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It is our pleasure to compile and distribute the Executive Internship Program newsletter for the 2006-2007 school year. The entries in this newsletter have been developed by the high school interns who participated in the Executive Internship Program throughout the school year.

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

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

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

The Executive Internship Program was introduced into Pinellas County high schools in 1974. Today, the Executive Internship Program is affiliated with a national organization of experiential education programs and has been nationally recognized as a model program by the U.S. School-to-Work office. Over 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 guidance of **Pam Eaton, R.N., Manager of Women's Services at St. Petersburg General Hospital**, and the rest of the nursing staff in the hospital's Nursery, **Jasmine Atkins** discovered that being a registered nurse in the nursery is one of life's most appreciated jobs. There is a lot of important work that happens in the nursery, which is essentially what makes a newborn enter into the world healthy as can be after birth. Jasmine saw many deliveries, both cesarean and vaginal, where nurses **Debi Douglas** and **Jo Campbell** assured that all newborns got to the nursery safely where all necessary testing would be done. Jasmine assisted in these first tests which the infants' go through; this experience made her feel like she was an important part of the infant's life as well. Jasmine's experience has convinced her that a career in neonatology is her ultimate goal.

While an intern in the **Emergency Center at All Children's Hospital**, under the guidance of **Ms. Louise Bowen, RNC,CMTE,ARNP,MSN , Director, Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Team, Marisa Borgia** learned about diseases, medications, and tools that are used. Marisa observed numerous procedures performed by medical professionals on a daily basis. Marisa encountered patients with a wide range of diseases, ailments, and injuries. She helped with IV starts, transporting patients, putting charts together, and more. This experience reinforced Marisa's goal of becoming a Pediatric Emergency Room Physician.

Under the supervision of **Jo Simpson, RN,BSN,CEN, Stroke Clinic Coordinator** of the **Morton Plant Neuroscience Clinic**, Roma Sharma had the opportunity to learn about the many fascinating areas of the Neuroscience Clinic, which consist of stroke, balance and memory. Roma shadowed the various physicians in the

clinics and got to observe diagnoses, treatments, and overall patient interaction. Roma gained so much valuable knowledge from her internship. The opportunity she was presented and experienced has convinced her that she may want to pursue a career in Neurology. Roma thinks that neurology is a fascinating area of medicine that is definitely a possible career choice for her in the future.

CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL

As an intern of **Lalitha Alladi** of the **State Attorney's Office**, **Ashley Hinson** experienced an unforgettable law journey. Ashley observed the dedication and hard work of attorneys **Kristi Aussner** and **Lalitha Alladi** of **Division L** of the State Attorney's Office. She took many notes and inquired about certain law processes while observing different court cases. She even had the opportunity to sit and observe a murder trial. Ashley quickly realized that the idea of defending the innocent and

prosecuting the guilty was the dream career for her.

Under the guidance of **Scott Anderson of Morton Plant Mease, Haris Resic** discovered that being a **Physical Therapist** involves more decision-making than he thought it would. You have to be able to identify an injury, make a diagnosis, and create a treatment process in a certain amount of time. Haris also saw **Stacia Burroughs** and **Frank Beccia** assessing injuries correctly and efficiently, and then developing treatments and rehab for the injured person. The main procedure Haris assisted in is wrapping up the injury. He found this job to be very rewarding because he helped make someone's life at least a little easier. Haris's experience has reassured him that he wants to be a Physical Therapist.

Under the assistance of **Dave Cook of WPDS TV 14, Peter Scondras** realized just how much it takes to broadcast a successful TV channel. The work behind the scenes is immense, as he learned from **Mike Roy and Bob Anthony** as they edited tapes in an editing suite. Peter learned how to

host a TV broadcast, edit material, and shoot interviews all in a few months. Peter decided that a career in Media Production is the correct choice for him.

COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

With the help and encouragement of **Dave Cook, TV Operations Manager, of Channel 14, Travis Anthony** realized what it takes to work at a news station. A lot of time and motivation goes into making a story for a show. Travis spent most of his time filming and interviewing high school marching bands to do a story for the competition that occurred in November. Travis learned how to better interview people, use the camera, and edit from employees **Mike Roy, Bob Anthony,** and Dave Cook. Travis edited and created stories for PCS Journal, a show that talks about the events that occur in Pinellas County. Travis discovered through his experiences that even though the news business is hectic, it is still the profession in which he would like to make a career.

