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To Our Sponsors:

It is our pleasure to compile and distribute the Executive Internship Program newsletter for the 2005-2006 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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**Experience is the key.**

**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 6,000 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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### **BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL**

Under the watchful eye of **Kim Tissier** of **All Children's Physical and Occupational Therapy at All Children's Hospital**, **Briana Blackshear** has discovered being an intern in OT/PT is not all glamour. There is a lot of hard work that goes on behind the scenes from start to finish. Briana saw Physical and Occupational Therapists treat children varying in ages two months to twelve years. She worked with physically disabled children with a wide range of disabilities. She found the process of therapy to be helpful. Briana's experience has convinced her that she may not want to pursue a career in Physical Therapy, but she has gained invaluable knowledge and a great appreciation for the dedication and impact of pediatric therapists.

With the direction of **Rohom Khonsar, ASA**, of the **States Attorney's Office of Pinellas County**, **Allen Clark** has learned the ups and downs of an assistant state attorney's

life. It takes a long time to set up a trial, sometimes almost a year. There are also a lot of phases before they go to trial, if they even go to trial at all. Allen saw assistants, **Rohom Khonsari** and **Patricia Manteiga**, prosecute in court. Both Rohom and Patricia used the computer to find information on past records of the defendant. Both attorneys work on misdemeanor cases. Allen found that the arraignments are interesting and can be harsh at times. Allen's experience at the States Attorney's office has convinced him to pursue his career in law.

### **CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL**

Due to the meritorious guidance of **Adrienne Davis** at **IMAGO Magazine**, **Isabella Celeste** was given an inclusive look into the publishing industry. The advertisement and entertainment business is not all glamour. It is a collaboration of dedication, persistence, and patience. Isabella took part in both the basics of the trade-including mailing

list compilation and events scouting- and some of the more fantastic affairs. Isabella was able to audition, interview, and work at Busch Gardens Howl-O-Scream 2005 along with **Publisher's Assistant, Nina Libby**. Isabella was then published and credited with the work in print. Isabella was delighted to be published at such an early age. Isabella's time with **IMAGO Magazine** has taught her that there are many different facets to the publishing industry and that she needs to focus on one specific goal. This experience has prompted Isabella to look for a career as a journalist.

### **COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

Under the supervision and mentorship of **David Fries**, **Center for Ocean Technologies at the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg**, **Emily Cribb** has determined that Marine Research is fascinating and a very viable field into which she may enter. Emily appreciates the guidance of the professionals under whom

she interns, and she looks forward to continuing to assist them for the next semester.

While observing and assisting **Marcia Irwin, Registered Dietitian**, of the **Morton Plant Wellness Center**, **Megan Incorvia** realized that being a dietitian is not always about diets and meal planning. There are many traditional and nontraditional roles taken on by dietitians. Megan watched Marcia Irwin, conducted diet analyses, she worked with computers to research nutritional information, and she promoted the eight weeks to a better you program. She found that medical nutrition therapy was incredibly interesting. Megan's experience has convinced her that a career in dietetics is her main focus.

As this term has progressed at **Sports and Orthopedic Rehabilitation Services**, with the placement sponsor **Darren Bloebaum and Jason Waz, Kayla Legaspi** has learned how much time and effort is devoted to physical therapy patients. Kayla has learned how careful you must be when working with patients, and how critical it

is that you look at the whole picture, rather than the one body part that hurts. Kayla has experienced many hours with the clinic, and she has observed the daily practices of physical therapy. Due to this wonderful experience, Kayla is definitely going to pursue a long term career in physical therapy.

With the mentorship of **Dr. Joel Murphy and Joy Wallace of the Animal and Bird Medical Center**, **Ji Noh** observed and learned the art of caring for animals in need. There are many people and much work involved in the process of running a medical center for animals. Other than the veterinarian, there are the office manager, the vet techs, the kennel techs, vet tech assistants, receptionists, and even relief vets. Ji worked with the kennel techs, interacted with the vet techs and relief vets, and observed many examinations done by both the veterinarians and technicians. Ji also watched surgeries, learned how to prepare for surgery, and gathered information on lab testing. She found the veterinary profession to be difficult but worthwhile. Ji is now more informed about the veterinary

profession and is favoring it over other goals.

Through internship under the supervision of **Matthew Malouf at Clearwater Aircraft Maintenance and Services (CAMS)**, **Chad Powell** has experienced first hand on what it is like to be an aircraft mechanic. Chad has helped in performing annual inspections on many different types of aircraft and has even participated in the restoration of a Cessna 152. He has learned how to perform many different tasks including servicing engines, changing out tires, some sheet metal work. Every day, Chad is constantly learning something new. As a current pilot, Chad looks more towards a career in flying airplanes, but still enjoyed working with aircraft and hopes that the knowledge he has gained at CAMS will be a benefit for him in the future.

During the duration of **Sarah Serra's** internship, she was instructed and taught by **Doug Webber, Communications Director**. At **Harborside Christian Church, Sarah's internship site**, she learned video productions, visual

presentations, and gained multimedia experience. Sarah has decided that this is the career field that she is interested in pursuing and looks forward to continuing her studies.

Due to the patience of **Mandy Green, Director of the Women's Center at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Samantha Spidel** has come to learn that working in the medical field is hard yet gratifying work. There are many late nights and early mornings making sure the patients have the best care possible. Samantha mainly worked with nurses, **Diane Maida** and **Debbie Ausse**, in the nursery. She was able to help in the assessment and care of the newborn babies. Samantha found watching C-sections and vaginal births enthralling. Her experiences have proven to her that this a career field definitely worth pursuing.

#### **DIXIE HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL**

**David Broughton** participated in his internship at **Tampa Bay Veterinarians** with the many veterinarians, veterinarian specialists, technicians and office staff. David confirmed

that veterinary medicine is not only what he has always dreamed of pursuing but what he will pursue in post-secondary studies.

#### **DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL**

**Christy Butler** was **Ladina Badraun's** sponsor at **David L. Wallace Architects** for the fall term. Ladina learned about hotel, condominium, and residential construction documents. Drawing in AutoCAD and sketching different layouts really helped expand Ladina's creativity. She learned that it is extremely important to be a team player in order to get projects finished the right way and on time. With the help of the Executive Internship Program and the great sponsor Ladina received, she learned so much and got real life experience she will never forget. Ladina was able to shadow different people and jobs throughout the David L. Wallace firm. Ladina will definitely go to college to pursue a career in architecture but is not yet sure if she's going to pursue her license.

**Katie Melone**, a senior at **Dunedin High School**, experienced what happens behind the scenes during shows at **Ruth Eckerd Hall**, under the direction and assistance of the **Technical Operations Director, Jeffery Hartzog**. Katie was able to experience the roles of those who work in other departments such as Security, Marketing, and Patron Services, while also observing stage production before, during, and after the performances. She was able to interact and work with those in her department, and enjoyed learning new skills that have helped her grow as a young adult. Katie's experience has motivated her to advance her skills and involvement with this field in college, and choose as a possible career in the future.

With the helping hand of **Assistant State Attorney Shpresa Idrizi, Christina Perez** realized that law might be the way to go as a profession. Christina realized that Law is not at all like what they show on television. There is a lot of work that goes into a prosecuting a case. Christina helped Shpresa with discoveries because they gave Christina hands-on experience and because

discoveries were a lot of fun to read. One of the most Christina's most favorite things to do was to tour the jail. She learned a lot from that experience. After interning here, Christina realized this might be her calling after all.

### **EAST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL**

Under the supervision of **Ms. Tammy Brockman of the Morton Plant Mease Sports Medicine Clinic, Nina Brojan** determined that being an assistant athletic trainer was anything but basic. There is a lot of effort and hard work put into just one day's routine. Nina was able to observe many football games and practices, work with the athletes at times and assist her co-workers in any way she was able. She found the internship process to be very enlightening and extraordinary. Nina's experience has proved to her that going into sports medicine is, without a doubt, the career she intends to pursue.

While **Ryan Butron** has been interning at CAE, he has decided that computer engineering is a career that he will definitely pursue in the future. Under the aid

and supervision of **Jan Brown and Corey Johnson**, Ryan has learned about many programs and software related to the making of military and commercial flight simulators, and gained valuable first-hand experience with etiquette in a professional workplace. He has also even stepped inside a simulator while its construction was in progress. He looks forward to continuing his internship at CAE, eager to continue to learn and experience as the year progresses.

Serving as an intern under **Martha Margolis** at **Tampa Bay Magazine**, **Andrew DeLong** found that there is more to the story than writing. There is a lot of time and dedication that goes into this 200-page powerhouse publication. Andrew observed all areas of the magazine, from shadowing the graphic artist to learning how to sell ads with the marketing directors. Andrew was given the opportunity to write a story about seashells, which will appear in the November/December issue. Andrew's experience has been a positive one and has helped to reinforce his

desire to become a journalist.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Jackson of the Better Health Medical Clinic, Marjorie Diaz- Viana** discovered that being a pediatrician is harder than what she imagined. To do this kind of job you must be able to multitask and be prepared for everything. Marjorie learned how to take blood pressure and how to develop a hemocult test and a strep test. She observed medical assistants, **Jannet Fairfield, Lynnora Gennoso and Angelia Collins**, vaccinate children and draw blood. She has also seen Dr. Jackson perform a circumcision. Marjorie's experience at the internship has convinced her to pursue this medical field and make it her career.

