to do. Thanks to Holly, **Carmen** has come to a conclusion about her career plans. A special congratulations goes to Holly, due to her hard work she recently received a promotion.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL

During her internship opportunity with **Dr. Koco Eaton at Lakeside Orthopedics, Kathryn Crum** has broadened her perspective of the fields of Sports Medicine and Orthopedic Surgery. There is a lot of work involved and the doctor is always on the move, but the day is full of fun. Kathryn followed **Dr. Eaton**, along with his **Physician's Assistant Cara Ferrin**, in the office on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Here she was given the opportunity to meet patients and to observe how a particular injury was detected. On Mondays, Wednesdays, and

Fridays, Kathryn followed **Dr. Eaton** into surgery. On Mondays they performed surgery at Bayfront Medical Plaza's Out Patient Surgery site, and on Wednesdays and Fridays they went to **St. Anthony's Hospital**. During surgery, Kathryn observed the procedure involved, including everything from preparing the patient to what specific tools were used and why. She found that surgery is not as graphic as displayed on television, but is even more fascinating than depicted. From Kathryn's experience, she has discovered that sports medicine and orthopedic surgery are exactly the fields she wants to pursue.

Under the guidance of **Mr. John Toppe** and **Mr. Jim Shawhan, Richard Tripolino** has had the opportunity to gain new experiences through an internship position at the office of **Harvard, Jolly, Clees, and Toppe Architects**. Richard's understanding of the different aspects of architecture has broadened through the work he has been doing at the office, and the opportunities he has had to watch some of the architects work. Richard's experiences have convinced him that his goal is to

pursue a career in architecture.

ST. PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Jessica Tomlinson has been interning with **Dan O'Brien, President of Hurricane Pass**, a free-lance sound engineer, this semester. He has been instrumental in introducing her to the world of recording and mixing via a program called Digital Performer. Mr. O'Brien has gladly taken her on as more of an apprentice than an intern and is an excellent teacher. She has taken to this field naturally and is an active and motivated learner. Jessica has begun to use some of her newly acquired skills by creating a mixed music CD for her aerobics class at St. Pete. High School as well as practicing mixing some previously recorded tracks. The internship has been a great experience for both Jessica and Dan O'Brien.

TARPON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Under the supervision of **Cheri Crumley, Assistant State Attorney**, at the **Office of the State Attorney, Colette Baumle** realized the importance and amount of work that it takes

to be a successful prosecutor. Colette discovered that this is not the easy job she anticipated. Colette helped out Cheri and one other attorney, Erin Barrett, with much of their case loads, assisting in prepping for their trials and learning a great deal in the process. Colette found the closing arguments to be the most exciting and the jury deliberation very suspenseful. She worked hard everyday, making sure that she was absorbing as much knowledge about the law field as possible. Colette's internship opportunity has opened her eyes to the future prospect of becoming a state attorney.

Under the guidance of **DeRose Andropoulos**, kindergarten teacher at **Sunset Hills Elementary School, Katie Berenato** realized that teaching is not all fun and games. A lot of hard work and extra time goes into being a successful teacher. Katie assisted in everyday activities and helped with student projects. She especially enjoyed all the cooking activities the class performed. Katie's experience has reaffirmed her decision to become an educator.

Mrs. Lynette Price, a kindergarten teacher at **Brooker Creek Elementary School**, was the ideal mentor for **Jenna Poloni**. During Jenna's internship period, she learned a lot about what it really takes to be an elementary school teacher. Jenna had the opportunity to observe Mrs. Price teaching the children and then was able to work with them on her own. Jenna was also fortunate enough to be surrounded by an amazing faculty led by principal Nell Chapman, and an equally supportive community. Through Jenna's wonderful experience at Brooker Creek Elementary, she has come to the conclusion that she will pursue a career in elementary education.

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BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL

Under the supervision of **Terrie Stephens at Terrie & Dave's Photograph Studio, Kimberly Daugherty** found out that working as a photographer's assistant for a studio known for its children's portraiture was lots of hard work. Kimberly was energized by and enjoyed working with the children. Kimberly's responsibilities included learning how to record an order and complete the required paperwork, as well as assisting with the set-up and completion of a photography session. Kimberly's experience has her considering a career in photography.