Under the guidance of **Dr.**

Dale K. Christensen at his **oral surgery office, Jessica Appelt** learned that being in this field requires an enormous amount of patience. She learned that people need comfort and sometimes it takes more than just saying it will be okay. Jessica also learned how to take x-rays and to scrub and sterilize instruments. She learned that this career can be very thrilling and can bring a lot of happiness to a person if preceded correctly. One of Jessica's goals is to continue her education and further proceed in a career in dentistry.

With the supervision of **April Frederick, Kaitlyn Bock** has adapted well at her internship at **Brooker Creek Preserve**. She has assisted the staff with everything from data entry to hands on animal care. She has learned to identify different Florida ecosystems as well as recognize some of the wildlife species at the Preserve. Kaitlyn found the most fascinating part of her internship to be the obvious dedication and passion the staff has for environmental preservation as well as their vast knowledge of the subject. Kaitlyn's work at the Preserve has convinced her

to pursue her interests in the environment as a future career.

Under the guidance of **Martha Margolis** at **Tampa Bay Magazine**, **Ryan Burns** learned the skills needed to be successful in the journalism industry. Working in an established lifestyle magazine is not as glamorous as the lifestyles portrayed in Tampa Bay Magazine; it is difficult but exciting work. Ryan helped to edit copy, compose write-ups for sections, including the Events section, research for various editorials featured in the magazine, and learned to be an effective, concise writer. She also helped to develop a full-page advertisement that was published in the November/December 2006 issue. Ryan's experience has assured her future goal to be an editor in a major magazine.

When showing up for work, **Peter Marinake** was not sure of what his day would hold for him. When **Jeff Cederbaum**, **Assistant Video Producer** for the **Tampa Bay Devil Rays**, told Peter he was going to initiate first actions of his final project, Peter got anxious and excited. The two of them

met with **Austin Parsons**, the Producer of the video project Peter was supposed to work on. They had a meeting and discussed all factors and directions the video could possibly take.

While observing and assisting **Beth Rawlins** and **Dani Dahlberg**, **Political Consultants**, for **Beth Rawlins Inc.**, **Erik Palm** has realized that being a political consultant is not just working with and advising politicians. There is also a lot of demanding work, including tons of research and many hours of planning that come with this job. Erik had the opportunity to be involved in attending strategy meetings with attorneys and mayors, as well as in creating and reorganizing charts to clarify the important information. Erik's experience at Beth Rawlins Inc. has convinced him that a career in politics is certainly in his future.

Brian Roberts completed his internship under the guidance of **Gregory Blackburn**, **Director of Productions**, and the **Production Team** at **WTOG UPN 44** where he learned about the behind-the-scenes work involved in producing shows and the

extensive work required to airing TV shows and commercials.

Morton Plant Hospital has been a positive experience for **Ashley Zaratzian** in her pursuit of a chosen career as a **pharmacist**, as her supervisor **Karin Williams** reported. Her contacts with **Gail Bruce**, **Pharmacy Manager**, **Annette Maybee**, **Pharmacy Technician**, and various hospital personnel have given her insights into the pharmacy aspect of the medical field. Some of her duties have included pre-packaging, preparing IV bags, and restocking the medications on the shelf. This experience has reinforced Ashley's desire to work in the field of pharmacy.

DIXIE HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

Hue Nguyen, under the guidance of **Pam Eaton**, **R.N., Manager of Women's Services** at **St. Petersburg General Hospital**, learned that being an assistant in Women's Services requires lots of work. She helped the nurses with many assessments with the infants such as giving baths, preparing for a glucose check, and

checking infants' vital signs. Hue also got a chance to witness a C-section and a vaginal delivery for the first time in her life. Hue thought that they were pretty exciting, and she was happy that she could watch a new baby brought into this world. Hue's experience has helped convince her that a career in OB/GYN is her career for the future.

Under the guidance of **Shawn Callahan of Noah's 24-Hour Animal Hospital and Kennel, Rachel New** experienced various areas of the organization. She had the experiences of working at the front desk admitting patients to observing surgeries. Rachel saw a variety of procedures, including the birth of puppies and the putting to rest of dogs. She also gained a better understanding of the emotional stress that came with the job. This student found the veterinarian career inspiring but decided to look more into the ER nursing field.