Under the guidance of **Dave Ciliberti, Assistant News Director** and the entire staff of **ABC Action News, Miles Doran** was thrilled to continue learning the ins and outs of the television news business. From researching stories, to interviewing, writing, and editing, there is a lot of hard work involved that must be completed in a

timely manner. Miles learned that every second counts in TV news and deadlines must be met. He found that the TV news business is extremely exciting, citing that “you’re doing something different everyday.” Miles plans to continue his pursuit for a career in broadcast journalism.

Thanks to **Mike Anderson at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Holly Greene** learned a great deal about the care of a turtle in rehabilitation. She was able to feed the large turtles and get up close and personal with them. She had a hands-on experience in learning how they behave and what they eat. She did everything from cleaning to feeding these large, magnificent creatures.

Together, **Joey Tocci, Sous Chef at Delectables, Fine Catering, Inc. and Chris Johnston** prepared and cooked food for hundreds of people everyday. Chris viewed and worked alongside good men like **Nick Adams, Martin Gunesh, and Tony Cressia**, creating masterpieces from hors d’oeuvres, to the entrée, and wrapping up with desserts. Chris also had mini projects of his

own. He learned to make bruschetta, how to garnish dishes, and learned new tricks to help with the task at hand. Along with this enjoyable experience, Chris has decided to follow a Nutritionist-based career.

Under the supervision of **Peter Fertig**, a partner at **Design Styles, Samantha Oliveir** has learned an incredible amount about her chosen career field of architecture. She has been working as part of a team on real projects that are to be sent out to clients. This has shown her that there is much more work involved than she had ever expected. She worked closely with nearly all her coworkers providing assistance whenever she could. In doing so she experienced redlining, plotting, binding, organizing, researching and typing up information, making PDF’s and DWF’s and putting them on the company web page. She has enjoyed all the work she’s done so much that she feels architecture is definitely the career she wants to pursue.

Empowered from the light of **Deborah French, M.D.** of **Partners in Pediatrics, Alexis Scott** discovered that being a pediatrician is hard work. There is much

filing and constant writing prescriptions. Alexis saw assistant, **Denise Amper** work with a patient that had ringworm, and provided him with the appropriate shampoo and medication to take for a week. She found the career field of Pediatrics very interesting. Alexis’ experience has convinced her that a career in pediatrics is the path that she wants to follow.

The daily smiles on the student’s faces at **Sutherland Elementary** has made the internship under the guidance of **Mrs. Lori Samuelson** a wonderful experience for **Julie Yen**. Julie has observed many different programs in the school, from EH (emotionally handicapped) to gifted students. She has also learned that, unfortunately, the problems of today’s society, such as violence, divorce, and abuse, has made a tremendous impact on the future generation. Besides observing, she has had some first hand experience with teaching in the music classroom for different grade levels. Also, the daily success of Sutherland Elementary school is from the support of everyone that works there. From the principal, to students, and parent

volunteers; everyone plays an important role to keep the school a safe and clean environment. After seeing the career of a school guidance counselor, Julie has decided to work toward that profession.

### **GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL GIBBS HS – BETA**

Under the guidance of **Sharon Welch** of the **City of St. Petersburg's Computer Information Services**, **Justin Bauford** embarked on a journey throughout the wonderful world of IT. Justin got to see how technology is used in an office setting, and he also got to work with the technology in all the branches of the city. Justin worked with the Fire Department, the Police Department, and with the city's own Help Desk group. With all this experience, Justin plans to work in the field of computer science in order to help the community.

Under the supervision of **Susan Nice of Lasting Impressions**, **Cecelia Casteneda** discovered that being an interior designer was not at all easy as it may appear. There is a lot of hard work in creating a gorgeous yet efficient room from beginning to end. Cecelia sought

assistance from **Kimberely Kelly**, an interior decorator, when things became difficult for her. Cecelia helped organize the fabric library, as well as helped decorate the showroom. She found the field of interior design fascinating. Because of this great experience, Cecelia has been convinced that a career in interior design is a long term goal she hopes to reach.

**Silvia Dine** was able to experience what it's really like to be an attorney. Working closely with **Assistant Chief City Attorney, Mark Winn**, Silvia had the chance to get involved in many different cases. During this unforgettable experience, Silvia learned many valuable lessons she will use throughout her lifetime and would recommend this program to everyone. This eye opening experience has made Silvia more determined than ever to be an attorney.

Being guided by expert craftsman **Michael DuMouchel**, a member of the **American Stage** crew, **Gina Eveland** found that working behind the scenes of a professional theatre is a little more complex than she originally thought. She

has learned that a great deal of time and effort are put in behind the main stage curtain. By being in the Executive Internship Program at American Stage Gina has witnessed everything from the trials of everything going wrong and breaking at the worst possible time from the joys of seeing a completed set the whole stage crew has worked so hard on. Gina's experience has convinced her that she has what it takes to be a part of a stage crew for a professional theatre.

**Caprice Johnson**, with the assistance of **Clint Anderson, Human Resources Manager, and Molly Morrison, Health Club Manager, at the Renaissance Vinoy Resort**, is now knowledgeable about the importance the Human Resource department as well as the Recreation department's affect business within the Vinoy. She learned that every job at the Vinoy has a certain level of importance and that they connect with the other jobs. Caprice had the chance to do several of the jobs associated with Human Resources and recreation from learning the hiring process to filing and shadowing health club attendants. Finding the



hiring of employees fascinating, she sat in on some interviews. Caprice's experience has made her decision to major in Hospitality Management a solid educational goal.

**Mr. Douglas Lindstrom, Operations Manager for the Emergency Center at All Children's Hospital,** has been so kind as to take **Anthony Ketterer,** Executive Intern, under his supervision while allowing Anthony to experience first hand what goes on in a pediatric emergency center. Anthony's typical day included helping out around the office as well as on the emergency center floor transporting patients, catering to staff needs, and other tasks necessary for the normal operation of the emergency center. During Anthony's internship he had the opportunity to observe people in their various medical professions while learning more about each one. Anthony Ketterer, after his internship experience, will continue to pursue a career in emergency medicine.

With the help of **Alvina Miller at the St. Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, Sovo euth Khao** found that being involved with the community requires you to

interact with diverse groups. Sovo euth learned that it is challenging to work with the community and it takes a lot of time and patience. As part of her job, Sovo euth assisted Alvina with meetings and other related economic development assignments. Sovo euth found that gets more satisfaction in working individually rather than as part of a team. Through her interactions with a wide range of business people and their professions, Sovo euth has developed an interest in architectural design, a field in which she hopes to intern in the spring.

After a delayed start in the Executive Internship Program, **Ryan McDermott** finally landed an internship at **National Aviation, Clearwater Airport** under **Denise Rosenberger, Operations Manager.** Taken under their wing Ryan learned just what it takes to become a professional pilot and gained some valuable insights into running an FBO operation at a major airport. While flying with instructors, Ryan observed incalculable flight maneuvers and procedures that he, himself, will now know as he works toward his goal of attaining his

pilot's license. His time at National Aviation has convinced him that he wants to become a career pilot and he's anxious to get started on his goal.

Under the assistance of **Dr. Bill Arnold** and **Dr. Robert Muller, of the Florida Fish and Wildlife Research Institute,** **Jessica Myslikowski** was able to attain the experience she has intended on receiving. Coming in as a high school student who had only been exposed to Calculus, Jessica left knowing how to apply statistics to everyday life! Though she struggled at times, Jessica always found a solution to her many problems, with the help of Dr. Bob Muller. As she stated, "This internship has taught me a great deal about the type of profession that I anticipate going into". Jessica's experience has led her into the interest of the medical field.

While interning at **Thomas Bruce Studio,** under the direction of **Bruce Evensen,** master photographer, **Hannah Ngin** has come to realize that photography wasn't as exciting as she had thought it would be, with only about ten percent of the work being photo shooting

and the other ninety percent business management, Hannah found that with studios going to digital photography, there isn't the call for creativity that she had hoped for, and there is a great amount of technology and other tedious activities. Hannah concluded that photography could be a hobby for her but not a career.

For the fall semester **Matthew O'Brien** has been interning at **Raymond James Financial**, with **Robert Potthast** as his acting supervisor. In the time that Matthew has been there, he has had an introduction to many aspects of the **IT** field. Matthew was introduced by **Frank Mulligan** to back-up tape management and exportation, server request interpretation by **Cliff Pittman**, and to server bucket distribution by **Wade Pitzer**. Typically it has been one of these three tasks that kept Matthew occupied through out his internship at Raymond James Financial. The experiences that Matthew has had at Raymond James Financial has influenced his thinking, and showed him that a career in the

server IT field is a viable choice for the future.

