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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	Banking	Engineering	Dentistry
Computers	Public Relations	Business	Government/Politics
Medicine	Law Enforcement	Fire and Rescue	Architecture
Advertising	Social Services	Environmental	Marine Science
Communications	Accounting	Education	Cultural
Archeology	Physical Therapy	Media Productions	Veterinary Medicine

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CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL

Under the guidance of **Dr. Greg Savel** of **Myrtle Avenue Pediatrics**, **Amber Cyr** discovered that being a pediatrician is not all fun. There is a lot of hard work in caring for Patients. Amber saw Medical Assistants administer different shots and vaccines, she worked alongside nurses to do many rapid strep tests, and observed different doctors with very different techniques in examining patients. She found the process of pediatric checkup to be interesting. Amber's experience has convinced her that a career in pediatrics is her goal.

Under the supervision of **Jason Powers** in **White Development Company**, **Justin Dean** has realized the legal side of development, yet still realizes how enjoyable it is. Legal understanding, communication, and cooperation are all basic aspects of the developing process. Justin Dean has worked cooperatively with Jim White and Less Porter in their production of 180 Carillon. He has been informed of the ethics and

skills needed to be in the developing business. Justin's time there has been enjoyable and has understood the multitude of the business.

With the aid and supervision of **Robert Loynes** in the **Engineering/Construction Department of Brighthouse Communications**, **Michael Georgopoulos** has realized that engineering and design is a complex yet enjoyable profession.

Communication, cooperation, and a proactive work ethic are all primary aspects to the success of this designing position. Michael has worked intensively with **Phuonglan Hoang** and **Glenn Wickett** to design the cable layout of a number of area complexes all over the county. He has been educated with all the essentials of mapping and design from amplifiers to terminators. Michael's experience has proven to him that a profession in engineering and design could quite possibly be among the careers he wishes to pursue in the years to come.

COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Life has take another surprising turn for intern **Jennifer Converse** as she works weekly at **Animal and Bird Medical Center of Palm Harbor**. Under the close supervision of sponsor **Joy Wallace**, Jennifer is able to get up close and personal with cats, dogs, birds, snakes, and iguanas, on a daily basis. There is no such thing as a typical day at the hospital, something exciting is always happening. There's always a dog to hold, a cat to comfort, or a bird to play with. Jennifer just completed a full day in the receptionist area where she got to see what it is really like to deal with customers and the pets they love so dearly. Jennifer looks forward to going into her internship as often as possible and is sure that a career in animals is the only thing for her.

While **Kira Hall** has been interning at **Morton Plant Hospital** under **Ruth Anne Achterhof**, she has decided that she will definitely be pursuing a career in medicine. Kira has been able to work in the emergency room as well as

observe surgery in the operating rooms. She really enjoys assisting the employees in the emergency room with taking patient's vital signs, drawing blood, and performing EKG's, as well as watching surgery. Open heart surgery has been the favorite of Kira. She has realized that along with the medical aspect of health care, there is much personal and social care and contact involved. These experiences have prepared Kira and confirmed her desire to become a medical doctor.

Working in the marketing department of **Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority**, has been a tremendous influence on **Kayla L. Kosloski's** future career plans. Interning at Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, with **Rachel Lee** as her sponsor, Kayla looks forward to interning everyday and thinking about her goals in marketing. Rachel is the marketing coordinator for PSTA and has taken Kayla under her wing and taught her many aspects of the marketing strategies and how to properly market a corporation. Kayla will be with PSTA till December and is looking forward to presenting her ideas in front of her fellow classmates.

The sense of urgency and expectation of the offices of **Infinite Vitality** surround **Rebecca Rodimer** as soon as she arrives. The marketing efforts of her internship under **Dr. Stephanie Bien** and **Dr. Brian Wolstein** have provided a glimpse of the way businesses are grown and nurtured. **Dr. Jed Webber** and **Dr. Brian "Chivas" James** were dynamic in their interviews for Channel 13's segment, on the practice and their expertise was convincing to even the most skeptical viewer. Rebecca's experience in dealing with magazine covers, television filming sessions and live radio interviews have sold her on the excitement of marketing as well as the value of a healthy lifestyle!

While working at **DMJM Aviation**, under the supervision of **Associate Vice President Paul Piro**, **Andrew Van Every** got to see what was involved in designing an airport runway. Andrew worked with **Ron Irrgang**, **Michael Washington**, **Ron Carignan** and **Diane Chen**, another intern, on AutoCAD checking over specifications for errors, as well as assisting them in any other way necessary. He found the career field of engineering fascinating and

will most likely see his degree in this field when he attends college next year.

DIXIE HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

While interning at **St. Petersburg General Hospital's Emergency Room Department** under **Diane Conti, R.N.**, **Auriel James** gained new insight in the medical field. Auriel was intrigued by how a group of people could work together to save lives everyday. She learned how serious the nursing field can be and also how exciting it can be. Auriel was able to work in triage where she took vital signs, enjoying the chance to work one-on-one with patients. Auriel's experience was more than she expected and she became more interested in pursuing this career field.

Margaret Strever interned with fifth grade teacher **Leslie Andrews-Strahl** at **Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Elementary School**.

DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL

Lauren Grimsley interned with **Larry Dominie** in **Physical Therapy** at **Morton Plant Hospital**.

With **Jay Inouye**, trainer for the **Toronto Blue Jays**, as his sponsor, **Ryan McKenzie** has learned what it is like to be a trainer and be responsible for other trainers in an organization. There are many different aspects of being a trainer. Ryan has learned that it is not all about fixing physical injuries but also helping with the mental hazards that go along with an injury to a professional athlete. Ryan assists Jay everyday at the Mattick Training center in Dunedin. Ryan also assists Jay's assistants **Mike Frostad** and **Andrew Muccio**, they are both certified athletic trainers employed by the Blue Jays. Ryan's internship with Jay Inouye has assured him that he wants to proceed in a career in this field.

Cameron Scholderer interned with **Dan Stone, Human Resources Director** at the **Clearwater Beach Marriott Suites on Sand Key**.

EAST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Although many high school students have an idea about what they want to do, **Dariusz Gordon** at the **Center Of Ocean Technology** who was sponsored by **Hope**

Botterbush has gotten more than just theoretical experience at his future career field. Not many students get to experience the career they want before going to college. **Dariusz** attends his internship at C.O.T. because he wants to become a Mechanical Engineer, which now he is beginning to enjoy more and more. He has been performing some of the same type of work as the **Engineer Mark Holly** he works with, though at a beginner level. He has had one of the greatest experience's of his life and is looking forward to all the different things he will continue to learn more in depth in the future.