With help from **Sheri Bazany**, founder and head of **Bazany Design**, **Sean Stewart** confirmed to himself that graphic design is less than a creative

outlet. Multitasking is key when working with several clients, and continual adjustments must be made to suit the needs of a customer. Sean worked with **Bazany** to create visuals, advertisements, and other such implements for various organizations in the Tampa Bay area. He found that in a field of this nature, desirable work must often come after the less-wanted necessities. Even though Sean does not wish to pursue a career in graphics, he learned some important information.

While interning at **Pediatric Neurology Associates**, under the supervision of **Dr. Joseph Casadonte and Dr. Ena Andrews, Nycole Willoughby** learned firsthand what it is to be a neurologist. During her eighteen weeks there she observed and grasped how neurologist diagnose and treat the assortment of neurological disorders that people live with every day. On an average day, the staff at Pediatric Neurology Associates treated patients with a range of disorders, everything from migraines to autism. Nycole now has a greater understanding of just how complex the human brain and nervous system are. She also

discovered how vital a neurologist is in helping manage certain neurological disorders. Each day **Dr. Casadonte and Dr. Andrews** made a huge impact on a child's life by helping them with treatment for their disability. Nycole found neurology to be a very intricate subject, yet profoundly interesting and rewarding.

DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL

Under the supervision of **Karin Williams, Brittany Blair** was able to assist the nurses at **Morton Plant Hospital** in the NICU nursery and the WITT 7 nursery. Brittany soon found out how stressful and patient you have to be to work in these nurseries. One of the stressful things that Brittany had to do was go to the rooms and get the babies and bring them back to the nursery so the doctor could give them a physical and make sure they did not have heart murmurs, jaundice, or any other illnesses. "Stressful?", "How can it be stressful?" you say, well let me tell you. Sometimes when she had to go in the rooms, the patients did not speak any English at all, so she would have to sit there for periods

of time and try to explain to the parents of the baby where the baby was going and why they were going, because you can't just come in a room and take the baby. Another kind of patient that Brittany had run-ins with were the rude patients. Some parents do not want their baby brought into the nursery, so the parents would get an attitude with Brittany until she left them alone. Brittany also assisted the nurses in PKU's, blood pressure tests, and bilirubin tests, and got to assist the doctors in circumcisions. Brittany loves to do this kind of work, but still can't decide between this, an obstetrician, or an anesthetist.

With the supervision and coordination efforts of **Jason Adams, Assistant GM/Ticketing** of the **Clearwater Threshers Baseball Club**, **Kimarie Bock** learned about the accounting field and the major undertaking of media relations for a baseball club and field. Kimarie enjoyed her time at **Brighthouse Field** and learned a great deal.

Under the guidance of **Captain Jeffrey Young of Tarpon Springs Police Department**, **Jennifer Bogart** has realized the

importance of law enforcement. Jennifer was involved in many different career fields in law enforcement. She rode along with police officers, responding to calls from the dispatcher and escorted people to the county jail. She learned how to write traffic tickets and pull fingerprints off certain material. She found the **Detectives Department** very interesting and educational. Jennifer's experience has made her want to be more involved in **Criminal Law**.

Under the supervision and guidance of **Officer Monica Rodriguez**, at the **Hispanic Outreach Center**, **Siera Britton** has found that there is more to working in a Hispanic outreach center than there appears to be. There are many things that are needed to be done each and everyday. The one thing Siera has experienced the most is the feeling of accomplishment. She realized that not everything needs to revolve around her and that there are people who have nothing to live on and yet they seem happy. People who have come to see the advocates at the **Hispanic Outreach Center** mostly all spoke Spanish and Siera needed to call upon her

past five years of Spanish classes to get her through the day. While sitting in on the appointments she realized that asking for help is a difficult task at times. She found that having patience and using it when people are in need of help is very important and now she wants to pursue a career in psychology more than she had ever wanted to before. This is her goal for life, and she will take it seriously.

Cara Castillo completed her internship under the guidance of **Adrienne Davis** and the staff at **IMAGO Magazine**. Cara worked with photography and learned the workings of a publication.

With the help of **Jason Thomas of the State Attorneys Office**, **Frankie Cunningham** has become more aware of the task that an Assistant State attorney must perform. During his time with the state attorneys office learned about many pretrial procedures that occur before even making a trial date. He has become very efficient in preparing discoveries and notifying victims of the state. He also observed many **ASA**, even outside of his division prosecute cases in court.