Under the supervision of **Charlie Guastella, Pharmacy Director** and **Marie Nall** of the **Department of Pharmacy at St. Petersburg General Hospital**, **Angela Phatsavong** realized that working at a pharmacy is educational but can become quite repetitive. However, the hospital itself proved much more interesting to Angela. As Angela delivered medications to the different departments, she realized that with all the new patients and different cases coming in, each day was different for the nurses and doctors. Angela's experience has convinced her that although she enjoys pharmacy, she needs an ever-changing environment in which to work.

While working closely with **J. Stephen Putnam, Executive Vice President of the Raymond James Investment Services Support Department at Raymond James & Associates**, and his **Executive Assistant, Marie-Joele Ingalls**, **Nicholas Slater** has gained extensive knowledge in the financial planning and investment banking career

fields. Nicholas hopes to continue his college education with the benefit of his experience through The Executive Internship Program.

Through interning with **Neal Nachman, photographer and owner of Bella Baby**, **Goe Yang** discovered that being a photographer is not as simple as it seems. The process of photography involves steps such as how to take a proper picture, props to use, how to put picture packets together, and also interacting with the customers; all of which Goe has experienced. The procedures depend on the individual and how he or she develops it because everyone in the photography industry has their own ways. Goe found that photography was fascinating and it was also more of an individual work environment than a group environment. Her experience at a photography studio convinced her that pursuing a career as a photographer is her ultimate goal.

## **LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

In the **Information Technologies Department at Bayfront Medical**

**Center**, Intern Andrew Padron discovered that IT isn't what you see in the commercials. Under the directions of **Herman Gilyard, Jason Nickerson, Scott Slater, and David Jenkins**, Andrew got a first look into the world of information technologies in the business world. From the first day of internship, Andrew was in the thick of operations and routines that make up the daily work in the office. Though he hasn't delved too deeply in this technological world, Andrew's believes that Information Technology is the career he wants to pursue.

### **LARGO HIGH SCHOOL**

Melissa Decker who was interning with **Cynthia Fleece, the Medical Director at Northside Hospital and Heart Institute** has seen and learned many things. Melissa has learned that being a nurse in the emergency room requires a certain amount of self-confidence and also stability. Melissa has interned with nurses **Tony Little and Tamara** and with technicians **Peter James and Chris Chumbley**. Melissa has

observed and participated in running diagnostic tests on patients, drawing blood, and many more things. Melissa's time at Northside Hospital has helped her to realize that she wants to be a paramedic.

Given the opportunity to intern at the **Nina Harris Exceptional Student Education Center** and helped by **Christine Stuckey, Trish Larbalestrier, and Tracie Chrissley, Kimberly Mohamed** has witnessed the reality of what it takes to work with disabled children. The experience has taught her what it takes to perform different therapies to become an occupational or physical therapist. Also the skills needed for speech. It has made her feel more confident to achieve more and a better person in life overall. This opportunity has made Kimberly realize that occupational therapy could be considered as a future career for her. Being able to work with different therapists, **Cari Ahlers, Jeff Strzelczyk, Rachel O'Connor, and Marissa Patterson**, also has made her feel part of Nina Harris.

While assisting the rest of the management staff at

**West Coast Powersports, Hannah Rodgers** received a great deal of business knowledge. The selling of motorcycles, ATV's and watercraft is not as easy as it may seem. Hannah experienced the craziness associated with sales, finance, advertising and management as a whole. Hannah spent a great deal of her time working with Honda and Suzuki Motor Companies and their co-op advertising. She witnessed sales being spun every day, and got to see how salesmen, like **Mike Santos and Andy Spencer**, work with the Sales Manager, **Bill Ranney**, and the Finance Manager, **Chad Izzard**, to get costumers the best deal and to keep them coming back. General Manager, **Shawn Jeffries**, gave her a lot of tips on how to get to the top and stay there. Hannah's experience proved to her that a career in the motorcycle industry is definitely what she wants to do with her life.

**Brooke Scelzi** interned under the guidance of **Kelly Kirkland, Athletic Trainer for Morton Plant Hospital Wellness Center and Largo High School**. Brooke greatly enjoyed her internship experience and learned a great deal. Although Brooke will

investigate other career fields, becoming an Athletic Trainer has greatly interested her.

### **NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL**

Cody Meacham has gained new insight in the choices for future career decisions from shadowing as an intern at **American Stage** under the guidance of **Mike DuMouchel** master carpenter at American Stage. He has learned many new skills in craftsmanship and artistry. A set takes rigorous planning and a variety of skills to achieve the look that a set designer is trying to create. He had many exciting points in this internship such as the time when he had the responsibility of painting most of the artwork in a set for "War of the Worlds." Cody's work days consisted of learning new painting skills and or carpentry skills; there was always something new to learn. As a career choice Cody has chosen to become a Walt Disney Imagineer or a professional set designer, and American Stage had greatly influenced his career outlook.

### **OSCEOLA HIGH SCHOOL**

While interning at the **State Attorney's Office Franchesca Cay, OHS**, under the supervision of **Alia Rabah, ASA**, has learned that being an assistant state attorney is not at all what she had imagined it to be.

Franchesca has discovered that there is a lot of hard work, determination, and stress involved in this occupation. Franchesca witnessed many assistants prosecuting in court; she used the law library and computers for researching purposes, and also assisted attorneys in completing paperwork in misdemeanor and domestic cases. She found all of the trials, especially the felony trials, to be very exciting and entertaining. Franchesca's experience has begun to change her mind about pursuing a career as a forensic scientist and taking up a career in criminal law

Under the supervision of **Patricia Mangteiga, ASA, at the States Attorney's Office of Pinellas County, Kristin Ludolph, OHS**, experienced many new opportunities and gained an insight into the career of a prosecuting attorney. Dedication, focus and

willingness to spend long hours on the job are qualities necessary for this profession. Kristin has had the opportunity to understand the process of prosecution and to assist in court. She also appreciates having the experience of preparing for a career in law.

### **PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL**

Through the direction and support of **Floyd Roberts** and **Gerry Arner** at **Florida Protective Coatings, Jose Barquin** has realized that research in chemistry doesn't entirely consist of clean, white, lab-coats and test tubes. There is plenty of labor and hands-on dirty work that comes with the coatings research industry. Jose witnessed cutting-edge research when he got to work along side with scientist and NASA to develop a new coating that would withstand the tremendous heat and force of a launching space shuttle. He also learned how all chemicals in a coatings formula are there for a specific reason and he found this out first-hand when he forgot to add a certain chemical, which resulted in a nasty spill! With all possibilities in

research of chemistry, Jose found out that this is most definitely a field he is interested in for the future.

Thanks to **Libbey Flynn, R.N.**, of **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **Travis Cahill**, has been learning more and more each day. He has learned a great deal in Radiology such as how to develop films, align cameras, and operate the portable unit. Next, Travis transferred from Radiology to the Emergency Room, where he felt that this field was a much better fit for him. While in the ER, he viewed many cases, one of them observing the doctor as he sutured a woman's fingertip back on her finger. Travis plans to become a PCT (Patient Care Technician) at Morton Plant, take a 9 month course to become a Surgical Technician and while working as a PCT, continue attending college and medical school to become a surgeon.

Dealing with brides getting ready for their "Big Day" seemed so exciting for **Tricia Kelly**, and it was. Little did she know that there's more to a wedding than just choosing a gown. It can be very stressful and definitely a lot of hard work. She found this out

by working at **Athena's Bridal Boutique** in Clearwater, under the supervision and guidance of her boss, **Celina Delavineas**. She was taught not only how to help brides plan their weddings, but she learned what it takes to open up a bridal shop of her own. Tricia has learned so much from this experience, most importantly that weddings can be a source of a very successful business.

With the help of **Lex Poppens, Director of Marketing and Communications at Ruth Eckerd Hall**; **Christine Lupu** has received invaluable experience. She has learned how much time can be put into a single graphic design, and how much effort goes into marketing a product. She has learned how to use her creativity to design attractive and appealing publications. She has also learned how to take constructive criticism and use it to improve her designs. As a result of her internship, Christine has decided to pursue a career in graphic design and work in the field of Marketing and Communications.

With **Kelly Bashant's** aid and supervision, **Nadine Mabey** has learned a great

deal about the Athletic Training field. Every day is different for an Athletic Trainer as there is always some new injury or new exercises to do during rehabilitation. Nadine has observed and assisted Kelly with taping of wrists, ankles and various other daily activities at the Palm Harbor University High School Training Room. This experience has been incredible and has reassured Nadine that this is the career that she wants to pursue.