With the support of **Brenda Gomez** of the **Lockheed Martin Corporation**, **Brent Herold** found that being a product support engineer is a very hard job. You must learn so many new things that have nothing to do with the degree you receive in college. Brent worked with engineers, **Brenda Gomez** and **Salome Urena**, on labels for wire processes, learned how a process is created and finished, and revised the parts' lists, wire lists, and drawings in some of the process files. He really enjoyed working on "the floor", learning how a

wire process is made. Brent's encounter working with the engineers has made him realize he wants to pursue a career in engineering as his goal.

With the help of **Heather Visali** and many of her colleagues at the **State Attorney's Office**, **Jessica Leibowitz** realized that law is a profession she can see herself practicing once out of college. It takes a lot of work to prosecute someone. She has learned how to organize arraignment files so the lawyers have what they need within arm's reach. Jessica's favorite activity was going on the jail tour. She really learned a lot of from that experience. Jessica's internship has shown her that criminal law is not out of reach for her.

Intrigued with the fashion industry, **Danielle Malin** took advantage of her internship opportunity to immerse herself in the production process of **Tropical Sportswear International**, under the guidance of **David Storhaug**. Danielle discovered that not everything is as creative and interesting as she imagined, as there are many tedious steps and obstacles encountered in producing a product. Danielle had the

good fortune to work beside **Beata Collazo** and **Mike D. Mitchell**, **Product Managers**. She learned WebPDM, a computer program, and input information into a Data Base, as well. Also, she worked with **Luz Nunez**, **Technical Designer**. Luz showed her how to do drawings of products on a program called Corel. Danielle especially enjoyed this as it allowed her to use her art talents. She determined that she does not particularly enjoy all the numbers and non-creative aspects of product merchandising, however this internship at TSI has influenced Danielle to continue working toward her goal of fashion design amidst the fast-paced and creative world of the fashion industry.

Interning for **Anne Brezenski, R. Ph.** at **CVS/Pharmacy** gave **Monika Masoud** the knowledge and benefit of seeing what pharmacists do on a daily basis. Some of her work experiences were: learning how to pull medications from the shelf, filling prescriptions and interacting with her co-workers, T.J, Brian, Mike, David, Patt, and Abby. Monika also learned that, when working as a team, she and her co-workers

always got tasks accomplished on time. From working with and observing what a pharmacist does, Monika discovered the many responsibilities and duties required of a pharmacist. Because she was able to shadow and work with **Anne Brezenski** in a hands-on environment during her internship, Monika gained firm direction in the pursuit of her future profession. This internship has been especially meaningful for Monika because she enjoyed the challenge of achieving the many goals she set for herself.

While completing her internship at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** under the supervision of her sponsor, **Ellen Schrock**, **Courtney McPherson** had a wonderful experience. On a regular day, Courtney spent much of her time observing new and exciting surgical procedures that she later investigated on the Internet when she went home. She learned a lot about the human body and about the medical environment, both at a hospital and in the operating room itself. She assisted with setting up the operating rooms and learned quite a bit about sterilization and basic procedures when dealing

with patients in surgery. Courtney was most interested in meeting new people who were excited to work with such a young student. Courtney wanted to pursue a career in medicine before she started this internship, and now she is set on achieving that goal.

Under the supervision of **Jason Waz** of **Sports and Orthopedic Rehabilitation Services**, **Zack Stein** was exposed to the pros and cons of physical therapy. Unfamiliar with the evaluation process, Zack began to see that each patient has to be diagnosed separately and each case handled with care. Zack viewed therapists, **Mike Camp**, **Jason Waz**, and **Craig Strobel** work on patients individually utilizing hands-on activities and adjustments to certain body parts. Zack worked and assisted patients in their exercises, answered any questions that he could, and strapped them onto electric stimulation apparatus at the end of everyday exercises. Zack found it very interesting how certain patients relate to pain, some being much more tolerant than others. Also, Zack received great satisfaction after patients completed their daily routine and left with less pain, knowing that

he contributed to those results. Zack's experience at SORS has influenced him to continue on the path of physical therapy and take it up as a career.

Mike Worley, Manager of the Flight and Cueing Systems Department at Canadian Aviation Electronics, assisted in giving **Martin Szczuczynski** the best possible internship experience. Martin learned that software engineering is all about organizing data and conducting tests on it; mainly to retrieve even more information to be used in the composure of software. Some of these processes can take up to one month and can be quite arid at times. Martin found it interesting that every single piece of data is used in the construction of their flight simulators. Martin was given many tasks by a couple software engineers, **Kim Quach** and **James Pettengill**, to compile data using software programs like Microsoft Excel and Microsoft Word. He got to do some data entry, data transferal, data revisions, and even some data testing using software templates specific to the subject of the data. He got to attend a teleconference with the mother CAE company in Montreal, Canada

concerning issues dealing with the final construction of the Little Black Bird Helicopter Simulator held in the Tampa CAE. Martin was astonished to learn of all the possible objectives that needed to be complete before a simulator can be sold. Martin's experience has enlightened him on the reality of being a software engineer.

Interning at **Dr. Christina Rudman's Northwood Commons Dental Office** was one of the best experiences of her high school career for intern **Rose Tabib**. She enjoyed her time at the internships and was dedicated to interacting with both patients and staff each day. Rose worked hands on with **Hygienist Sue Sasko**, who always gave her an extra push by allowing her to chart gum pocketing . Assistants **Jo Vogel** and **Lorita Levy** helped Rose whenever she had a question that needed answering or a goal to achieve. Learning how to take dental impressions, make temporary teeth, and most importantly, get the basic idea of what to expect in dental hygiene made Rose proud and self-confident. She found the atmosphere and staff a delight and looked forward to going to the office every

day. Rose's experience has definitely been life changing, and she is certain Dental Hygiene is her career goal.

Assistant State Attorney, Rene Bauer, sponsored intern, **Piotr Urbanski**, to work with her to see the real world of law in the Criminal Justice Building. There, Piotr had many diverse responsibilities such as preparing check cases and domestic violence files. One of Piotr's other duties was learning to use the Criminal Justice Information System to double check a range of information for casework. Piotr's time at the State Attorney's Office has given him a new outlook on the law profession and inspired a few new career possibilities, such as working as a Public Defender.

GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL AND GIBBS HS BETA

Under the supervision of **Tony Scognamiglio, Vice President of Claims for American Strategic Insurance Corporation**, **William Auer** worked diligently to learn about the insurance business through Florida's 2004 hurricane season. Besides learning

about insurance, Billy learned a lot about what it takes to survive in the real world. He discovered that in the business there is much to learn and that you must learn it well. Billy found it difficult but necessary to speak to many different people on the phone who had been devastated by the hurricanes over the course of a few months. It was especially difficult if the clients were angry; Billy learned a lot about dealing with people in the process of learning about the insurance business. Working in the business environment gave Billy much to think about in considering future goals, but he still has career decisions to make.