He also became and well acquainted with the process of fighting a motion. He realized that motions are not always resolved at the beginning of a trial. The Internship experience has made Frankie realize that although criminal law has its good points Corporate Law is his chosen field

With the help and instruction of **Cheryl Stumpf at IMAGO Magazine, Nicole Ely** found that a career in Journalism was not simply about having fun but rather, partaking in a rewarding career that involved a good deal of hard work. On a typical day at IMAGO, Nicole researched one of the many topics that would be included in that month's magazine issue. Nicole learned about PageMaker and Photoshop, which increased her knowledge of all the different jobs involved in creating a magazine. She thought the best part of interning at IMAGO Magazine was getting to experience what one kind of journalism was all about. Although Nicole's experience at IMAGO has shown her that a career in journalism may not be something she will pursue, it has opened up more options for her.

Ruth-Irene Kitchner interned under the supervision of **Kathy Jacobs, Medical Education Director at Northside Hospital and Heart Institute**. She rotated throughout various areas of the hospital and learned that she will definitely pursue a career in the medical field.

Samantha McInnis is currently interning at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium** under the supervision of **Mr. Joe Malo**. Samantha works at the aquarium doing many helpful tasks. Her number one objective when she comes in, is to conduct the Behind the Scenes Tours at twelve, and two o'clock. During that in-between time, she explored the aquarium and put herself in new situations. Samantha has learned that the aquarium is a working hospital, which means that everything must be kept as sterile as possible. The most exciting thing that has happened to Samantha at CMA was when she got to help the head vet take care of a huge turtle injury. It was a very hands-on experience. This weekend she will get to participate in helping educate children about marine life at Honeymoon Island state

park at a Halloween event. Samantha can now say that there is more to study in college than just marine biology from being able to talk to all of the experienced staff, and volunteers.

Under the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs** of the **Medical Education Department at Northside Hospital, Lisa Riccardo** has found that rotating around the hospital was a very good way to decide her field of interest. She has experienced many fields including respiratory therapy, nursing ER, and radiology. She also got to experience the operating room and learned the roles of a medical student intern. She has found that the OR interests her the most. She believed that the OR had the most involvement and great experiences. Lisa's experiences have definitely showed her a lot of new opportunities and she is certain she wants to work in the medical field.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Danuta Jackson-Curtis and Angie Collins** of the **Better Health and Medical Center, Amanda Wickett** saw that being a Pediatrician is a lot more difficult than she had anticipated. It takes good

understanding and knowledge to treat children thoroughly. She saw shots being given and stitches being put into the back of a child's head. She also helped with taking blood pressure, temperature, and pulse. She found Pediatrics to be very interesting which has influenced her to set a goal as succeeding in a career in Pediatrics.

EAST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

During her internship at **Leila G. Davis Elementary School**, **Meghan Amrock** found that **Mrs. Mona McGregor's** cool head and skillful methods of guidance did not come easily. There are plenty of factors that could be frustrating; including everything from the students' inability to concentrate to their inability to cooperate. Not only are the children hard to handle sometimes, but there is a lot of thought and effort that needs to be put into a group guidance lesson plan in order for it to work. Even then, it might not run smoothly. As Meghan quickly found, even if the group lesson is craftily constructed, the most difficult part is keeping the children's

attention throughout the presentation. Meghan's experience opened her eyes to how truly demanding the field of psychology is, and it has encouraged her to pursue the field because she thoroughly enjoyed her internship.

Under the supervision and guidance of **Melissa Riba** of the **Sports and Orthopedic Rehabilitation Services** Team, **Alex Aquino** learned that being an Athletic Trainer is a challenging job. The intricacy and planning that goes into each patient's rehab and training is far more than he believed it to be. Alex witnessed **Melissa** and her assistants **Craig Strobel, Gary Spencer and Blaire Arnold** train and serve each patient on a daily basis. He studied their plans and routines so that he could get a clearer understanding of each diagnosis and the rehabilitation it demands. He found that the rehabilitation process didn't involve just giving the patients their exercises and routines but also involved demonstrating and describing these exercises, their purpose and how they will assist them. Alex's experience has convinced him that a

career in Sports Medicine may not be his number one career choice but it has shown him the path to another, and the Rehab Team was a tremendous part of it.