**Marc Mattern, P.T.**, of **Morton Plant Mease Sports Medicine Center**, helped **Emma Makedessi**, in deciding on a future career path aiming towards physical therapy. Other physical therapists, **Blanca Romero** and **Joy Vandenbranden**, and assistant physical therapists, **Margaret Ross** and **Jeffrey Paul** showed her that everyone can have their own unique style in dealing with patients and using equipment for various exercises. She found that observing and assisting them made her want to pursue this career even more. Emma is now convinced that a career in physical therapy is something that she really wants to do.

With the assistance from **Mike Anderson** of the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, **Rebecka Marhafer** soon learned that working with animals is not all fun and games. There can be tough times at the aquarium when shifting around sea turtles. When times are tough such as red tide, the aquarium gets tightened down and all the focus goes to saving and caring for the turtles. The fact that everything else gets put aside to care for the injured animals amazed Rebecka. Her experience at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium has made her decide that a career in Marine Biology is what she wants to pursue.

With the guidance of **Darlene Tickner, of Paul B. Stephens ESE Center**, **Rachel Martin** has learned how to deal and manage people of all types. It is very hard to work with children who have disabilities. Rachel works not only with Darlene but also **Paulette Pickering**, an **ESE teacher** to a class of teenage girls. Rachel finds enlightenment with all of the people with whom she works. Rachel has learned a lot about behavior and time management. She will continue to further her

knowledge in the future by participating in extra activities broadcasted by the school. Rachel is convinced that she wants to enter a field working with disabled children.

Under the guidance of **Libbey Flynn, R.N., of Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **Courtney Maxa**, realized that becoming a surgeon was more complicated than she thought. Even after many years of schooling, a person still must prove himself with many more years of "on-the-job" training. Courtney saw many surgeries with **Dr. Bowlin, Dr. Williams, Dr. Maiocco, and Dr. Berrios** in a wide variety of cases. She found all of the cases extremely interesting. Courtney's experience in this field of medicine has made her want to go pursue it in college.

Under the direction of **Libbey Flynn, R.N., at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **Yasmin McKay**, learned that being a Registered Nurse is exactly what she wants to do. She knows that there is a lot of hard work in becoming an R.N. and there is even more hard work once that goal is achieved. Yasmin worked

with many nurses while working at Helen Ellis and learned from each of them. Because of her internship, Yasmin knows without a doubt that she will attend nursing college.

Under the supervision of **Kelly Bashant, ATC of Morton Plant Mease Sports Medicine Center**, **Danielle Mevers**, learned that working as a student trainer is not all fun and games. There are a lot of things that are memorized and a lot of tasks that need to be learned. Danielle has studied the parts of an ankle and knee and completed tape jobs for both wrist and ankle. She has found the steps to assessing an injury challenging but exciting. Danielle's work as a student trainer has fully set her mind to becoming a certified athletic trainer.

**Andriana Moschouris**, interned at **Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Education Center**, where her sponsors were **Sheila Corrigan and JR Anderson**. Each day she arrived at her internship and prepared herself for a day of physical activity with the children. They did everything from riding bicycles and teaching balance, to dancing in the classroom and just having

a good laugh. The time that Andriana has spent at her internship has provided her with both life lasting knowledge and friendships. The experience that Andriana has had during her internship has made her realize that she does want to pursue a career in occupational therapy, but she wants to work in an office setting, where she deals with both adults and children.

For the past two months **Tovi Snapstailer**, under the supervision of **Nancy Honderich in Member Events**, has been involved with the planning of the annual Harvesting for Scholarship Auction at **Ruth Eckerd Hall**. Tovi has learned that there is a lot of work involved with planning a fundraising function at the hall. The function will be held on November 2, 2005 in the Grand Hall at Ruth Eckerd Hall. The Auction is to raise money for scholarships for students going into the arts in college. Tovi is very excited to see the final outcome, and will be pleased to see all of her hard work with invitations, seating, and auction items finally come together.

## **ST. PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

“Where’s the cat” is often a joke heard by the local patients in the **Radiology Department in Northside Hospital and Heart Institute**. Led by **Sue Schlachter a C.T.** (computerized topography) **technologist, Jacob Funk** is getting an experience he will never forget. Jacob is taking part in all the daily activities performed by Sue and other technologist. Jacob witnesses scans and observes biopsies, and he has found the whole process of scanning very interesting. Although Jacob doesn’t know what career he would like to pursue, this experience is teaching him a great deal and preparing him for a future in any career.

Under the guidance and supervision of **John Anders of Anderson McQueen Funeral Home, Elizabeth Kellermeier** has discovered that being a funeral director and performing funeral services is a serious profession. There is a lot of hard work in creating a service from start to finish. Elizabeth saw Melanie Meredith and Pete Grasso arranging flowers before a service; she observed the cremation process, she worked ironing sheets, and she also assisted in running

errands. She found the morgue macabre but fascinating. Elizabeth’s experience has totally convinced her that a career in the Funeral Services field is for her.

**Carolyn Shamlall** spent the fall interning at **All Children’s Hospital, with Shelley Grady, a Therapist working with the Child Life Department**. She enjoyed working with the children, and getting to know a little more about their needs and likes and dislikes. Carolina has learned a lot about Pediatrics, and has decided to continue to pursue a career in Medicine after high school.

With sponsor **Mike Anderson** at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, intern **Sean Stanley** has gained a great amount of knowledge in the career of animal care and rehabilitation. Reporting to both Mike Anderson and Joe Widlansky for direction, Sean has been exposed to different areas of a career working with animals. He has done such things as give public presentations on different exhibits, feed sea turtles, and keep up with the general maintenance of exhibits. Sean thanks his sponsor and the other people he has

worked with who have enabled him to obtain such a wonderful internship at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. Sean wants to major in the sciences and later seek a career involving animals.

### **SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL**

As the year progressed at **Sun Coast Hospital** with the help of sponsor **Michele Haynes, Infection Control/Employee Health Nurse, Jessica Baldwin** discovered that becoming a physician is exactly what she wants to do. Jessica has assisted physicians, medical students, and technicians in various tasks and wards of the hospital. Some wards that she has visited include Therapy, Pharmacy, Behavioral Medicine, and even the **Suncoast Family Clinic** located down the street. Jessica enjoyed every department she encountered, but enjoyed Speech Therapy and the clinic the most. After experiencing the Executive Internship Program, Jessica has decided that she wants to go to the University of South Florida for college and apply for medical school there as well. She understands that there will

be much work and many difficulties along the way, but she loves a challenge. Jessica is determined to do everything to ensure that she will have a future in the medical field and interning is an excellent example of this. The internship program also convinced Jessica that becoming a physician is what she wants to do because the country needs more doctors every single year.

Supervised by **Sally A. Eichler of the City of St. Petersburg's Codes Enforcement Department, Joshua Bosse** found out that developing property isn't as easy as many real estate "gurus" claim. There are many regulations set forth by the city that can even tell a developer what trees they have to landscape with. Joshua went out into the field with **Codes Inspector David Dickerson** on numerous occasions. During their inspections, Joshua was able to see a part of St. Petersburg known as Midtown. Midtown is a poverty stricken sector of St. Petersburg, where code violations are in abundance. Joshua's experience has left him unfazed, and affirmed his

plans to continue a career in real estate.

Under the guidance of **Christy Manis of Oakhurst Veterinary Hospital, Sarah Hakes** has learned what being a veterinarian is all about. Education is the most important thing that a veterinarian could ever need. Sarah has learned through the assistance of DVM's **Dr. Tollon, Dr. Ligori, Dr. Buonasera, Dr. Ayscue, and Dr. Landers, CVT's Heather Maynard, Meredith Cataldo, and Rachel Keeser and VA's Glenda Hern and Lindsay Taylor**. She observes them do routine examinations and procedures and assists with client visits. She enjoys observing surgeries and unique patients. Sarah is convinced that Veterinary Medicine is for her.

**Meredith Laing** has recently had the pleasure of interning at the **SPCA** under the supervision of **Public Relations Coordinator, Marissa Weeks**. Meredith has gained an understanding of how to work with new technology as well as experiencing a work environment. She has learned from this experience that being in



public relations, or any type of promotional job, takes a lot of time, effort, and creativity, and she is still interested in pursuing this career in her future.

With the assistance of the **St. Petersburg Museum of History and Museum Curator, Will Michaels, William (Tommy) Miles** found out about all the activities that go on behind the scenes in museums. Tommy found out just how hard it is to create, maintain, and tour museum exhibits. By revising several docent scripts, helping in archives, and volunteering for public activities like Historic Driftwood Day, Tommy found the museum career field fascinating and a future goal to pursue.

With the coordination of **Mary Torres, Office Manager of Bay Dermatology, Britney Michel** realized that dermatology was a much needed field to explore. The practice was always very busy with various procedures being performed. Treatment for skin cancer was a major service of Bay Dermatology. The physicians, nurses, and staff of Bay provided fascinating learning experiences for Britney as

she observed a wide range of conditions and treatments. After identifying the cancer, the decision of proper removal is made. Cryo-surgery is the freezing of the top layers of the skin while deeper cancers had to be removed surgically, which was very interesting to watch. Her internship experience really heightened Britney's desire to become a surgeon.