For the last semester of her senior year, **Marimily Rivera** shadowed **Marissa Kyne, MSOTR/L**, an occupational therapist at **Nina Harris Exceptional Student Education Center**. Marimily learned that being an occupational therapist can be both challenging and fun. She observed difficult situations that had to be handled with patience. Yet at the same

time, she enjoyed observing and participating in creative therapeutic activities that were fun for the therapists as well as the students. This experience has enriched Marimily's interest in occupational therapy and she looks forward to pursuing this career.

Under the help and guidance of **David Friez** and **Mike Kerr of USF Center for Ocean Technology, Sean Sweeney** has been working well with others to complete the Chemical Sensor project before April 20. Most of the work has been completed and the project is about finished. Sean has been working with **Judy Fu**, David Friez, and Mike Kerr. These experiences had made Sean become more responsible, and allow him to see what he is capable of accomplishing.

CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL

Under the guidance of **David Ewart at David Ewart Photography, Gabrielle Canada** has found that working in the

photography business is stressful and enjoyable. Gabrielle worked by the side of one of the best retouchers, **Ruth Ann**. Gabrielle learned how digital cameras work, how to edit images, and how to put together albums. Her favorite parts of working in digital photography is meeting people and helping them keep hold of their memories. Gabrielle discovered she will pursue this field.

This semester **Erwin Chaloupka** had spent his internship at **Belleview Biltmore Resort and Spa**, working with the **Front Office Manager Stacy Kasinger**. During the semester Erwin did a lot of interesting things and met many different people from all over the world. He learned about functions and responsibilities of the different departments in the resort, like the front office, housekeeping, reservations, golf course and many others. This internship showed Erwin different perspective of work field and showed him many different career options. Erwin may later pursue one of these careers, which he

studied during the semester, but at this time he is not sure.

Under the supervision of **Pamela Evans at Paul B. Stephens, Krystal Ellis** found that **Speech Therapy** is not all fun and games. Krystal worked on computers and witnessed Pamela testing children. Krystal has learned many alternate communication methods. She has helped Pamela organize papers and folders. Krystal's time at Paul B. Stephens made her realize that she wants to go toward medical care than speech therapy.

Under the mentorship of **Linda McGeehan**, an experienced second grade teacher at **Belcher Elementary School, Jamye Melanson** has learned that a lot goes into teaching than she originally thought. There are many responsibilities and rewards in teaching that Jamye is ready to take on. Jamye has been able to see two different but unique teachers work in the some classroom setting. Mrs. McGeehan has been ill, so Jamye was able to also study under **Mrs. Dileo**, an experienced teacher and substitute, as well. Jamye has been able to see different teaching techniques, which is a gift in itself. Jamye's

experience has driven her to work harder toward her goals, and she is excited about being apart of the education system.

With the help of **Mrs. Jennifer Hopkins-Flory** of **Skycrest Elementary, Jasmyne Robertson** has enjoyed the jobs of a guidance counselor. She has worked one-on-one with many students in many situations. Jasmyne also helps with classroom guidance lessons, multicultural club, and peer mediations. She has discovered that although the job of a guidance counselor may not be exactly what she wants to pursue as a career, it has many things that will help prepare her for a future career in social work.

Kendal Smitherman has learned that more comes with the title of being a teacher than just teaching, since she has interned at **Plumb Elementary School** with **Mary Close** and her 1st grade class. Kendal has learned that a teacher should be able to attain the qualities of being well-rounded and flexible. Kendal now knows that a teacher not only has to know how to teach, but must know how to be a nurse, tutor, coach, babysitter, friend, and

mediator. Kendal had the opportunity to be a few of the many characters a teacher must be able to transform to at any time. Kendal had the chance to tutor and coach a few students during after-school tutoring sessions. She really enjoyed this because it gave her a chance to be with the students one on one and see them improve individually. Kendal's experience as a 1st grade teaching intern has encouraged her to continue her quest to discover her career choice.

COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

This semester **Katie Abele** interned in the marketing department of the **Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority**. She learned what it is like to be a graphic designer for a transit company while also helping design award entries for the company. Katie put together media packets for advertising purposes, took digital pictures, and also helped design other graphic pieces. Under the wings of **John Berglowe, Laurie Layman, Janet Recca, and Cyndi Schmitt** she was able to make her internship a valuable learning experience.