Under the guidance of **Tammy Brockman of Mease Sports Medicine, Brittany Lopez** discovered that being an Athletic Trainer is not all glamour and sports. There is a lot more hard work and dedication involved than you would think. Brittany attended practices and games helping Tammy with taping players and attending to injuries. The experience was very educational and a lot of hard work. Brittany found the injuries and wound care very interesting. Her experience has convinced her that a career in Athletic Training or sports medicine is her ultimate goal.

Thanks to the gracious patience of **Ellen Schrock and the staff of the OR at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Britney Ruth** was able to have a truly influential and positive experience. Britney spent the semester interning in the local hospital's Operating Rooms where she was able to observe surgeries and operations.

Watching the staff as they interacted with patients and performed countless procedures, Britney learned medical terminology and the process of undergoing surgery. Under the supervision of **Michael Cadoret**, this high school intern experienced working within a possible future career environment. Aiming towards her dream career in medicine, Britney's experience only reassured her that this is definitely the field she wants to pursue.

During the past few months **Lauren Silvers** studied **Patricia Spiers'** methods of teaching her second grade students at **Brooker Creek Elementary School**. She observed and learned all about what it's really like to be a teacher. Sure, it may have seemed easy, but Lauren found it rather challenging to make up lesson plans and keep the class moving smoothly throughout the day. The hardest part was attempting to squeeze all the daily tasks into the whole school day, but one of the most rewarding things was Lauren's interaction with and getting to know the children. Though Lauren learned just how complex

and difficult teaching is, she is sure that this is the career route she'd like to continue.

Christine Speckman, under **Sally Lindberg's** care and wisdom, interned this past semester at **Sally Lindberg and Associates**. Christine learned the basic processes of Tax and Accounting services. She worked with Sally Lindberg, a certified Enrolled Agent, and assisted her as she prepared for a Share Shop meeting with other Accountants in the area. Christine also helped **Nancy Hudson** mail out letters to current clients which reminded them of the upcoming tax season. She also helped **Alice Rezendes** plan and create a website for Sally Lindberg. While she worked along side **Julia Rhoads, Lebra Johnson, Marie Lawrence and Jane Bodami**, Christine assisted with the rush of the fall tax return deadline and made copies of important documents. Christine's experience has helped her to decide that a career in the Financial or Accounting area is what she wants to do.

The time **Nicole Williams** spent with **Nancy Hart at Brooker Creek**

Elementary School taught her that the teaching profession is not for the unorganized and lazy. The **first grade class** she was with only numbered sixteen but it seemed as many as thirty at times. Nicole spent a lot of her time in front of the class teaching them about spiders, math, and so much more. She also had the chance get a behind the scenes look at what really goes on in before the class even starts. Nicole has found that her choice in profession has not disappointed her in any way and she is even more eager to get her career going.

GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL

The **Krug Pediatric Clinic of Suncoast Hospital** normally consists of **Dr. Gonzalez** who was kind enough to take **Noemi Bracic** under his wing to show her what a pediatrician's daily life consisted of. Noemi Bracic learned several important things not only about pediatrics, but also about a clinic, insurance, and about herself. Noemi's daily routine at the clinic consists of shadowing the medical students, residents, interns, and doctors as they

visit each sick child. Noemi was also given the job of “Sample Girl” where she was in charge of the samples. Overall, Noemi Bracic has learned what it takes to be a pediatrician. The experience contributed to her decision about the medical field, which has only convinced her more that medicine is her career field.

Katy Campbell in the **Outpatient Clinic at All Children’s Hospital**, where she observed and assisted under the direction of **Ms. Louise Bowen, RNC, CMTE, ARNP, MSN, Director of the Neonatal and Pediatric Transport Team.**

Under the guidance of **Darius Carter** of **Carter-Clayton Financial Network , NaKena Cromartie**, came to understand all of the documents and procedures involved in processing and closing loans. Cromartie received opportunities to watch the vigorous procedure of closing loans. In doing so, she received a chance to see a smooth closing and a rough closing. In some closings there were unexpected problems that popped up, but Darius Carter and Chris Bailey, his assistant,

handled them in a professional manner. As far as a career goes, NaKena may have an interest in the mortgage business and financial literacy, even though the business is not always constant and payment can be random. Working at this job, however, can significantly help Cromartie through college and has taught her the importance of starting her own business in that career field.