### **TARPON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**

Thanks to the help of **Charlie Paul, News Operations Manager, and Brian Bruck and Rex Colby, WFTS Channel 28** to name a few, **Sean Brown** has expanded his knowledge about what goes on during a news broadcast and what it takes to prepare one. Sean has helped out in a number of ways including naming and preparing graphics for the broadcast on the Still Store machine and being a technical director during the taping of the headlines for the five o'clock show. He has already learned so much and it's only the beginning. He feels that this internship has already proven invaluable in pursuing a career in television production.

With the supervision of **Gregory Blackburn, of WTOG-UPN 44, Rita La Chapelle** learned that television isn't all it's cracked up to be. You don't have to get into a good school to get somewhere, it's all about the connections. Many producers have to start out small and then grow into something big, many will not even make it very far, that's why, to be in this business, you must have genuine determination. Rita, with the guidance of **Allen Marszalek**, made numerous commercials, she did floor director for the show, Bayside, with the help of **Val Pinchbeck III**, and camera work for the show, ACC Weekly. In the many shows she took part in, Rita learned simple camera techniques that can make any show look more professional and complex. Rita's experience makes her decision definite in the television production business, for her future.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Cristobal Rosario and Michael Lorello, James Lorello**, has observed what it is like to be an everyday clinical Physician. James observed these Physicians at work, trying to better the lives of hundreds of patients. He learned that the rewards of curing

someone with a disease beat any downfalls there may be when one doesn't accomplish this goal. There is nothing like seeing someone who was terribly ill become better in a few days or months because of something a doctor did. James had an exciting experience in working with patients and has furthered his medical understanding by leaps and bounds. Now James can't wait to further his education in the medical field. James has come to the conclusion that he will become a Physician's Assistant and hopefully work in an office just as he did during the internship.

During the fall 2005 school year, **Brittney Martin**, interned for the **Pharmacy at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, under the guidance of **Johnny E. Nicely, Pharmacy Director**. She learned that Pharmacists do more than just hand out pills. They are the ones who order, categorize, and check the pills that the Pharmacy Technicians deliver to the floors. They also process the orders from the doctors on each floor. Brittney also realized that she would like to pursue the occupation of a Pharmacy Technician rather than a Pharmacist. She especially

enjoyed running the drugs to each floor and interacting with the other nurses and doctors. She also liked the "hands on" aspect of working with the materials in the Pharmacy.

With the constant supervision of **Allen Marszalek** and **David Landreth** at **WTOG-UPN 44**, **Eunic Ortiz** has learned the one of the most important things in succeeding in this production industry is experience. The more experienced you are with equipment and various software the more opportunities you will be able to grab hold of. Along with advice, Allen and David have also shown Eunic how to use various types of computers and software along with other technical equipment. With this Eunic has been able to help on various UPN 44 shows such as ACC Weekly, Bayside and many various remote commercial shoots.

For the past few months, **Jie Qi**, has spent much of her days in the operating rooms of **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** under the guidance of **Ellen Schrock** and **Karen Santos**. Jie has gotten the chance to observe a vast array of surgical

procedures from total hip replacements to a Caesarean section. Being in such close proximity to anesthesiologists, nurses and surgeons, she was able to ask questions about the procedures, practicing medicine, and medical careers in general. She has learned multitudes about human anatomy and physiology, the operating room environment, medicine as a career and even how to get money for schooling. Through this internship, Jie has developed a passion for medicine and hopes to pursue a career in surgery.

With the supervision of **Brandi Tichenor of Bent Frame Clothing Ltd.**, **Sarah Scoggins**, is beginning to realize it is hard work in the field of fashion marketing. You would think it was easy as pie, but it does take a lot of time and effort if you want to do it right. Sarah has been very informed by **Katrina Vecchiarelli** and **Niko Andropolous** with whom she spends a great deal of her time at her internship site. To do a display or "wall," takes fashion sense and interior design skills. An eye for appeal is essential; making the customer jump and say, "I want to buy that!" In addition to Sarah's

experience, Bent Frame's "education" has had an immediate effect on her plans for the future in fashion marketing. Even though the field isn't as easy as she once perceived, she is still dedicated to pursuing her goal of fashion marketing.

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### **BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL**

With the guidance of **Mr. Rohom Khonsari** of the **State Attorney's Office**, **Allen Clark** has learned both the positive and negative aspects of practicing law. It can sometimes take up to three years to have a case go to trial and there are a lot of phases involved before the trial actually begins, if there is even a trial. Allen saw Mr. Khonsari prosecute a child molestation case and a murder case, which were very interesting. Both defendants were found guilty as charged. Allen's experiences at the SAO have convinced him to pursue the law as his career.

Under the caring eyes of **Dr. Wayne H. Kehm** at **Wayne Kehm, D.D.S. Dental Associates**, the dental hygienist **Donna Yanus**, and the dental assistant **Tammy Cole**, **Nataliya Pristash** learned that dentistry is a wonderful field to pursue. When she first thought of becoming a dental hygienist, she was unsure about this profession. But

soon after Nataliya had the opportunity to observe Dr. Kehm and learn from the best, she realized that dentistry is for her. When Nataliya first came to the office of Dr. Kehm, she knew very little about dentistry. Yet, as the days turned into weeks, and weeks into months, Nataliya came to love dentistry. While observing with Donna Yanus, Nataliya was able to enhance her knowledge of dentistry even more. Donna did a wonderful job explaining all the procedure, she also taught Nataliya about the common disease, periodontal disease. Tammy Cole, taught Nataliya how to develop and month x-rays. And Dr. Kehm, went into great detail about anything Nataliya asked. Throughout her internship, Nataliya was also nurtured by Sandy Zirkle, Office Manager. Nataliya is extremely grateful for the learning experience Dr. Kehm and his associates provided for her. Nataliya has decided to pursue a career in dentistry.

### **CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL**

Affording her the opportunity to continue her internship, **Adrienne Davis'** guidance at **IMAGO Magazine** has allowed **Isabella Celeste** to flourish as an aspiring writer. The continued publications of her articles have helped **Isabella** analyze her work and consequently become more dedicated and confident in her writing styles. Under the dual supervision of **Nina Libby**, publisher's assistant, **Isabella** has been able to attend many extraordinary functions and events. She was granted the opportunity to visit such exotic places as the Elephant Conservation, Suncoast Primate Sanctuary, and the Clearwater Marine Aquarium. She was also privileged to attend events such as the Abilities Foundation Wine & Food Festival, Florida State Fair, and the upcoming Bay Area Renaissance Festival. These opportunities have given **Isabella** experience and a certain advantage many other striving writers would envy. **Isabella's** internship with **IMAGO**

has been a positive influence on her future career goals.

With the influence of **Gail Gerdes**, a **Human Resource Manager** of **Sun Pharmacy**, **Arianne Rakipi** was exposed to several aspects of the long-term care pharmaceutical industry. With **CRPh**, **John Reinhold** and **Costumer Service Representative**, **Shelly Lawrence**, Arianne had the opportunity to visit **Jacaranda Manor** and explore the various influences pharmacy has on long-term care in nursing homes. She also had to opportunity to mix an IV with **Peg Mitchell**, IV RPh, where she gained knowledge on the importance of the sterilization process in the clean room. Arianne's experience has opened her eyes to many different paths and convinced her that a career in pharmacy is the route that she wants to pursue.

### **COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL**

Through her internship at the **Dunedin Fine Arts Center**, and under the mentorship of **Todd Still**, **Ana DeLeon** has experienced the chaos and rewards that come with

being a **Director of Youth Education** and working at an Art Center. Assisting **Katarzyna Parwankicka** and **Catherine Bergmann** in constructing exhibits taught Ana of all the hard work and creativity that must be put in to create a successful show. Mr. Still explained how organization and communication are the key characteristics when dealing with youth education. Most of the time he is planning several events at once - some even months in advance. It is the reward of working with children, he explains, that makes his job worth while. Being able to watch a child learn, and be excited about it at the same time, is the greatest gift. Because Ana has such a strong passion for children, and knowledge gained from Mr. Still, she feels that youth education, whether in a school or an art center, is the right career choice for her.

**Alisha Fredericks** has enjoyed shadowing **Michele Manning** with **Investor Lending Service** for the past three months. During her internship she learned many different things including the details of investing into loans to refinance a piece of property. She has also

learned moral values and business skills. She has enjoyed her internship. Due to this wonderful experience, Alisha plans to pursue a career in the Mortgage Broker business.

**Kayla Legaspi**, in her second semester of EIP, was lucky to be mentored by **Cindy Small**, **Sales Manager for Bankers Life and Casualty**. Under Cindy's supervision, Kayla learned about annuities, life insurance, and Medicare Supplements. Kayla had a wonderful time with Cindy and gained so much knowledge. She loved her internship and the experience it afforded her!