Ashley Gray, who interned at **Douglas Jamerson Elementary School** under the guidance of **Patricia Van Driessche**, discovered that being a teacher takes a lot of patience and effort. It is not a piece of cake: from developing lesson plans to carrying them out. With assistance from Mrs. Van Driessche, Ashley learned how to do one-on-one conferences, maintain a successful reading group, and how to create and follow a lesson plan. Ashley also found the part of going on field trips the

most fascinating part of the job. Ashley's outstanding experience at one of the most well respected schools in Pinellas County convinced her that becoming a fourth grade teacher should be her number one ambition.

While being overseen by **Debbie Williams, Supervisor IT Administration, Brian Johnston** had an excellent internship experience at **Raymond James Financial**. He interned in the Information Technology department, where he found that sitting before a computer and problem solving is what he loves to do. Brian had to interpret exactly what people wanted him to do in the requests that would come in through AnswerNet, a program that would display tasks that needed to be accomplished. He assisted in creating and terminating user accounts, as well as updating phone numbers in the Global Address Book. Brian accomplished many small network tasks, and his experience has helped him find his dream for his work life.

An entrepreneur and webmaster, **Dewey Davis-Thompson of Internet Adept**, helped **Damir Jokic** further develop his web

designing and technical skills. Damir soon found that there is a lot of hard work put into making a professional looking web page. It was not as easy as people think. Problems can arise while making web pages as Damir found out, but he developed skills in researching and resolving them. This experience made him realize that this just might be the career for him. Damir was inspired by the way Dewey Thompson runs his own company and liked being his own boss. Being a webmaster is a great career for the person who can manage tasks and timelines independently, something Damir learned he could do. Damir has set his career goal to create and operate his own web company.

Ivan Krekovic saw the true face of video editing when he was given some hands-on editing experience at the **WSPF-TV Channel 35** studio under the direction of **Cathi Brake, Station Manager**. He learned that editing was not just sitting down and starting to work on the video. The video had to be built up from scratch by gathering footage. Then, the footage had to be searched for the good shots and those selections digitized. Ivan learned a lot through observing

Eric VanBillington work on his video projects and asking many questions about the editing program. Understanding all the steps necessary to edit video successfully gave Ivan opportunities and considerations. He was able to apply his knowledge to a personal project when his sister put Ivan in charge of filming and editing her wedding video. On the other hand, understanding the demands and complexities of video editing gave Ivan things to think about as he considers a career in video editing.

Under the mentorship of **Commissioner Calvin D. Harris of the Pinellas County Commissioners Office, Keti Krekovic** discovered and learned that dealing with citizens and trying to make society better day in and day out is a challenge. There are many responsibilities and tasks that must be taken care of. Keti took a good look at the work Commissioner Harris does on a daily basis. In dealing with different citizens and business people all over the county, it is very hard to make everybody happy. That is why the person doing this kind of job needs to know the priorities: what comes first and what's the best for everyone. Each of

her experiences was interesting and challenging. Keti's experiences have convinced her that she needs to work harder and never give up to make it in business and government because that is what she really wants to pursue as a career – now more than anything.

Dwayne Martins, while under the management of **Michael Korosi, Systems Administrator for Kane's Furniture Corporation**, learned that being a Systems Administrator is not just sitting at a desk watching the server screen and pressing buttons. Dwayne is part of the Lantech for the MIS department. Dwayne theorized that it would be a boring, simple job with few tasks, but he was wrong. Dwayne found out that a Systems Administrator does perform simple, repetitive tasks, but for less than half of the time. He learned that most of the time the Systems Administrator was busy outside of rooms diagnosing and resolving network issues. Dwayne worked with Mike three days a week, one day of which he imaged PC's for all of the Kane's stores whose systems were being upgraded. Although Dwayne thought this was a desk job, his perspective

has changed dramatically, and he now plans to do this career for the rest of his life.

LaQuail Powell was an intern at the **Twenty Second Street Redevelopment Corporation, Inc.**, where her sponsor, **Mrs. Sheryl Harvey**, was the Main Street manager. Mrs. Harvey, along with board members of Twenty Second Street Redevelopment Corporation and other Main Street supporters, continues to have a lot of work to accomplish with Main Street and the corridor, although extensive improvements are already in place. Originally, LaQuail desired a placement in accounting, where she could work independently, but LaQuail found that meeting and working with new and important people could be exciting as well. Mrs. Harvey and LaQuail participated in City Council meetings, where she met the mayor, deputy mayor, and three city council representatives. It was fascinating to LaQuail to find these influential people to be very down to earth in person. As a result of her internship experience, LaQuail may reconsider her career path, aside from her general goal to become an

accountant, because she enjoyed helping with the redevelopment of Twenty Second Street South, and she liked meeting and working with a variety of people.

Thomas Shanabarger interned at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium** under the supervision of biologists **Mike Anderson** and **Melissa Koberna** for the fall 2004

semester. On a daily basis he participated in food prep for dolphins, cleaned turtle tanks and gave public presentations for the various aquarium exhibits. On special occasions he had the experience of being allowed to swim with dolphins and to work with the river otters. Having been given this wonderful opportunity, Tom has decided to reach for a career in marine biology in hopes of getting a job with such a fun and interesting organization.

LAKESWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

Yury Riascos began her internship with **Alvina Miller, Director of Business Assistance** for the **Saint Petersburg Chamber of Commerce** in August 2004. During her internship she learned a lot

about the city of Saint Petersburg and the small businesses of Pinellas County. One of Yury's recurrent responsibilities was to set up for the Entrepreneurial Academy, which meets each Wednesday. She also had many opportunities to interact with various business owners, which was pretty exciting. She also met many influential members of the city and county and state. Her internship experience has prompted Yury to really search for a career related to business development and other aspects of her work with the economic development branch of the Saint Petersburg Chamber of Commerce.

LARGO HIGH SCHOOL

While interning at **Largo Central Elementary School's** library, with **Deborah Cherryholmes, Sarah Bishop** found that being a library information specialist is not always easy, but it could be fun. Though keeping the books on the shelf and the computers in line was a rough task, Deborah showed Sarah that it could be done with a smile on their faces and a positive word on their lips. Sarah

came to understand that a lot of work was put into school functions such as the book fair. She found that getting books ready for shelving could be an exciting way to find out about different materials students may want to check out. She also learned that keeping the computers in the school connected and working took much more work than she thought. Sarah's experience has left her breathless, but sure that a career in the library sciences is more perfect for her than ever before.

Dorjan Kraja obtained much information working with the guidance counselor of **Largo Central Elementary School, Ms. Carol Bouffard**. He has witnessed and participated in the development of many kids in the school. He learned that working with kids is not all fun and games; it is hard work since it takes patience and understanding. Dorjan Kraja worked with kids one on one, and in groups. It is his understanding that kids tend to behave much better when they do not receive the influence of their peers. He had come to the conclusion by examining their actions in both scenarios. He finds the psychology of a progressing individual

fascinating. He is influenced to pursue a career in psychiatry more than ever.