Under the guidance and care of **Elizabeth Brincklow** at the **Mahaffey Theater of Performing Arts Jeanne Collins** has discovered the behind the scenes process of putting a season together. Jeanne performed a number of tasks at her internship such as cutting out newspaper clips about Mahaffey Theater. Another task was helping the crew before, during, and after performances. Jeanne’s most exciting experience was introducing one of *Katie Adam’s – Johnny Appleseed* productions. Jeanne has received a great deal of knowledge about theater procedures, on and off the stage. The internship at Mahaffey Theater has helped Jeanne with the decision to have a career in the arts.

Anita Dharsi interned for **Raymond James Financial** under the **IT supervision of Debbie Williams**. Anita worked in **Technology Account Services**. Anita started with a project called Web Jet Admin from Hewlett-Packard. The IT dept. was receiving new printers and it was her job to get inventory of all the Network Printers with the help of Web Jet Admin. She also worked with the additions and deletions of branches across the United States. She fit in fine with the workload but she did have a small problem fitting in socially. Soon enough, she learned that it would take patience and time before she would socially fit in. She loved working there and plans to pursue a career in the IT field. Having the opportunity to work with **Salvador Valles, Codes Administrative Supervisor, Codes Compliance Assistance, at the St. Petersburg Municipal Services Building, Elena Krekovic** has realized it takes a lot more effort than thought to being a supervisor. It takes a lot of hard work to organize and succeed in being in charge. Elena worked with the assistant, **Jeanne Gumerson**, who

taught her how to use Naviline, how to file important documents, and also how to put together a new case on paper. Elena thought knowing as much about the Codes Compliance as possible will help her out a great deal in the future. Her experience in Codes Compliance has taught her a lot, however, she does not think this will be her future career.

Jeffrey Malczyk was very satisfied working at **American Stage Theatre** under the guidance of **Andy Orrell, Director of Marketing and Public Relations**, and **Dewey Thompson, Webmaster and owner of Internet Adept**. Jeff originally requested an internship in journalism; however, by the second week of his internship, he had set his sights on marketing. He has been taking bits and pieces from each field in order to become well rounded in his experiences. He has been interviewing cast members for upcoming plays as well as coming up with advertisement designs for them. He has also been updating websites, keeping them current. He is learning a lot about taking creative ideas and turning them into practical ones; a

skill that will surely help him later in life. Jeff's experience at American Stage has given him a good idea about what he wants to major in as he enters college.

Dr. William Buhrman, Jr., D.C., and owner of the **Peak Performance Health and Wellness Center**, mentored his intern, **Sara Myslikowski**. One day during her internship, Dr. Buhrman's office was very busy with clients, and the receptionist **Brianna Lalumiere** was out sick; Sara substituted for Brianna. Sara realized that being a receptionist is hard work. When individuals called the Peak Performance Health and Wellness Center, they would ask many questions, and Sara did not always have the answers. Eventually Sara learned how to handle phone calls, and assisting the receptionist became easy. Dr. Buhrman was proud of Sara because of the way she handled this unexpected and other situations. Sara's experience with becoming a receptionist for a day made her realize that she would not want to deal with answering phone calls in her future career.

Keion Waters interned under the direction of **Ms.**

Sharon Welch, ICS Systems Development Manager for the City of St. Petersburg.

LARGO HIGH SCHOOL

Adam Lowther who was interning with the IS department, **Information Systems** team at **Northside Hospital and Heart Institute** has learned many things. Adam has learned that there is a lot more to being a computer technician than known to many. He has had to rely on his self-motivation and previous skills he had to be able to keep up with the demands put upon the team. Adam has interned with **Network Administrator Melissa Parsons** and the **IS Director Steve McDonald** and with team member **Michael Karkheck**. Adam learned that working within a large corporation adds to the stress of an already difficult job. Adam's time interning at Northside has further proved to him that no matter the stress, working with computers is what he wants to do.

Chris Simons learned many exciting things during his internship with **Chief Jeff Day of the**

Largo Fire Department.

Chris was able to see many different types of emergencies and how they were handled. In addition to responding to emergencies, he was able to watch the fire and medical training that the firefighters are required to attend. Chris learned many different things through his time with the Largo Fire Department. The firefighters of **Station 38** were wonderful influences on Chris and they made him feel like he was one of the crew. Through countless discussions with the firefighters, Chris has determined that he is going to pursue a career in the fire service.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL

While under the supervision of **Pat George** in the **Commercial Department of Radio Disney**, **Molly Henry** was given chances to discover all sorts of interesting things and incredible opportunities. Even though Molly doesn't want to pursue a career as a radio DJ, many opportunities arose from this internship placement. After doing outside promotions, for instance, going to Buffalo

Wild Wings and promoting the station, **Pat George** offered Molly a job as a promotions tech, which she will be continuing after her internship is completed. Along with that, Molly also got to do numerous voicework projects for the station, such as commercials, talk shows, and a "Did you Know...?" segment. Molly went into the internship only hoping to gain a better technique with using her voice, but she came out of it getting to meet great people and a new job.