Throughout the spring 2006 school year, **Ji Noh**, under the guidance of **Jackson Sah**, learned that running a compounding pharmacy takes more than just pharmaceutical skills. She also learned that compounding pharmacists give patients almost unlimited possibilities for medicine consumption. Thanks to having only one person running the whole pharmacy, Ji has obtained numerous opportunities to compound medicine under steady supervision. Being at a privately owned pharmacy also gave her many chances to observe

the way a pharmacist works with people. Even during the time spent without customers, Ji was often educated in the ways for dealing with people. Although being a pharmacist can be extremely rewarding, Ji is currently unsure of choosing it as a future goal. She enjoyed working with compounding medicine, and visiting doctors to direct-market the pharmacy.

### **DIXIE HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL**

While interning at the **Tampa Bay Veterinary Clinic, David Broughton** was influenced by **Dr. Denise Ginex, DVM Emergency**, and also by **Dr. John Kirsch, DVM Surgery**. He has learned many new things that he had never once thought possible. He has seen countless surgeries and performed numerous tasks around the clinic. David is now starting to work at his clinic, and he loves his job/internship more than ever. Currently his favorite thing to do is calculate blood levels in the lab.

While interning at the **State Attorney's Office for Shpresa Idrizi, ASA, Tiffany Sanford** realized that being in lawyer is

vastly different from the way it is portrayed on television. Tiffany's daily activities mostly consisted of paperwork, such as pre-trials and discoveries. If, at any time, Tiffany wanted to attend a trial, she also had the opportunity to do so. Tiffany is not entirely sure if she will pursue law as her career, even though she thoroughly enjoyed her internship at the SAO.

### **DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL**

**Ladina Badraun** interned at **David L. Wallace Architecture** under **Christy Butler's** supervision. Ladina learned how to make the basic floor plan according to office standards and the process to complete a set of drawings. While experiencing how tough a career in architecture is, Ladina learned that it is really important to prioritize. There are a lot of deadlines to be met and to have good team members to get the job done correctly the first time. Ladina had an incredible experience and therefore wants to go to college to get a degree in architecture and later work for an architect or become an architect.

With the supervision of **Jeffery Hartzog, Director of Operations at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Katie Melone** has achieved her goals in gaining a better understanding and knowledge of the ins-and-outs a theater must face. There are specific departments and employment positions that must be filled in order for the theater to remain in business and attract audiences around the area. Katie was able to spend time shadowing **Kevin Kennedy** and **Dustin Adams** as they prepared the sound and lighting equipment of each show while attending to her other duties which include filing time cards and show contracts. By deciding to remain at Ruth Eckerd Hall for her third semester, she is still amazed and excited to experience each show she gets to work. Katie would like to use her skills and knowledge in theater in college, but isn't sure it will be her future goal to pursue this career field.

Through the guidance and direction of **Assistant State Attorney Shpresa Idrizi, Christina Perez** has been inspired to go to law school and pursue her dream of being a lawyer. Since spending the better part of a school year as

Ms. Idrizi's intern, Christina has learned many things about being a lawyer, and even more about criminal law than she ever imagines learning. Ms. Perez has also been able to experience first hand what it is to be an attorney, through viewing trials and actively participating in the processing of trial documents. Although time constantly draws nearer for her to leave the office, she definitely looks forward to coming back in several years as a college intern to once again join the team of lawyers she has gotten to know so well during her first internship.

### **EAST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL**

While **Ryan Butron** interned at **Lockheed Martin**, he learned much about computer hardware and software under the selfless guidance of sponsors, **Roy Street, Rory McCann, and Howard Merrill**. He also shadowed many people and helped numerous employees when they needed it. Ryan learned many skills that will undoubtedly help him in a future career, as well as life, such as the importance of a good work ethic, professional behaviors,

computer languages and programs, as well as basic engineering skills.

During her time interning with the **Friends of the Brooker Creek Preserve**, under the supervision of **Matthew Poling, Holly Greene** learned a lot about what the Friends do and how important this organization is. Holly put together vital information about the Preserve so the Friends would know who the land belonged to and the location of its various plots. This was a very tedious job, but Holly knew it needed to be done. After this experience she realized how wonderful our wild life is and how difficult it really is to protect it. She has determined that she wants to make every effort to keep Florida's wild life safe.

Under the supervision of **Lebra Johnson at Sally Lindberg and Associates, Alexandra Johnson** found that accounting wasn't as overwhelming as the public image assumed it would be. Alexandra discovered that accounting takes a lot of technical and problem solving skills. While at Sally's, Alexandra input many numbers into the Quickbooks program, and then she reconciled

them. She found the Quickbooks program to be very interesting. Alexandra's internship experience has definitely convinced her to highly consider accounting as her future profession.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Carl Conforti and Dr. Mike Turner at Conforti Chiropractic and Wellness Center, Christina Nowacki** was able to observe two chiropractors in their everyday routines. She observed and learned how the spine works and the natural way of healing it. Christina also worked with **Keri Sinisi** in admitting patients and learning how the chiropractic process works. She was able to observe the Doctors in real patient procedures and learn more about the spine. Christina's experience has reassured her that a career as a Chiropractor is her goal.

While interning with **Greg Rabelo, Information Technologist, at St. Petersburg College, Becky Risberg** has had the opportunity to collaborate with a professional in the field of graphic arts and IT. She has learned new software programs and has completed many projects given to her. Becky has

grown from this experience and looks forward to pursuing a degree in which she can utilize her artistic talents.

### **GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL**

Under the supervision of **Bob Lasher, the Community Relations Manager of the PSTA, Angela Phatsavong** discovered that Graphic Design was the perfect career for her. Angela observed the work that the graphics coordinator, **Ryan Wakefield** does and thought that this was the job for her. She helped him take pictures for an advertisement and contributed to the design of it. She found that she wouldn't mind sitting on a computer all day designing things. Angela's experience in the **Marketing Department** at the **PSTA** has convinced her to pursue a career in Graphic Design.

Under the direction of **Herman Gilyard** of **Bayfront Medical Center's IT Department, Justin Bauford's** education as related to customer service and IT relations was expanded. Dealing with end-users is never easy for anybody, as Justin soon found out. His

experience with infrastructure and Help Desk soon grew larger than he knew, and he was soon helping other users. He realized that this career has ups and downs in both the business and municipal worlds and that he would have to adapt fast.

**Cecelia Castaneda** has learned how to deal with children, how to organize a news letter and how to work with other employees of high ranking. She has learned all these new skills under the guidance of **Tim Pemberton, Sports Director, YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg.** Learning these skills has helped her better understand a working environment for the future in any career she chooses.

**Caprice Johnson** interned for fall and spring semesters at the historic **Renaissance Vinoy Resort**, beginning her internship under the direction of **Mr. Clint Anderson, HR Director**, and circulating through the various departments. Caprice learned invaluable lessons related to customer service and teamwork and was hired by the **Recreation Manager, Molly Masters**, before her internship ended.

With sponsor **Captain Dean Adamides**, and the help of the rest of the crew at **St. Petersburg Fire Rescue, Anthony Ketterer** has been given an opportunity to experience first hand what a career as a fireman paramedic is like. From helping out around the fire station to observing firemen and paramedics on calls, Anthony Ketterer has learned more than any textbook could teach. Anthony has learned fire behavior, the different equipment on a rescue truck, and much more. By observing people on different calls, Anthony now has a basic understanding of what to do in an emergency, and knows that this is what he wants to do with the rest of his life.

With the oversight of **Robert Phillip, AIA, P.A., of Phillip Architecture & Interior Design, Sovo euth Khao** learned the basics to designing a house. She realized that designing a house takes a lot of effort and it is time consuming. Sovo euth was able to visit a construction site where a house actually was being built, and she was amazed by the progression. Sovo euth also gained a lot of knowledge from



observing **Eva Perr** design houses. This experience has influenced her to look more into the architecture career field.

With the help of **Denise Rosenberger, Operations Manager, Ryan McDermott** enjoyed a whole new experience his second semester of internship with **National Aviation**. In addition to his normal backseat flying regiment, Ryan also found a niche as the company technology guru. His internship helped him to gain valuable networking, web design, and PC support experience which he will carry with him for years to come. His time spent there has reaffirmed Ryan's desire to fly and his love for computers.

Interning with **Dr. Shannon Guire** at **Feather Sound General and Cosmetic Dental Office** became an eye opener for **Jessica Myslikowski**. Becoming a dentist isn't as easy as people think; there are over a hundred different instruments used and tons of chemicals that they deal with on a daily basis. Jessica received an overwhelming amount of hands on experience that gave her an idea of what the profession is all about.

Jessica enjoyed working with the office staff and diverse clientele. From this experience Jessica has decided to pursue dentistry in her post-secondary education.

Under the supervision of **Ashley Scollo** of the **Aveda Institute St. Petersburg, Hannah Ngin** discovered that there are a lot of hours that have to be put into becoming a cosmetologist. Hannah saw other educators, **Jennifer and Mary- Ann Brathwaite** as role models to what she wants become in the future. Hannah assisted in many of the tasks and events from copying papers to setting up for events. Hannah's experience has convinced her that a career as a cosmetologist is her goal for life.