OSCEOLA HIGH SCHOOL

At the end of her junior year, **Regina Harris** decided to look into the Executive Internship Program. She hadn't heard that much about the program, but it seemed very interesting. She received information in the mail, liked what she read, and decided to apply. That was one of the best choices she could have made for her senior year. The class and her internship helped her so much as a person and as a student. Regina chose to intern for nursing at **Saint Petersburg General Hospital** under the guidance of **Mrs. Pam Eaton, R.N., OB Manager**. As an intern, she worked in the Nursery and Postpartum Unit. Regina knew that as a high school student intern, there would be limits to what she would be able to do in the nursery or out on the floor; but the staff carefully taught Regina what she needed to know in order to be able to help them in any way allowable. She learned invaluable lessons from the nurses, professionally and

personally, who made Regina feel like part of their staff. Regina had a wonderful learning experience in the classroom and at the hospital and thanks Mrs. Eaton, the staff of Saint Petersburg General, and the coordinators of the EIP for the chance at a life altering experience.

PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

While working with **Dereck Capaz** and **Lauren Dabule** at the **State Attorney's Office**, **Kevin Chambers** got an inside look at what being a state attorney is all about. Being a state attorney demands an extreme amount of time and effort every minute of every day. Kevin got to see many of the assistants argue their cases in court, help prepare trials for court, and even complete some everyday tasks such as worthless check cases. Kevin got to use the computer to look up defendants' prior records and use that information to help create a sentence for the defendant's case. This experience has convinced Kevin that a career as an attorney is what he wants.

Aaron Fetrow, and intern of **Salome Urena** of **Lockheed Martin**, learned

much about the field of engineering. He learned that it is not always hands-on building, but sitting at a desk with a blueprint and corresponding information that needed to be put together. He also worked with fellow engineer **Brenda Ramos**, who showed Aaron how much effort goes in to designing a process and how much needed to be done. He learned that what he thought was engineering was different. He decided to pursue this career, but more toward Automotive engineering instead.

Under the guidance of all nurses of the **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital Women's Center**, **Amanda Henderson** realized that nursing is not an easy job. Taking care of laboring women and their babies can be very stressful! Amanda observed numerous Caesarean-sections with nurses **Diane Maida** and **Debbie Ausse**, and has seen two vaginal births with these nurses as well. The first vaginal birth she ever witnessed was a very exciting and eye-opening experience. She helped feed and take care of the infants and performed many small tasks for the nurses at the front desk. Her front desk work included

handling phone calls, answering patient pages, stocking supplies, filling out paperwork, etc.

Amanda fell in love with the nursing profession and made up her mind that nursing is the best career for her.

Even though she'd heard a lot of great things about her placement, **Kristen Pendley** was a bit nervous before starting her internship at **Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Student Education Center**. All of these nerves disappeared, however, the day she set foot in the school. By her second week, Kristen was fascinated with all that went on at Paul B. Stephens. She's enjoyed personally interacting with the elementary students in **Jan Neff's** class, as well as observing speech classes, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and going on rounds with the nurses. This experience has not only been educational for Kristen, but personal as well. She's found the joy and humbling innocence of these children refreshing and encouraging. Because love for these children is infectious for all who cross their path, Kristen has decided that in her future occupation as a pediatrician, she'd like to

specialize in treating special needs children.

PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Catherine Colson would like to thank **Steve Putnam, Executive Vice President of Raymond James Financial** for allowing her to experience what it was like to be a professional intern. He had to make many business trips to the London facility throughout the semester. During the days Mr. Putnam was away his executive assistant, **Marie-Joielle Ingalls** provided many useful tips and incites on how to become successful in life. The Executive Internship Program has given Catherine Colson the opportunity to experience the work place of a cooperation that she hopes to work for later in life. She is forever grateful to her coordinator Dr. Mary Black, for setting her up with such a great place to work at. Catherine Colson was able to gain characteristics through interning such as being organized, being an independent worker, and a team player. Catherine Colson will forever benefit, as she can now walk away knowing that Business is

the career field that she wishes to pursue in college.

SAINT PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Leann Goree learned more and had more fun than she ever imagined possible at **Jabil Circuit Inc.** with **Violet Ziolkowska** during the fall semester. Leann was interested in international business and Jabil's Legal Department provided the perfect opportunity for her to witness the complexities of maintaining a global corporation first hand. Leann reviewed international compliance manuals, researched information in Jabil's database, and interviewed **Jabil's General Counsel Bob Paver**. She was also able to take a tour of Jabil's manufacturing facility with Jan Zworecki. Leann thoroughly enjoyed Jabil's casual yet efficient atmosphere. Her experience at Jabil has reaffirmed her desire to major in International Business and has also inspired her to consider studying more specifically in the field of Corporate Law. Leann will continue to intern at Jabil for the spring semester.

While interning for **Marc Plotnick, Assistant State Attorney** at the Office of the State Attorney, **Emily VanOosting** was able to work on many different things, including bad check cases, non-arrest files. She also had the opportunity to watch many court proceedings, including arraignments, pre-trials, and actual trials for DUI and Murder! Emily was able to be there and help while Mr. Plotnick prepped upcoming trials as well. It was so much fun to learn in this way that Emily would recommend that every eligible student do this program!!

SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL

Jennifer Redfering, M.S., LMHC, Impact Coordinator for Big Brothers Big Sisters of Pinellas County, taught **Ashley Hester** that there is more to social work than one would expect. Under Jennifer's direction, Ashley learned about case notes and home visits, among other things. Ashley enjoyed the home visits the most and found them exciting. She also learned valuable lessons when working with Amy Mitchel, Bibi Goeddert, and Sally Tietz. They showed her the

other aspects and tasks that must be performed to continue the success of Big Brothers Big Sisters throughout the community. As a result of her experience, Ashley became a volunteer and contributor to several BBBS projects and decided that she will plan for a career in some aspect of social work.

Stephanie Rice would like to thank the nurses and staff of **Saint Petersburg General Hospital** for their time in mentoring her. In particular, **Pam Eaton, R.N., OB Manager**, was gracious to provide significant learning experiences for her. Stephanie, as part of an extraordinary program, the Executive Internship Program, learned numerous invaluable lessons - not only practically in the medical field - but also about life. The staff welcomed her wholeheartedly and took her in. She was able to experience the joys and the difficulties of the career which she hopes to pursue. Stephanie would like to thank the nurses because they enabled her to pinpoint the field she enjoyed the most. She will always be very grateful that she was able to participate in EIP..

TARPON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

At **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, under the supervision of **Dianne Maida, Kristin Bowen** was inspired to fulfill her life long dream of becoming a nurse. She was able to observe labors, both vaginally and by C/section, assist nurses with baby care, witness a circumcision and experience many other aspects of labor, delivery and nursery care. Kristin found that she loved to work with babies and help with their aftercare. She also discovered that the close relationship between a nurse and her patient was a very important factor in why she chose nursing as her future profession. Kristin's experience was both very rewarding and beneficial.