Through the tutelage of **Hill Abrahams of CMPC (Computer Multimedia Productions Corporation)**, **Sean Anthony** realized that Web design and publish is a very difficult task. Sean learned that when publishing a web page most of the time the final result was made through trial and error. He also learned how to incorporate ASP (Active Server Protocol) into his web page. Sean is still very interested in pursuing his interest in computer science and continuing his internship at CMPC.

With the help of **Kim Conrad of Equither, Katy Brock** gained a lot of experience in the field of **Physical Therapy**. It involves a lot of education and patience. Katy worked in a hands-on environment and learned an incredible amount about physical therapy. Katy had a wonderful experience at Equither.

Jenna Carlin an intern for **Jessica Munn**, owner of **Jess K Clothing**, discovered a new insight. In her experience of clothing design, Jenna learned that you don't become a fashion designer by just sketching clothes. You must know all the different fabric qualities and so much more, so that you don't spend time

designing something a fabric couldn't hold or a design that could not be well manufactured. A good designer will have made a sample of the item from a sketch, which Jenna realized was the hardest part to being a fashion designer. With all of her acquired knowledge, Jenna decided that fashion merchandising would be the best career for her.

For the past four months, **James Enos**, a 17-year-old high school senior, has been interning at **Northside Hospital & Heart Institute** in St. Petersburg Florida under the direction of **Pamela Hayes**. Pamela Hayes is the Director of Quality management for Northside Hospital. In a very graceful manner, she spends time with James to coordinate his activities at the hospital. James, an ambitious student, plans to study medicine and eventually become a pediatrician. He has experienced quite a few aspects of the medical field, including: time spent in the ER, cardio cath-lab procedures, stress tests and ultra sounds ran by the radiology department, physical therapy and open heart/bypass surgery. The experience James has obtained for the hospital and through his sponsor,

Pamela Hayes, will undoubtedly be invaluable to him as he continues to study medicine and the inner workings of the medical world.

Under the guidance of **Lance Riddle** of the **Largo Cultural Center**, **Stacy Harper** has learned many different aspects about the business world. She helped out in the Cultural Center's box office and learned how to work the organizations new ticketing system and trained others as well. Stacy learned many things about working for a city department and also developed new people skills. She assisted **Dot Bowes** with contacting and following-up on potential contracts for next year's season. Stacy felt that this experience was beneficial and very fun. Because of her great experience at the Largo Cultural Center she has become educated in different fields of study, rather than just one in particular.

Under the guidance of **Theresa Honor of Better Health Medical**, **Joel Hosner** learned what is involved in managing a multi-disciplinary clinic. There are many aspects that must be constantly monitored. Joel observed

patients come in with a great variety of ailments. He was even given the opportunity to help treat some of them by operating the modalities in the rehabilitation center. Joel has gained a valuable perspective on how a clinic is managed.

Joey Hussar has had a wonderful learning experience at **Dimmit Cadillac**. Under the guidance of **Jack R. Doherty, President of Dimmit Cadillac**, Joey learned a great deal about the business world and how to make a business a great success like Dimmitt. Joey was able to experience how Dimmitt Cadillac is undergoing a large renovation project throughout the service area. Dimmitt is trying their hardest to improve an already excellent dealership and as soon as the work is complete all other competition will be left in the dust.

Under the supervision of **Melody Baran, Marine Biologist at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, **Amy Jones** has been granted many opportunities to expand her knowledge of marine animals such as dolphins and sea turtles. Amy has had opportunities to work

with C.M.A.'s Stranding Team. She has been able to work with the trainers and biologists when they conduct physicals on animals. Amy has enjoyed her internship at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium and thoroughly appreciates all the opportunities that she has been given.

Ruth Eckerd Hall has kept **Nikki Marinake** busy this semester. Not only has she gone more in-depth with the positions of **Jeff Hartzog** and **Tyson Smith** in **Technical Operations**, but she has also branched out to work with other departments including House Management. Highlight shows for the semester have included Rent, Carrot Top and Sheryl Crow. Nikki would like to thank the entire Ruth Eckerd Hall staff for making her part of their family and teaching her more than books ever could. She hopes to continue to work with them in the future!

Under the direction of **Dianne Gonzalez** of the **Clearwater Phillies**, **Erica Myers** has been able to observe the business end of a professional baseball team.. Erica has discovered how much work goes into the operation everyday.