Under the guidance of **Bob DeRoss** of **Molex's** engineering department, **Matthew O'Brien** was introduced to many of the aspects of engineering. He was simply amazed at the level of detail and revision that was required for every project, as well as the level of paperwork. Matthew was introduced to 3D modeling and learned a great deal. He both watched **Damon Myrick** create complex models,

and received hints and pointers from **Ed Hile** and **Jeff Pawlicki**. This process fascinated him. Additionally in order to help the department, he began transferring documents to an electronic format. Matthew's experience at Molex has taught him that a career in engineering is a viable future path.

While working closely with **J. Stephen Putnam, Executive Vice President of Raymond James Financial Services** and his **Executive Assistant, Marie-Joele Ingalls, Nicholas Slater** has gained extensive knowledge in the financial planning and investment banking career fields. Nicholas hopes to continue his college education with the benefit of his experience through The Executive Internship Program.

**Ryan Vysniauskas** expanded his technology skills and knowledge as part of the service team at **Velocity IQ, Inc.** Ryan performed technical service and repair, maintenance and construction of computers and computer systems. He even had an opportunity to assist in installing cable in a construction project. His experience reinforced his

decision to follow a career in technology.

With assistance from **Linda Noble-Welch of Deranian-Noble Design Group, Goe Yang** discovered that being an interior designer is a complex career. Each job is very time consuming from start to finish. Goe experienced how conferences with the clients go and also got the chance to see one of Linda Noble-Welch's completed projects. She dealt with a wide variety of fabrics and learned how to find the proper colors and prices on them. Goe found interior designing to be fascinating and her experience has assured her that a career in interior designing is her goal.

### **LAKEWOOD HIGH SCHOOL**

With the help of **Sandra Hughes, Office Manager**, and the **University of Florida Resident Dentists of the Johnnie Ruth Clark Health Center, Gerard Scannell** learned the value of taking his future into his hands to understand what the field of dentistry is all about. It was very different than what he expected, but he ended up liking it more than he thought he would.

He observed many extractions, routine cleanings, fittings for dentures, and even a couple of root canals. He also observed, and sometimes assisted, **Dr. Mark Stapleton, Dr. Jessica Zatroch, Dr. Clay Weisburg, Dr. Emily Browning, Dr. Jachelle Garrett, and Dr. Long Huynh** by holding the aspirator (the suction straw for saliva), developing x-rays, and charting. He also found out that the health center rotated the resident dentists with a dental clinic in Clearwater and that all of the dentists graduated from the University of Florida. Then, if that does not seem too overwhelming, he was lucky enough to get **Dr. Susan Carey** to write a letter of recommendation to the University of Florida. He has gained an immense amount of knowledge from this experience and will use it to the best advantage possible in his future.

**Carly Wootten** was able to learn more about what it is like to be an architect. Working with **James Shawhan, Senior Vice President of Harvard Jolly**, she was able to learn many new things. She was able to work with a program

called SketchUp, which dealt with the outside of a structure. She was able to learn the old school and new school methods of drafting. Old school would be to draw by hand and new school would use the computer through AutoCAD. Carly Wootten was accepted in the University of Florida and the University of South Florida; she plans on attending at USF for architecture. Overall this experience is something she will never forget.

### **LARGO HIGH SCHOOL**

Through interning under the guidance of **Eileen Corning, Beata Kaminski** received a great deal of knowledge of many different career fields found in the **Sun Coast Hospital**. She has observed and shadowed in **Pharmacy, Pathology, Rehabilitation, Wound Healing, and Emergency Departments**. Beata has participated in many Rehab activities. She also had a chance to observe an autopsy. In the Pharmacy, she has worked mainly with Jeff Fleming. She has found out that working as a Pharmacist might not be too exciting, but it is not as hard as she thought. Beata has been pre-packaging,

outdating, and bar coding. She appreciates of having the experience of preparing for a career in pharmacy.

With the help of **Kathy Jacobs of Northside Hospital, Jahaan Khatoon** was introduced to the realm of opportunities in a hospital setting. She learned that the hospital is interdependent because it is crucial for the all the departments to cooperate with each other. Kathy Jacobs introduced her to many different fields such as: **Pharmacy, Radiology, Physical Therapy, and Respiratory Therapy.** She felt that the most intense field was Respiratory Therapy because they have to work in all departments and they are the first people who report to codes to help the patient breathe. Jahaan has decided on the career of Pharmacy because it suits her best interests.

As the new director at **The St. Petersburg Museum of History, Executive Director Jessica Ventimiglia** and new intern, **Maria Panakhyo**, both have had an exciting start with the new year. New Executive Director, Jessica Ventimiglia, and **Marketing Director/**

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**Coordinator, Rinita Anderson**, have both worked tirelessly to make this year a success. Maria has had first hand experience in their new atmosphere because of her work with the museum's press releases, archives, and education department. Because of Maria's museum work, she has learned new aspects and dimensions of what it takes to have a successful museum. After a semester at the St. Petersburg Museum of History, Maria has finalized her plans on earning her degree in the historical and archaeological fields.

**Thy Pham** was an intern at **SunCoast Hospital** under the watchful eyes of **Eileen Corning**. She had been to three departments since January. She met **Dr. Lewis** in the **Pathology Lab** where she learned of the process of gross-section and observed an autopsy which she found very interesting. **Jeff Fleming, the Director of Pharmacy**, had informed her of the options of careers in Healthcare. With **Penny** as her advisor, she had a chance to become a **Pharmacy technician**. She was also been to Rehab where she realized

how much the pleasure is to help other people. With great intensive to learn and the interested in Healthcare, this internship had convinced her that a career in Healthcare for her future.

With **Mr. Shawn Jeffries, General Manger of West Coast Powersports**, as her guide, **Hannah Rodgers** has been reassured that a career in the Motorcycle Industry is what she wants. Working around motorcycles is not all and games. It is hard work. However, there are many benefits to having a career in a field that deals with a sport one loves, especially when the sport is expensive. Hannah learned the basic of running a motorcycle dealership during her internship. She has a long way to go before she can manage her own shop, but she is well on her way.

During **Charlie Wise's** internship at **Largo Central Elementary School, Mrs. Bouffard** taught him that the work of a guidance counselor is about the relationships forged with students. The work that he did included tutoring, mediating and assisting Mrs. Bouffard. During the internship, Charlie learned about

caring for the emotional needs of elementary school students and improving their academic skills. Charlie has learned that a career in psychology or psychiatry is in the future for him.

### **OSCEOLA HIGH SCHOOL**

**Jessica Blydenburgh** enjoyed and learned from her internship experience at **Oakhurst Veterinary Center**. **Christy Mansis, Practice Manager**, made sure that Jessica was integrated into the staff, and she observed and assisted in many of the daily tasks of the practice and was able to observe some fascinating surgeries and procedures as well. Jessica was encouraged to pursue a career in veterinary science.

Under the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs of Medical Education at Northside Hospital, Daniela Rodrigues** shadowed doctors in different fields of medicine and observed the professional setting of physicians in their workplace. Daniela took part in different rotations including **pharmacy, radiology, physical therapy, and CVICU**, where she observed doctors and nurse

practitioners interact with and treat patients with various problems. She also learned how to interact with patients in a professional yet comfortable and friendly manner. Daniela's truly enjoyable experience at Northside Hospital has encouraged her, even more than before, to further her plans in attending medical school, and later to pursue a career in the medical field.

### **PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL**

Under the supervision of **Dr. Floyd E. Roberts of Florida Protective Coatings, Jose Barquin** has realized that being a coatings chemist and specialist is quite the load of work. Jose has observed prototype paints that may be used in NASA from production to application. He has assisted **Mr. Gerry Arner** in the formulating and has been working firsthand with NASA specialist and University professors. Jose has also taken a foothold in paint production making over 1,500 gallons monthly for the business. The experience has allowed him to really focus in on what he wants in the future.

Thanks to **Mrs. Libbey Flynn, R.N., Clinical Nurse Instructor at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Travis Cahill** was able to successfully observe and converse with surgeons in the operating room on the second floor. Travis has viewed many exciting and awe inspiring operations. Walking into a surgery room for the first time was tough, but the doctors and nurses always took the time to slide over and allow Travis to observe something new, such as a beating heart. This interest surely sparked his goal of a job in the medical profession. Because of all he experienced during his stay at Helen Ellis, Travis hopes to be admitted into surgical technician school in August of 2006 and will, hopefully, go on to med. school and become a skilled surgeon.

With **Kelly Webb's** aid and supervision, **Nadine Mabey** has learned a great deal about the Athletic Training/Physical Therapy field. Every day is different for an Athletic Trainer; there is always some new injury or new exercises to do during rehabilitation. Nadine has observed and assisted Kelly with taping wrists

and ankles as well as assisting her with new exercises and various other daily activities at Palm Harbor University High School Training Room and also at **Morton Plant Mease Sports Medicine Center**. This experience has been incredible and has reassured Nadine that this is the career that she wants to pursue.