Annita Ginnis interned at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, under the supervision of **Registered Nurse Management, Karen Santos**. While interning in the field of anesthesiology, she realized that this profession was much more work than she anticipated. The anesthesiologist has to go through medical backgrounds to make sure he or she does not give a drug overdose which can

lead to death. Annita also learned how to intubate a patient. Intubating is the process of putting tubes down the throat and into the lungs. The most exciting procedure she saw was a carpal tunnel surgery done on a family friend. This internship has influenced Annita because she now has a better outlook of what to expect in her chosen career.

While **William Mintz** attended his internship at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, and under the supervision of **Melissa Koberna**, he learned many things.. He learned that going into the field of Marine Biology wasn't exactly what he thought it would be, but it was still a great experience. The daily tasks at the CMA included

various things such as: food preparation for dolphins, at least one presentation, backwashed turtle tanks, and cleaned the food prep room. He learned that marine mammal trainers don't always interact with their specimens, their job dealt with observations, and daily written logs about the marine mammals. The most exciting thing that William done, was that he went to the beach and found turtle nests that didn't hatch, and see if they survived the weathering from major hurricanes, thanks to **Mike Anderson** for that event. The experience that his internship had given him will always be remembered, and the influence that it instilled in him, made him want to go into the field of Marine Biology even more.

Ali Molino interned at **Helen Ellis Rehab Physical Therapy Center**, and was supervised by **David Tobey** and **Ryan Grella**. There was a lot of hard work and many hands-on opportunities for Ali in Physical Therapy. Ali also made rounds with and observed **Bonnie Bancroft** and **Chris Coleman**. While interning with these staff members, she learned how to do evaluations, how to complete required forms and paperwork, and PT terminology, as well. She reported that she really likes this career of Physical Therapy and enjoyed the internship opportunity which allowed her to experience her future field of endeavor.

SPRING 2004-2005

COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

With sponsor **Liz Kaye, Director of Medical Education**, on her side, **Jennifer Converse's** has been a great success at **Northside Hospital and Heart Institute**. Working in the **Emergency Room** with **Donna Newhard** was a life changing experience for Jennifer. She has seen everything from the common cold to lacerations of the head to broken bones. Each one was different and unique. Jennifer has learn a lesson about health care from each patient and enjoyed attending her internship every chance she had. Next year, as Jennifer attends the University of Central Florida, she will start her training to become a nurse.

As the year and semesters progressed in her Executive Internship at **Morton Plant Hospital**, with the help of sponsor **Karin Williams**, Kira Hall realized how great her passion for her future profession was. A doctor has a lot of responsibility and being at the hospital so often really showed her how much work

goes into it. Kira observed the daily routines of the hospital and even got to observe surgery while also volunteering in the hospital. Kira now knows that eventually she will become Dr. Hall. The experiences gained from the internship were invaluable to her and she is pursuing a career in medicine.

DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL

With his new sponsor, **Mike Frostad**, with the **Toronto Blue Jays**, **Ryan McKenzie** has gained more and more knowledge of what it is like to be an athletic trainer and run a training room. Ryan has had the chance to meet many Major League players such as Greg Zaun and Erik Hinske. He has learned many procedures and exercises used in a professional baseball training room. Ryan believes that the experiences that he has had with the Executive Internship Program can't compare to anything else; he has learned so much more then he would have in a classroom. Ryan has enjoyed his time with the

Blue Jays, but is undecided if he will pursue a career in the field of athletic training.

With the assistance and guidance of **Dan Stone, Human Resources Director**, **Cameron Scholderer** has been excelling at the **Clearwater Beach Marriott Suites on Sand Key**. He has learned what it is to be a true team player. Cameron now understands the importance of a General Manager's responsibilities such as arriving early and staying late when needed. He has also become very dependable, and the Marriott staff can depend on him to get the job done. Cameron has learned that hard work can mean promotions and a successful career in hotel management. Cameron will pursue this field in college.

EAST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Under the supervision of **Karen Santos** and **Lois Petrosky** in the **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital Operating Room**, **Heather Corley, ELHS**, has observed many exciting cases and has experienced

the OR's intense atmosphere. Heather watched many doctors including Dr. Dinapoli and Dr. Emerson perform surgeries such as total hip replacements and vertebral bone fusions. She was fortunate to observe these doctors during the most extreme cases. Heather's experience has convinced her that the medical field is a definite career goal for her future.

Darek Gordon a high school student at East Lake is continuing his internship this year at the **USF Center for Ocean Technologies** under the supervision of a **Mechanical Engineer Mark Holly**. He has learned just about everything there is to know about the BSOP project which he is working on. He has been enjoying his internship and helps out in every area that he is capable in helping in. He has done many deployments and has even showed people at October fest what the BSOP is capable of. Overall this internship has helped Darek decide to go through with the many years of education needed to be a Mechanical Engineer.

Locally there has been a buzz in the **Pharmacy Department of Helen Ellis**

Memorial Hospital, as intern tech **Elliot Lewis**, prepares to make his departure. Lewis, through a Dual-Enrolment program of Pinellas County Schools and St. Petersburg College known as Executive Internship (EIP), has been interning at said hospital pharmacy for quite some time now. There, under the expert supervision of **Director of Pharmacy, Dr. John Nicely**, Lewis has come to represent a nearly essential role in the day-to-day proceedings of the Pharmaceutical Department. Among other things, Lewis has taken on the role of "Repackaging Expert", and "Professional Order Picker-Upper". Lewis, who was training his replacement interns, Monica and Kristen, comments that "(he) can only hope that there is enough time to fully prepare (Monica and Kristen) for the incredible responsibility that is being passed on to them". He later remarked about the seriousness of his job, "being that most of (HEMH) patients are elderly and feeble, a drug mix-up could prove to be very fatal". Lewis is departing the HEMH Pharmacy to try his hand in the Microbiology Lab, and perhaps to gain an internship at a local Publix

Pharmacy "to get a broader perspective of the field".

With the guiding hand of **Heather Visali, ASA**, at the **State Attorney's Office**, Jessica Leibowitz found that being an Assistant State Attorney was a lot of hard work, and specifically, that Heather's job was most interesting. Jessica assisted Heather with her check files so she didn't get backed up with them. She found interviewing the police officers for trial the most exciting part of her internship. From this learning experience Jessica discovered that law is composed of the large variety of casework

Under the guidance of **David Storhaug of Tropical Sportswear Int'l, Danielle Malin**, came to the realization that being an associate in a manufacturing company is not always "perfect". You are not always guaranteed your job. Danielle saw a company go through bankruptcy and proceed to recover. She watched as associates found out the news they had been dreading and their desperate pleas for jobs to support themselves and their families. Danielle's experience has led her to the realization that your

career can be changed in any second, and you might not necessarily have an option.