Erica saw **DeDe Angelillis**, in charge of office administration and **Media Coordinator Jason Adams** work with people and run the office. She worked with DeDe and Jason on getting programs ready for games, helped promotions by taking schedules to local hotels, and helped with small tasks in the office. Erica's experience has helped her to better understand how a baseball team's office staff works. She is thinking about pursuing a career in the media end of sports now because of this internship.

Under the mentorship of **Lia Richey (Director of Technology) of Jabil Circuit Inc.** **Frank Wan** discovered the life of a businessman. He also learned skill requirements needed, such as leadership qualities, team cooperation and individual work ethics. Frank worked in many occupations within his career interest, he was able to assist and participate in few of the assignments. He found the life of a businessman is fascinating, challenging and constantly interchanging. Frank's experience has convinced him that a career in business is his goal.

DIXIE HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Over the spring semester of 2002-2003, **Russell Sayles, PharmD, R.Ph**, of **All Children's Hospital**, graciously taught Amanda Castillo about the ins and outs of pharmacy. With the added assistance of **Pamela Neely, R.Ph**, and **Kathy Hawkins**, pharmaceutical buyer, Amanda made great strides in her comprehension of the duties of a pharmacist. She learned that pharmacy is more than merely drugs and doses; it's patient care and understanding also. Through her work in the hospital pharmacy, Amanda is planning to pursue a career in the medical field.

DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL

Interning with **Barbra Sandy, Physical Therapist at All Children's Therapy Center** in Largo, **Jacqueline Fusari** was able to achieve a better understanding of the hard work, dedication, and patience it takes to be a therapist. It is so much more than simply stretching and walking. Jacqueline was given the opportunity to interact with the children regularly. She engaged them and even performed

some of their exercises with them. For several weeks, Jacqueline was also involved in Aquatic Therapy, showing her a fun and different approach to accomplish the same goals. This experience has made Jacqueline realize that Physical Therapy just may be her forte.

Brittany Hermann, an intern at **Morton Plant Hospital Emergency Room**, had a once in a lifetime opportunity under the supervision of charge nurse, **Sharon Hart**. Brittany was an intern who not only dealt with studying hospital procedures, but experienced situations dealing with life and death to sutures and seizures. The highlight of her experience was the opportunity to observe three surgeries in the operating room with Dr. Hughes. Her knowledge of medical procedures and terminology was greatly enhanced due to these experiences. All of this has led Brittany to make this her career choice in one day becoming a pediatrician.

Both semesters of the 2002-2003 school year **Arleen Lease** interned at the **Dunedin Public Library** with the authorization of **Sherry Arfa, Circulation Librarian**, and under the supervision of **Lauren**

Smith, Youth Librarian, and **Phyllis Uchirin, Head of Youth Services**. Second semester, Arleen learned what it takes to put together the Youth Summer Reading Program. She did this by researching materials including: available books, relevant kids' websites and assembling materials for crafts. Arleen also learned more about how to search the Sunline computer system used by the Dunedin Public Library and the Pinellas Public Library Cooperative. The best part of the semester's interning was being mistaken for a librarian and being able to help the patrons with their questions or finding the materials they were looking for. Arleen is still not clear on her future career choice, but she enjoys being involved with the library.

For two semesters **Nicholas Vollentine** interned with **David L. Wallace, Jr.**, the co-owner of **David L. Wallace and Associates**, an architecture firm in Dunedin, Florida. While interning at DLW, Nicholas learned to work with an office network of computers and with a server. He also learned to work with x-refs, to create new drawings from existing sheets, and to start and modify site plans with the help of **Rick Coleman**,

Juan Ricuerdes, Jonathan Massarro, and Juan Fonseca. This internship experience helped Nicholas decide to continue with his interest in becoming an architect.

EAST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Assistant State Attorney Katie Scott was EIP student **Lauren Morningstar's** mentor. She showed Lauren many new things. Lauren's time at the State Attorney's Office was time well spent. She was able to meet many young and vibrant attorneys, who are always willing to lend a helping hand. Lauren completed many tasks, such as: working on worthless check cases, reading through depositions, and helping with paper work. She found the workload to be overwhelming and quite repetitive. Lauren was fascinated with the judicial system, but is reconsidering her future in the legal system.

GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL AND GIBBS HS BETA

With the assistance of **GIS Coordinator Kevin Kish, Chris Barber** has learned many of the functions and

assignments of the GIS department of the **City of St. Petersburg**. Chris completed a comparative analysis of two different GIS tools while having no prior knowledge of GIS software as well as attempted to create a Java applet that looked up extensions of other employees. Although he was not successful, Chris enjoyed the research that he did to learn the basics of JDBC. He learned a great deal about both GIS and Java but has decided that neither are something he would want to pursue in the future.

With the help of **Harvey Kasper of Synkey USA, Arthur Fizell** discovered that being in the sales field takes a lot of hard work and dedication. There is a lot of patience needed when competing with other businesses to obtain customers. Arthur teamed up with Mr. Kasper to sell, maintain, and promote the business and in the end learned exactly what it takes to be a business person in this day and age. The activity that Arthur was involved with for his internship changed his mind from going into the computer field to switching into the business field to further his education.

Under the guidance of **Janice McWilliams, Research Pharmacist at Bay Pines VA Medical Center, Blerina Hoxhalli** discovered that there are many career options for a pharmacy professional. Some of the options that Blerina explored included the Nutrition Support Clinic, Ambulatory Medicine, Medical Oncology, and the Psychiatric Pharmacy . She experienced work in the Investigation Drug Pharmacy, Nursing Home Consultation, and Anticoagulation Clinic. Blerina's experience has convinced her to set a professional degree in pharmacy as her goal.

While working in the Business Continuity Planning department of **Raymond James & Associates, Inc.**, under the guidance of **David Schirm and Denise Brown, Robert Lambdon** learned that Information Technology ties the company together in many ways. There are many business processes that must take place during a disaster, most of which require Information Technology in some form. Robert worked with David Schirm, as well as **Sheryl Brownhill**, in compiling a book of mission critical business processes for a

Senior Management Review Board. He then revised the database with the board's recommendations and was able to see the critical functions performed throughout the company. After this experience, Robert decided that a career in Information Technology is what he will pursue.

As an intern under the supervision of **Rich Berman** the head of the Analysis Unit of the **St. Petersburg Police Department**, **Igor Lugonja** learned many skills and acquired important information about this career. There are a lot of administrative tasks to this job and it is not always as fun as people think. Igor assisted his mentor during an important nationwide accreditation assignment. Igor's experience showed him that he also has the necessary administrative skills that will take him to do a better job in this career, which he has decided to pursue.

The experience sponsored by **Anthony Jones** and **Darlene Kalada** of the **Housing Finance Authority of Pinellas County**, gave **Ryan Murphy** the experience of creating an economic study. Through this project, Ryan

realized the extensive work and responsibility that goes into creating an economic study. With the direct help of **Fran Pheeny**, Ryan was able to complete his study on time. The economic analysis was to be used to decide future changes to the policies of the Housing Finance Authorities of Pinellas, Pasco, and Polk counties of Florida. In short the study concluded that for every dollar that the HFA put into a community, it would have an economic return of \$5.70 over 30 years. Ryan certainly learned and experienced another branch of the business world; his experiences were well worth the time and effort.

Sheltered gently under the protective wings of **Mrs. Ka-Rim Troyli** of **American Stage**, **Katrina Roche'** developed a growing love for the theatrical arts while she interned with St. Petersburg's American Stage. After attending Shakespeare in the Park's Romeo & Juliet, the end product of all of the dedication and hard work that Mrs. Troyli and her cohorts go through, Katrina realized an unquenchable appreciation for all of those who dedicate their hearts and lives to the Arts. Through the invaluable

opportunity Katrina was given to participate in actual theatrical production, which she found so amazing, she decided to pursue a minor in drama or costume designing in her upcoming years at the University of South Florida.

With the help of her mentors, **Lee Elliot** and **Rachael Miller** of **I AM Group, Inc.**, **Mirela Setkic** had an opportunity to learn different aspects of advertising/marketing. Advertising is not just about making commercials or designing advertisements, but about finding the "X" factor in your product/service that will stand out from the competition. Mirela had an opportunity to write and edit various news releases for clients, which helped her understand how challenging it is to be successful in the marketing field. Also, Mirela was in charge of putting together different promotional packages and mailing them to television and radio stations, magazines, and newspapers. Mirela's experience helped her to draw a conclusion that a career in advertising is not for her because it's a very risky career and it takes a lot of time and patience in order to finally make it, but her experiences gave her

valuable skills that she can use in any career she chooses.