**Kelly Webb** from **Morton Plant Mease Sports Medicine Center** continued to expand **Emma Makdessi's** knowledge in the field of sports medicine for athletic training. Every day, Emma became more convinced that this is the career field that she is going to go into in the near future. Emma enjoyed the interaction with the patients and the hands-on experience that she received in the field of athletic training. Through this experience, Emma is focusing on continuing in the field of athletic training and physical therapy.

Under the guidance of **John Sullivan, M.D. of Orthopedic Specialists, Courtney Maxa** realized that being a surgeon wasn't as 9 to 5 as it seemed. There is a lot of hard work involved in diagnosing a patient and ruling out

unrelated symptoms. Courtney also worked with Dr. Sullivan's assistant, Don Wakefield, who showed her the ropes of being a first assistant in the operating room. She was able to watch patients entered the office in extreme pain, and over the course of a few visits, leave feeling much more comfortable. Courtney's experience has broadened her horizons in the field of medicine.

Under the supervision of **Kelly Webb, ATC of Morton Plant Mease Sports Medicine Center, Danielle Mevers**, learned that working as a student trainer/physical therapist can be very time-consuming and emotionally demanding. Memorization skills are a must as well as making the best decisions for your patients. Danielle has perfected her taping and evaluation skills and is working on rehabilitation of injuries. She has found the steps to assessing an injury and coming up with a good work out for rehabilitating an injury challenging but exciting. Danielle's work as a student trainer/physical therapist has directed her to a future in sports medicine.

**Andriana Moschouris** interned in the **Occupational Therapy Department of Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Student Center**. She worked with her sponsor, **Darlene Kibler, OT** and other OT's and physical therapists in that department. Each day consisted of assisting her mentors working with children, teaching them tasks such as tying shoe laces and using eating utensils. Working with these wonderful people as well as the loving children at Paul B. has made Andriana sure that working as a pediatric OT will be her career of choice.

This semester in the Executive Internship Program, **Tovi Snapstailer**, interned at **LearnMusic Inc.**, where she worked on recording CDs for students, with the help of her sponsor **Rhea McConnell**. The students of **LearnMusic Studio** who are working to perfect their musical skills will use these CDs. This was a great learning experience for Tovi, as she acquired new skills with recording equipment, and became familiar with computer programs made for writing music. This internship helped solidify her decision to work toward a

Theater Business degree. Tovi cannot wait to pursue her goal of opening her own music studio.

### **PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL**

While observing **Michelle Carty, Charge Nurse in the Morton Plant Hospital ER, Amanda Cauchon** got to see a different outlook on nursing. She got to experience all types of patients that not only come to the ER but also through out the whole hospital by going to bed briefing with Michelle. Amanda got to observe nurses working with drunk, psychiatric, cardiac, and pulmonary patients in the ER. Being in this internship definitely helped her realized a career in the medical field and changing peoples lives is something she wants to pursue.

While observing and assisting, **Bill Miller, Owner of Limited Edition Interiors, April Pease** realized that there is more to interior design then just colors and decorating. She has learned about everything from lighting and fabrics to painting and wallpaper. The **co-owner, Judy Miller**, along with other designers like, **Lisa**

**Iacovino, Bonnie Thomas, Mary Rabe, and Babs Thacker** have helped April in reaching her goals by allowing her to observe them with clients to get a better look at what really goes on in this field of design. She has also been helpful setting up the showroom and assisting the staff in anyway possible. She has enjoyed her time at Limited Edition and is truly convinced that Interior design is the career she would like to have in the future.

### **ST. PETERSBURG HIGH SCHOOL**

"What's that awful humming noise?" asks the patient who is about to enter the MRI machine at **Northside Hospital and Heart Institute**. "Well that's the huge magnet that is going to take the pictures of your brain," says **Sue Schlachter** as she wheels the patient in for the scan. **Jacob Funk** interned in the MRI department of **Northside Hospital and Heart Institute** with Ms. **Schlachter** as his mentor. This was Jacob's second successful semester in the program. Jacob enjoyed his experience and the people he worked with at Northside. Jacob learned a

great deal about medicine, radiology, and team work, and he found the experience worthwhile.

Under the guidance and supervision of **John Anders of Anderson McQueen Funeral Service, Elizabeth Kellermeier** has experienced that being a funeral director and performing funeral services is a respected career. There is a lot of hard work in creating a service from start to finish. Elizabeth has seen **Melanie Meredith, Pete Grasso, John Anders** and crew, arranging flowers before a service. She saw a body being shipped back to CTC to get worked on, and she has also been involved in funerals. Elizabeth found that the morgue is macabre yet fascinating. Elizabeth's total experience has convinced her that a career in the funeral service is the field for her and she plans to pursue a degree in this field.

Under the guidance of **Lora Phillips of Central Christian School, Carolina Shamlall** has had the opportunity to work with children, and has learned that it isn't always all fun and games. A lot of hard work goes

into being a great teacher. Carolina learned that it is important for the kids to like you, as well as respect you. Carolina assisted teachers, and learned a lot about children, while enjoying the atmosphere and surroundings at the school from which she graduated just a few years back. This experience has made Carolina realize that working with children is her passion, and she would like to continue to pursue her dreams of becoming a Pediatrician.

Building off of last semester's internship, **Sean Stanley** remained at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, but shifted his main focus from sea turtles, stingrays and other fish, to Atlantic Bottlenose Dolphins and North American River Otters. With the change of focus, Sean gained new sponsors, **Animal Trainer, Abigale Stone, and Director of Animal Care and Veterinarian, Janine Cianciolo, DVM**. Sean has had the amazing opportunity to start learning the fundamentals of animal training, and has even started training some of the dolphins and river otters. Sean thanks all of the people he has worked with at the aquarium along with the EIP coordinators

who have enabled him to gain such wonderful experiences. Sean still has plans to major in Biology and minor in Psychology to become an animal trainer as his career choice.

### **SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL**

Under the supervision of **Grady Pridgen** and the associates of **Grady Pridgen, Inc., Joshua Bosse** determined that being a real estate developer is more difficult than it's cracked up to be. Fifty-plus hour weeks filled with anxiety-causing delays and refusals make it a challenging career path. His most exciting experience was when he tagged along with Grady Pridgen to a public hearing in downtown Clearwater. He found the hearing to be quite intriguing. Joshua's experience has left his interest in a real estate development career undecided at this point.

Through observing **Dennis Rivenburgh** at **Tampa Bay Orthopedics, Jacqui Supplee** found that being a physician's assistant is very challenging work. Caring for patients requires a lot of determination and decision-making skills. Jacqui viewed daily

patient-doctor relations, as well as minor surgical procedures, with **Dr. Phil Davidson, Dennis Rivenburgh's** superior. She also was able to view an arthroscopic surgery, and Jacqui learned about the physical therapy department with the guidance of **Sue Fleischman**, the head therapist. Jacqui's future plans to become a medical professional have been reinforced throughout this experience.

### **TARPON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL**

While interning at **WPDS-TV, Channel 14, Joe Brickley** learned the ins and outs of Television Production, and with the guidance of **Dave Cook** he was able to gain first hand knowledge in the field. Although Joe came to the realization that TV Production is not all about looking good on camera, he still managed to have a good time and do a lot of work in the other aspects of Production, too. Joe found the tedious and time consuming efforts of writing scripts, filming and editing well worth it in the end when there is a great finished project that gets to roll on TV. Through his experiences, Joe has come to the conclusion that he

wants to pursue a career in the TV Production Field.

Thanks to **WFTS, ABC Action News**, and the production department headed by **Charlie Paul, Sean Brown** learned what it really takes to make a television newscast work. It takes dozens of people all working together, a lot of adaptation on the part of the people involved, and every one of those people doing everything they can to improve the quality of the show. Sean learned from almost every position in the production department, from Cryon with **Robert Brown** to technical directing with **Rex Colby and Brian Bruck**. His time at ABC has shown him that the field of television

production is definitely what he wants to do as a career.

Under the direction of **David Landreath and T.M. Powell of UPN 44, Eunic Ortiz** has grown as a producer. She has been given the opportunity to work with professionals in a real working studio and multiple editing suites. With all the spots that come through and have to be finished in a certain amount of time, Eunic has had to learn how to prioritize her time, and has been taught how to make the most out of a spot in the little amount of time that she has. She has found this career fascinating, and hopes one day to own a studio of her own.

Under the direction of **Val Pinchbeck and David Landreth of UPN44, Rita La Chapelle** has seen a difference in her work world skills. She has graciously accepted the invitation to be an intern for the production department of UPN 44. Rita has developed better organization and time management skills since she has been participating in the executive internship field. She hopes to one day, build off of everything she has learned and start her own Television Station for teenagers to provide a much more positive outlet than the things on television today.



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