With **Tammy Brockman's** supervision and guidance, **Tracy Millard**, has learned a great deal about the field of athletic training, a profession that is now gaining an important public image. Every day is different in Athletic Training. There is always some new injury to attend to or new exercises to supervise during rehabilitation. Tracy observed and assisted Tammy with taping ankles and wrists, hamstring stretches, and various other daily activities at **East Lake High School** in the Trainer's Room from 1:30-2:30 each afternoon and at all home games. Tracy's experience has been enjoyable, and has reassured her that this is really what she wants to do after she graduates from college.

Closely watched by **Stephanie Smith of Ruth Eckerd Hall, Melinda Pena**, realized what an amazing talent it takes to have the patience and organization to be a Special Events Coordinator. Being a part of most events taking place at the Hall, she has learned many new skills

and has gotten many opportunities to demonstrate her friendly personality. Being able to work with many wonderful co-workers including: **Heather Springer, Lee Behensky, Denise Levshock, Laura Jeffers, Gregory Wrights, Tami Alderman, Kathy Rabon**, and our newest member to the Special Events staff, **Nancy Honderich**, made her more comfortable in the work area. It was exciting for her being able to work most of the events and being able to inject her own opinion when asked in how some of the decorations should be handled. This internship has definitely made Melinda head toward a career in this field of Special Events Coordinator.

With the aid and supervision of **Diane Maida, R.N at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Kristen Pusch**, experienced what nurses in the obstetrics department do on a daily basis. Kristen quickly learned how much time and skill it required to work in that type of environment. Kristen spent most of her time assisting and observing the nurses while they were working on the newborn babies. She helped feed the babies, give them baths, and spent a lot of time holding them. She

also got the chance to watch a surgical procedure, and learned how important it was to keep everything in the room sterile and to keep all the instruments in the correct order. All in all Kristen feels that interning at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital has helped guide her in the right direction of her future career.

Under **Ed Reilly's** supervision and the guidance of **Chris Thatcher of Smiths Aerospace Industries, Martin Szczuczynski** was enlightened on the reality of aerospace engineering and the liability associated with it. The work can sometimes be difficult, not in a sense that the work is hard once you know what to do, but that it can be extremely difficult to figure out solutions. From working with parts that are able to control the aircraft by itself to working with parts that open and close valves to regulate fuel flow; Martin was able to observe all this and was able to actually get some hands-on work regardless of liability but of course under the extreme supervision of Chris Thatcher. Martin mostly dealt with the testing of the equipment after repairs were made. Martin is starting to believe that this exact type of aerospace

engineering may not necessarily suit him but he realizes that he actually enjoys testing things. Regardless of this experience, Martin still aims for a career in aerospace engineering.

Having had an opportunity to intern with **Lynette Price** at **Brooker Creek Elementary** in a kindergarten class, **Kalyn Sikorski** now sees the reality of what it takes to become a teacher. Kalyn became very familiar with what goes on everyday in the classroom, from helping the kids read to doing math. Kalyn never understood what it took to be a teacher of the younger ages. The amount of patience and love for the job is what kept her interested and what will get her to go back and learn more. Also, Kalyn received great satisfaction back from the students when they would understand the lesson due to an explanation she had given them. This experience taught Kalyn a lot about the field of teaching and she still wishes to pursue this profession after being guided under Lynette Price.

Interning at **Dr. Christina Rudman's Northwood Commons Dental Office** for the third semester was one of the best experiences

of her high school career for intern **Rose Tabib**. She enjoyed her time at the internships and was dedicated to interacting with both patients and staff each day. Rose worked hands on with Hygienist **Helen Boise**, who always gave her an extra push by allowing her to chart gum pocketing. Assistants **Lorita Levy** and **Mary Delgado** helped Rose whenever she had a question that needed answering or a goal to achieve. Learning how to give fluoride treatments, polish children's teeth, and most importantly, learning what to expect in the career of dental hygiene made Rose proud and self-confident. She found the atmosphere and staff a delight and looked forward to going to the office every day. Rose's experience has definitely been life changing, and she is certain Dental Hygiene is her career goal.

GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL GIBBS HS - BETA

As his second semester began, **Justin Clarke**, executive intern at the **Johnnie Ruth Clarke Health Center**, under the supervision of **Cheryl Robinson, R.N.**, realized that working in a health care environment was an

educational experience. Before Justin ever had an opportunity to intern at the health center he never knew how much more work is done by the rest of the employees who work for the doctors. By working with the ladies of the front office and the two administrators who watch over him, (**Mrs. Tanita Fleming** and **Mrs. Lashay Wiggins-Scott**) Justin quickly learned that there is work in registering new patients, checking patients in and out, medical records/filing, referring patients to specialist, administrating employees, and etc. Mrs. Cheryl Robinson told Justin that if he really wanted to work in the medical field he could do it if he put his mind to it. Justin feels that this place named Johnnie Ruth Clarke health Center, which just happens to be named after his grandmother, has shown him 'The Key to Success' and the beginning of a very long and satisfying future.

While following in the leading footsteps of **Wendy Tara Miles** and **Debbie Williams**, **Brian Johnston** has become an asset to **Raymond James Financial**. He has been working hard trying to make a place for himself in the company only to exceed his own expectations and

take on more and more projects as well as his usual tasks. The department uses him as a source of knowledge when they have questions they need answered. Both Wendy and Debbie are pleased with his work. It may lead into his possible career there. Brian is very pleased in working in the I.T. industry.

With the support and supervision of **Dewey Davis-Thompson** of **InternetAdept Inc.**, **Damir Jokic** has grown a lot since he first started his internship. He learned a lot of new and useful technology skills. Damir learned how to make paypal buttons and to use php efficiently. He has also learned how to manage his time and get things done. Damir communicated with some of the clients and talked to them directly instead of Dewey just giving him directions on what to do. He showed initiative and received praise from clients and from his sponsor for the work he has done.

Under the guidance of **Robert Smith**, IT Manager of the **YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg**, **Ivan Krekovic** realized that it's not that hard to fix computer problems once you know the computers.

There is quite a lot of work to do and a lot of problems to figure out. Ivan and his friend Edin fixed a few computers with simple problems and some that gave them headaches the whole day. Ivan realized that the IT career is a very good paying job. But Ivan still wants to experience a lot more before he can actually make his decision of his actual career.