Working under the guidance of **Linda Parsons, Pharmacy Manager at Walgreens**, **Sean Ramdat** learned a lot of useful knowledge and also gained experiences that will help him in his future. Sean learned some of the different types of medications and what they are used for. Sean also learned what a pharmacy technician and a pharmacist do on a routine basis. He was able to assist the pharmacists in filling prescriptions, used the Intercom Plus computer system to process prescriptions and assisted patients; he handled phone inquiries and entered patient purchases on the pharmacy cash registers. The most exciting thing

that happened was when he got to see the pharmacist rip counterfeit prescriptions and throw them away. Sean's experience at Walgreens has convinced him that a career as a pharmacist is right for him and his future goal is to become a pharmacist and work for Walgreens one day.

OSCEOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Roberta Boughton interned at **Suncoast Hospital**, under the oversight of **Eileen Corning, Human Resources Manager**. Roberta observed and assisted in the **Radiology Department**, as well as other departments in the hospital such as **Pharmacy, Nutrition, Speech Pathology, and Wound & Healing Center**. There is so much to do around the hospital, and so much to learn at the same time. On a usual day Roberta would shadow a physician, getting to see what it is that he or she does on a daily basis, or in some cases she would speak to a technician who would explain the importance of their job and how it makes a big impact on the work the physicians have to do first or later on. It was very interesting to

see the different careers that take place in one single hospital, and to see how different they all are, but at the same time they all have something to do with each. Roberta found Radiology to be very fascinating, making her goal and career choice very easy.

PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

At the **Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority**, **Janet Recca**'s guidance helped **Nicole Crisp** learn more about working in the Marketing Department of the public service organization which provides mass transportation to Pinellas County. By observing the creation of media articles, assisting in producing creative media and helping to prepare marketing materials for the upcoming fare increase, Nicole learned more about the tedious work involved in the competitive world of marketing. This experience has given her more ideas to assist her in finding her future career.

Under the supervision of **Vera Sheremeta**, **Occupational Therapist at Paul B. Stephens**

Exceptional Student Center, Amanda Drozdyk experienced a lot of hands on opportunities as she worked with the middle school age group. Each day Amanda went to her internship she will feed a students in either **Vicki McCraw** or **Karol Hirschberger**'s classroom. After the feeding, she continued on to **Sheila Corrigan**'s class and worked with various students on coloring, puzzles, writing and working with Mr. Potato Head as a sharing technique. After she completed those tasks, Amanda went with Sheila Corrigan's class to P.E., where the kids participated in physical activities such as obstacle courses, riding bicycles or swimming with their Adaptive P.E. teacher, **Jennifer Nufer**. Amanda has now decided that she does want to pursue a career in some kind of Pediatric Therapy, either Occupational or Physical.

Leah Freiesleben interned at **Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Student Education Center** under the supervision of **Occupational Therapist, Mary Jo Ferretti**. Each day consisted of assisting students with different tasks such as eating with

utensils, using special placemats with pictures to tell others what the students needed, shoe tying, tooth brushing and handwriting. Leah also worked a lot in the OT/PT gym, which helps kids work on their fine motor and gross motor skills in a more fun way with devices such as an obstacle courses. Working with all of the friendly and welcoming staff helped Leah to become more involved in her internship experience. The experience at her internship made Leah realize that she would enjoy working as an OT, especially with children.

With the help of **Sandra McKenna**, owner and operator of **McKenna PR**, **Caitlin Joyce** learned what it really means to be a public relations agent. A public relations agent may seem like someone who just hangs around with celebrities. In actuality, it's a job requiring a lot of hard work and research for clients other then celebrities. Caitlin also got the opportunity to meet clients in the entertainment industry. She learned how to write press releases which is something a public relations agent must know how to do. Through this internship Caitlin

discovered that she really wants to continue working in the entertainment industry and she hopes to be very successful at it.