LARGO HIGH SCHOOL

The hectic office of **Feline Avian and Exotics Animal Hospital** has shown **Sheena Hickey** that **Dr. Diane Perry** certainly doesn't have it easy with screaming cats, emergency surgeries, and cleaning poop! All this and much more sums up a day in the clinic. Sheena has been taught to assist with almost every procedure thanks to the help of Diane Perry and her wonderful staff. This experience has really shown Sheena the "ropes" of becoming a veterinarian and encourages her to pursue her dream.

With the assistance of **Pam Hayes, Verda Ljubuncic** was able to intern at the **Northside Hospital and Heart Institute' Pharmacy Department**. She was able to learn that Pharmacy was the profession she wanted to follow because of her love for Chemistry and medications. Helping people feel better is what the Pharmacy crew at Northside Hospital is achieving daily and she was determined to be a part of that. Verda was able to work with this great crew

and learn much about the profession she is planning to pursue.

Since fall of 2002, **Jennifer Massey** has been assisting **Lisa Lannon** at **Largo Central Elementary School** in teaching a first grade class. During this time, Jennifer has discovered the pros and cons of teaching through presenting lessons, speaking to a large group of students, disciplining unruly behavior, and conducting projects with her class. According to Jennifer, teaching is not as easy as it may seem to a person outside of the profession. Recently, Jennifer learned the process for planning and executing a field trip, which has proved to be the most exciting experience so far in her internship. Through her experience at the elementary school under Lisa Lannon's guidance, Jennifer is now more sure than ever about the career path she chose.

Equither has been making big steps in helping the lives of the handicapped. How might you ask? **Kelly Regnier** a EIP intern at Equither, a handicapped horseback riding therapy center, has put forth some get ideas to help the riders

meet their greatest potential. She help to make up a fun Easter egg hunt and is always there when needed, whether it's to get a horse ready or help a rider get on. Equither is planning a poker run to help raise money Kelly is helping to make sure she is helping when need so Equither can benefit.

At **Northside Hospital and Heart Institute** **Matthew Timm** has received some very good counseling from his sponsor **Pam Hayes**. By getting into the mix of medical life Matthew has learned from many people such as **RN Muriel Pastor** that it takes hard work and long hours to survive at a such a fast paced career. Matthew's internship experience has lead him to the understanding that the medical career takes lots of hard work and diligence and is a very real career goal.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL

With the help of **Dr. Koco Eaton** at **Lakeside Orthopedics Institute**, **Kathryn Crum** has decided that an orthopedic surgeon is exactly the right job for her. Kathryn has been exposed to all aspects of an orthopedic surgeon's

life, including office visits, surgeries, non-surgical techniques and many other things. Kathryn with the help of Dr. Eaton and his physician's assistant **Cara Ferrin**, has learned how to diagnose injuries based on the history, the physical exam, and using tools such as x-rays and MRIs. Kathryn's experience has shown her the day-to-day activities of an orthopedic surgeon and has helped her make the decision to become an orthopedic surgeon.

PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

During her internship at the State Attorney's Office, **Jessica Lindblad** truly enjoyed her time spent there under the guidance of **Susan Mitchell, Assistant State Attorney in Division G Misdemeanors**. Jessica learned a lot about the practice of law and was able to have hands on experience with many different aspects of Misdemeanor crimes. Some of her hands on included the highlighting of police reports, filling out Failure to Appear and Worthless Check forms, and she was even able to learn the CJIS and Lexis Nexis systems on the

computer which allowed for her to help with motions and appeals. She was able to view trials and she even had the opportunity to work on a trial of her own, which she truly enjoyed. The two most exciting things Jessica experienced during her internship were the jail tour and the ride along with the St. Petersburg Police Department. These two experiences allowed her to view the more ugly side of law and the consequences criminals face for their actions. These two things went hand in hand because the ride along allowed her to witness actual crimes taking place, such as speeding tickets, DUI's and gun charges, and the jail tour allowed her to see what actually happens to the people who are charged with crimes. These two experiences truly opened her eyes to the world around her. Jessica's internship at the State Attorney's Office has convinced her that a career in the law field is something that she really wants to pursue. She hopes to one day become a successful attorney and she believes that the knowledge she has gained from her internship has set the foundation of a great career that lies before her.

PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

With the assistance of her sponsor, **Pam Hayes, Emily Chica** has had much experience in **Northside Hospital and Heart Institute**. She attended many operations and was able to learn from many departments. In addition she worked on-on-one with many nurses and Mrs. Hayes [Director of Quality Management]. Furthermore, Emily was amazed on how much work is involved in becoming a doctor. Interning has had such an impact to her, Emily feels that she will excel in studying medicine.

The **Pinellas Association for Retarded Children (PARC)** is known for helping the mentally disabled within the community, and now they **HAVE GIVEN Carmen Foran** the chance to intern there and to learn about non-profit organizations. Under the supervision of **Mr. Elliot Rakofsky the Volunteer Supervisor at PARC**, Carmen was given the chance to experience the many different opportunities PARC gives to the community and to realize that her goal in life is to give aid and hope to those who want to be or need to be given a chance.

SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL

Chief Dave King was **Aaron Bruckler's** sponsor for his Executive Internship at **Largo Fire and Rescue**. During a regular day at his internship site Aaron rode on one of the Fire Apparatus and ran calls. Some of the things he learned were how to take blood pressures, set up IV's, and also how to do a smooth connect. One of the most exciting things that happened to him was going to a car accident. This internship site has shown him that he has chosen the right path for himself and that he wants to be a firefighter.

Participating under the mentorship of **Brenda Collins** at **Tampa Bay's Dance FX**, **Kerrie Danler** realized how patient you must be to become a dance instructor. Kerrie also received direction from other instructors including, **Michelle Reiche**, **Cheryl Murphy**, **Anne Marie Gaige**, and **Tiffany King**. Kerrie developed a relationship with each mentor. She was given the opportunity to teach classes including hip-hop and jazz. Kerrie assisted classes as well as taking her own. She found that this profession truly is the one for her and

looks forward to continuing her career in dance.

Under the diligent and excellent supervision of **Daniel Speaker** of the Network division of MIS for the **City of Pinellas Park**, **Adam DeMilo** found that networking was very interesting. There is a lot of work in keeping everyone happy and working efficiently. Adam saw that everyone in the MIS Department were like a small family. They all showed Adam about the network side and got Adam interested in minoring in Computer Networking. Adam's experience has convinced him to find ways to network games.

In just a few short weeks at the **SPCA of Pinellas County**, under the supervision of **Nora Hawkins**, **Director Marketing and Public Relations**, **Brittany Ferguson**, a senior at Seminole High School, was able to master the art and science of inventory. After reviewing old inventories, good and bad, Brittany was asked by the accounting department to create an inventory system that she felt was appropriate. She included the manufacturer of the item, the item number and the purchase price. She then was asked to

do a physical count of all the inventory and enter it into her newly created list. This was a tedious task, but through this experience, however, Brittany learned how vital it is to keep an accurate record of inventory. She is still very interested in the accounting field and plans to attend the University of North Florida as an accounting or financial services major. In the meantime, she continues to volunteer and work part-time at the SPCA.

Under the guidance of **Ken O'Leary** of **Bright House Networks**, formally Time Warner Communications, **Jennifer Henderson** became knowledgeable in the television productions field. **Ed Bottger** gave Jennifer this opportunity but all the channel 47 crew members helped to enhance her internship. They each spent quality time showing her how to use a camera, Chyron machine, teleprompter, switcher, and audio board. Each excursion became a new obstacle that she would not only conquer but which will indeed be very helpful in her future studies. Channel 47 has enabled Jennifer's experience to be more exciting, enjoyable, and an all around wonderful learning experience.

Under the guidance of **Dina Kenny, Assistant State Attorney**, of the **Office of the State Attorney**, **Natalia Rosochowicz** continued to discover that being an attorney is not all glamour. Lots of hard work and mounds of paperwork are involved in every case. Natalia observed attorneys **Susan Mitchell** and **Liz Jack** tackle various felony trials as well as a few misdemeanors. She helped prepare the pre-trial calendars and assisted with the advisory proceedings. She found arraignments to be particularly interesting. Through her two semesters of internship, Natalia definitely validated that a career as an assistant state attorney is her goal.