Under the great guidance of the **Honorable Commissioner Calvin D. Harris** at the **Pinellas County Commission Office**, and assisted by Commissioner Harris's assistant **Ms. Kimberly Williams**, **Keti Krekovic** is honored to admit that she has gained a great deal of knowledge and has grown up so much as a result of her internship. She has also learned and noticed that holding this position is not always all that glamorous. There is a lot of important information that has to be taken into consideration. For example, the transportation problems, health facilities, our community and many different things that are important. Having the chance to make some difference in someone's life is one of the best feelings ever, but it is not easy because there are so many

people out in our community that it is not possible to make everyone's wishes come true. But even all of that has still kept Keti interested and motivated to succeed in this profession.

With the help of **Michael Korosi** at **Kane's Furniture Corporation**, **Dwayne Martins** explored the areas of being a **Systems Administrator**. Plenty of hours each day are dedicated only to fixing something on the network, among all the rest of the work. Dwayne tested many parts of the network, and thoroughly scanned over the network consisting of users, PC's and hundreds of Green Screens. He realized how much can actually happen in one day's time. Dwayne's experience will have surely set him in the right direction towards his IT, Systems Administrator career for the future.

Under the supervision of **Laurie DiRoma**, **Controller** of **Community Health Centers** corporate office at Johnnie Ruth Clarke Community Health Center, **LaQuail Powell** discovered that being an accountant is not as difficult as it may seem. LaQuail was partnered with **Ms. Tacia Hall**, where LaQuail would find out about the

different community health centers' functions, completed invoice check requests, and she also assisted with the distribution of employee payroll checks and other checks to the different companies. She established that when preparing checks there is more paper work involved in check allocation than the finished product that you may set eyes upon. You have to be very meticulous not to make a mistake while entering the data into the accounting system. LaQuail's experience has persuaded her to continue to learn more about the field of accounting which is a goal worth going all out for to achieve.

LAKESWOOD HIGH SCHOOL

While being thrown into the hectic world of television production, intern **Rob Boelke** has taken full advantage of the great learning experience given to him by **Cathi Brake, Steve Lassiter, and Bergis Pesceth** at **WSPF 35**, the government television station for the City of **St. Petersburg**. Rob has learned more than he bargained for in his position at the station. Many concepts of the working world, other than just

knowing how to operate a camera, are required in the profession, including the abilities to work under pressure, to be responsible for one's own actions, and to always take pride in what you do. Overall, Rob has learned aspects in editing, camera work, and live broadcasting, and has enjoyed every minute working in the fast paced industry.

Under the guidance of **Sandra Uhl, Operations Manager of Raymond James and Associates Carillon Branch #32E**, **Tom Landry** learned just how extensive the jobs are in the financial world. Time and energy are necessary to be successful in a career of financial advising. Just by looking at former client files, Tom noticed how much a broker must go through just to establish a profitable client and more importantly to become successful. Tom helped in many aspects of the job. He helped with archival procedures, helped with record keeping of many types of files in many different ways and also helped with some compliance issues that arose. Tom's experience has shown him that a financial advisor may not be the job for him but has convinced him that a job in

the financial world may be adequate.

There has been a new face about **Largo Central Elementary** these days, **Matt Rappaport**, who has been serving as an intern under **Carol Bouffard, Guidance Counselor**. There he has blossomed into the role as a mentor and friend to the students. He has spent time working on everything from the prevention of bullies, to conflict resolution, and anger control with the bright minds of tomorrow. He has had nothing but good days so far and he hopes that will continue throughout his experience there.

The **St. Petersburg Area Chamber of Commerce**, through **Ms. Alvina Miller, Economic Development Coordinator** offered **Yury Riascos** many opportunities to learn about and participate in public relations events and economic development activities during her second semester of internship with the Chamber. Yury found it exciting to be a part of a major event like the Women's Council meeting, where they all got a chance to meet Earl Spencer, the brother of Princess Diana, as well as having the opportunity to view the

Princess Diana Exhibition at the Florida International Museum. Other than meeting fascinating people through the Chamber, Yury learned a lot about the value of time and the office environment. Her experience working in the Chamber office has made Yury think about aspects of business that she may pursue as a career.

OSCEOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Jennifer Parrott, intern with **Sharon Williams, Office Manager**, at **St. Petersburg Pediatrics** enjoyed her internship tremendously while learning that pediatric medicine is the field she would like to pursue in college. Jennifer learned a great deal about medicine and working with children. Jennifer will pursue a medical career after graduation.

As an intern at **Jackson Orthodontics** in Largo, Florida, **Denielle Scalisce** has been able to work under the supervision of **Dr. Joseph C. Jackson Jr.** Denielle has discovered that being an orthodontist is a rewarding task, but behind the scenes there is a lot of paperwork. She has had a chance to participate in a lot of hands-on activities. This

opportunity has allowed Denielle to learn how to develop X-rays, create tongues for impressions that are sent to the lab, work in a professional environment and write up lab slips. She has found it very interesting how important communication skills are in the orthodontics field. Denielle's experience in the field of orthodontics has made her realize that her career options in this field are endless and this will remain to be her goal until it is achieved.

PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

When **Derek Covert**, first stepped foot into the office of **Dr. Bruce Rinker**, everyone and everything seemed alien in appearance and different from his own perspective. As time passed, Derek became more accustomed to his surroundings at **Brooker Creek Preserve**, and began to interact with many more staff members. He was eventually given his own assignments to fulfill, which included a small project for a brochure on the Gopher Tortoise. For each and every day that passed, spotting creatures on the Preserve became a joy and splendor. His many unique experiences have

helped Derek make a decision to follow a career in Chemistry, rather than Genetics

Aaron Fetrow, an intern at **Lockheed Martin**, is working with **Bob Strawbridge** on a project called Solumina. Over time the work load is heavier and more important as time goes on. He spends most of his time working on the computer, and once in a while goes down to the production floor and helps out there. This isn't exactly what Aaron thought he would be doing, but with the help of fellow intern Tyler Rice, things are interesting and fun for him.

Amanda Henderson, would like to thank the nursing staff, doctors, and midwives at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital's Women's Center** for another amazing semester filled with wonderful experiences. Under the guidance of **Diane Maida, Debbie Ausse, Mandy Green**, and many others, she became proficient with her clerical duties at the front desk, learned how to fill out minor paperwork and put together charts, and felt as though she was officially part of the Helen Ellis team. While observing numerous Cesarean sections and

circumcisions under the guidance of **Dr. Goldman, Dr. Ancheta, Dr. Umstead, and Dr. Williams**, Amanda was able to receive living anatomy lessons by being allowed to stand near the patients and closely watch as the physicians pointed out individual organs and tissues. She also witnessed many vaginal births under the guidance of midwife **Michelle Golding**. Amanda also sends many thanks to the anonymous patients who allowed her to observe as they experienced the miracle of life. Amanda was accepted to Florida State University and plans to graduate from their BSN Nursing Program in 2009.

Through the leadership of **Victoria Wade, Kindergarten Teacher at Garrison Jones Elementary, Bethany Pendleton** discovered the joys and sorrows of teaching. It is not as easy as it seems to teach a class full of children. Each day she has interaction with the kids and loves every minute of it. She does reading groups and helps the children that are struggling in certain areas of work. Bethany helps the children with their math lessons. She feels that even the bad days are learning experiences. She really enjoys the days that

they have little parties. Bethany has encountered the struggles of teaching as well. It is not all fun all the time. Dealing with some of the parents seems to be the best part. Through this experience Bethany has decided that she is to be a teacher.

PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Under the guidance of **Lisa Schneider** who is the **Traffic Specialist** of the **Marketing Department at Raymond James Financial, Catherine Colson** has been able to see all the work that is done to create one ad. The individual sections of the marketing department must work as a team accumulating all ideas to create a piece of art. Catherine was able to understand how a single ad must be passed through the writers, artist, creative team, and then the directors. Catherine's experience has convinced her that a career in the Marketing Department of Raymond James is what she wants to do.

SAINT PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL

Leann Goree spent the spring semester interning again in the Legal

Department of **Jabil Circuit, Inc.** under her sponsor the **Legal Entity Coordinator, Violet Ziolkowska**. Leann has worked hard to continually update and maintain Jabil's legal database as well as research information required by various attorneys. Also this semester, Leann was chosen to be a Beta Tester for a new global training program for Jabil employees. Leann and the **Operations Development Manager, Dave Rose**, worked together to help analyze and critique the new program, which will be released internationally in the coming months. Overall, Leann has thoroughly enjoyed her time at Jabil and will miss all of her new friends and co-workers greatly when she leaves to attend the University of Florida in the fall. Leann's internship has reaffirmed her belief that the corporate environment and law are definitely her goals for the future.

Through the sponsorship of **Marj Awai, General Curator, Richard Brennan Powell** interned for two semesters at the **FLORIDA Aquarium**. He worked in many areas, including working with the education department and several of the biologists.

While interning with **Judge Donald E. Horrox, Emily VanOosting** was able to see what it is like to be a judge. Emily discovered that it is much slower pace than she had at first anticipated and that there is much less to do than with the attorney. Emily was able to watch a lot of court proceedings and go over many motions, as well as do a research project that had to do with drug testing. Overall, Emily knows that she wants to be a lawyer and is considering becoming a judge afterwards. Emily would recommend this experience to anyone who wishes to see if becoming a judge is what they want to do.

SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL

As an intern with **Tampa Bay Watch, Kimberly Almeida** learned that restoring Tampa Bay is not just a day at the beach. Environmental specialist, **Martha Garcia** provided Kimberly with various opportunities to get involved and learn about this non-profit, environmental organization. Kimberly was able to interact with numerous students of all ages involved with the *Bay Grasses in Classes* program. In this program,

established salt marsh wetland nurseries are monitored and maintained by students in sixteen selected schools throughout Pinellas and Hillsborough County. In addition, Kimberly participated in coastal clean-ups and helped construct numerous oyster bars. Involvement with Tampa Bay Watch has compelled her to pursue a career in environmental sciences.

With the assistance of **Jean Alli** of **Jean Alli Designs at Design 940, Ashlan Frederick** has learned many things that will help her pursue a career in interior design. She spent most of her time in the studio with employees, **Rhonda Dummitt** and **Peter Langlykke**, updating fabric and wallpaper samples. Ashlan did have the chance to go with **Christina DeNovo** on a few designer/client meetings too. She has learned that the life of a designer is not as easy as she thought it would be, but Ashlan is still looking forward to starting her own career as an interior designer.

With the assistance of **Sandra Dunn** at **Oakhurst Elementary School, Allyson Mitchell** has learned what it really takes

to be a kindergarten teacher. She has had the opportunity to observe the classroom atmosphere, work one-on-one with students, and assist with lesson plans. She has come in contact with several rewarding experiences, such as having students view her as a role model. Allyson's internship has reinforced her decision to study education at the University of South Florida and become a kindergarten teacher.

Stephanie Rice has been a student through the Executive Internship Program at **St. Petersburg General Hospital** for the past academic year. Her sponsor, **Pam Eaton, R.N., OB Manager**, has been a wonderful aid in helping Stephanie decide where she wants to work and what specialty to pursue. One of the nurses, **Candy**, has been a great teacher to Stephanie, teaching her many invaluable "tricks of the trade". Stephanie wishes she could name every nurse who has been invaluable to her internship experience, but there are so many. She is very grateful for every moment she has been able to spend in the Nursery, and there is nothing she would rather have done her senior year than gain some experience that allows her

to know exactly she wants to excel at when she is older. Stephanie just wants to say thank you to all the nurses for everything they have done for her.

Ryan Saldanha has excelled under the guidance of **Nora Hawkins, Marketing Director**, of the **SPCA of Pinellas County**. Ryan has learned what it takes to market an organization, and he has learned the challenges of marketing a not-for-profit organization. Ryan enjoyed his internship, and he is very appreciative of the experiences he was offered.

With assistance from **Kelly Witteck of Tampa Bay Veterinary Specialist, Teresa Tessier** has been able to shadow many fields of animal medicine. Teresa has learned about Ophthalmology, Dentistry, Internal Medicine, Surgery, and how the emergency clinic works. Being able to follow **Dr. Denise Ginex** gave Teresa a better understanding of how difficult it can be to work with animals under pressure. The experiences at the clinic have shaped and molded Teresa in ways she would have never imagined. Teresa has seen the highs and lows of animal

medicine. This experience has prepared her well for the future.

TARPON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Under the instruction of **John Ungerer, Director of Architecture** at **Architecture Plus International, Shaun Bernhardt** uncovered the many different careers available within the architectural field. He worked closely with **Amy Neumann**, an interior designer on the Wal-Mart Team, in order to create material catalogs for the "On Top of The World" project. Shaun learned about the many different materials available to choose from and their unique purposes. He found out that to become an architect involves a lot of hard work and persistence, but in the end, when a building goes from blueprint to finished product, it is well worth the sacrifice.

Under the guidance of **Karen Santos** in the OR at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Annita Ginnis**, realized how she wanted to pursue her career in the medical field. She learned that a lot of hard

work and organizational skills are involved in becoming a Nurse Anesthetist, **Annita** also observed nurse assistant, **Lois Patrowski** preparing patients for their surgeries. She found the process of anesthetizing patients an amazing part of the surgery -- how a mixture of drugs can put someone to sleep and have them awake while under your command. **Annita's** experience at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** has allowed her to meet many people and learn from each one of them. She hopes that these wonderful Anesthesiologist's will recommend her to a medical school in the near future.

Under the guidance of **David Tobey and Chris Coleman at the Helen Ellis Physical Therapy Center, Heather Wyatt**, observed many different patient treatments and learned how to write and understand evaluations. There were many hands on opportunities for **Heather** and great advice for her future career. She really enjoyed her internship as she will take with her all she has learned for future experience.

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