Under the direction of **Joe Malo** at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, **Amanda Lawrence** honed her public speaking skills as she gave Behind the Scenes tours of the facility. Not only did she feel more comfortable talking in front of a group, but she also learned all about the aquarium and the animals there. She spent time feeding fish, worked as a mate on the Sealife Safari cruise, and helped out in whatever way she could. Amanda thoroughly enjoyed her internship and gained so much life experience. Interning at CMA has confirmed her decision to pursue marine biology as a career.

At **Wentworth Country Club**, **Andrew Morawski** worked under the tutelage of General Manager, **Jimmy Lynn**. Andrew experienced and gained great knowledge of golf club management, which is not your everyday run of the mill job. He saw many new machines that the maintenance crew used to keep the golf course one of the best in the county. Andrew gained even more

knowledge from working in other departments at Wentworth, as well. Andrew's experience at Wentworth Country Club has influenced him greatly in pursuing a career in golf club management.

While interning at **Palm Harbor Elementary School** under the guidance of **Michele Polek**, **Mallorie Painter** has learned a great deal. This experience has demonstrated to Mallorie all the different aspects of being a teacher. The girl that used to think there was nothing to being a teacher now has learned that teachers deal with a number of different problems. Not only did she learn the academic side of teaching, Mallorie also learned how to deal with other difficulties of teaching, such as abuse and other emotional struggles that students face in their lives. This opportunity has helped Mallorie to make the final decision that teaching is the road that she wants to pursue.

Mary Ehlen, R.N. acted as a mentor for **Kelly Platz** at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** in the fall semester of 2006. When Kelly first started interning, she found out

that she really wanted to be a nurse. She decided she wanted to be a nurse in the women's center after following patients through pregnancy, labor and afterbirth. Interning and being in EIP was life changing and opened her eyes to seeing what nursing is really about. She can't wait to start college and become a Registered Nurse.

With special thanks to **Michael Cadoret, RN, BSN, MSA** and **Director of Patient Care Support Services** at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **Sarah Rupnaraine** was able to confirm her desire of pursuing a career in medicine. Sarah has been able to observe many medical procedures from actions as simple as drawing blood and doing EKGs in the Emergency Room to observing orthopedic surgeries in the Operating Room. While being in such close proximity to the nurses, medical doctors, anesthesiologists, and surgeons, Sarah was able to ask many questions and learned much about the practice of medicine and the hospital's environment. Sarah is tremendously looking forward to continuing with her education so that she can

one day be like the nurses and doctors she met in the Emergency and Operating Room at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital.

Amanda Thompson, an intern with the **State Attorney's Office**, shadowed **Lead Trial Attorney, Cynthia Richards** in an effort to learn more about the profession. Thompson accompanied Richards to mid-day advisories where she observed judges in their courtrooms. She also assisted her ASA in a variety of tasks throughout the semester and was able to sit in on a variety of trials. Thompson has a sincere interest in law and wishes to one day pursue a career in that field.

Katie Zoellner, a former intern at the **State Attorney's Office** under the guidance of **Theodora Taktikos-Danzig**, had the opportunity to do things many of her peers did not. Katie saw all the steps that a case had to go through before trial, as well as what happened after trial. She watched attorneys prosecute their cases and learned about the different positions in the State Attorney's office. She found the juvenile trials especially interesting. Katie isn't positive a career

in law is the right thing for her, but she thoroughly enjoyed her experiences.

PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

While under the supervision of **Mary Ellen Broderick, Pharmacy Director**, and all of the Pharmacists, **Jessica McCall** has been working hard as an intern at **Northside Hospital and Heart Institute's Pharmacy**. There is a lot going on inside a pharmacy that most do not get to see or understand. Many different jobs are needed to be done in a daily basis. The Pharmacists do not do all the work, it is shared with the Techs as well. Jessica became a huge help to both the Pharmacists and the Techs, as she picked up routine quite quickly. She was a big help to all, and she now understands how hard a job it is to work in a Pharmacy. Jessica loves pharmacy and may pursue it as a career.

ST. PETERSBURG COLLEGIATE HIGH SCHOOL

Through the guidance of **Sergeant Ray Waldo and Sofia Crescente of the St.**

Petersburg Police Department Forensic Unit, Amanda Preshur has learned that being a Forensic Tech is repetitive. Amanda learned how to dust for fingerprints, take pictures, and lift prints. She also got to learn how to do reports and how to process stolen cars. Amanda found processing a suicide interesting. Amanda has decided that this is still the career she wants to do.

SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL

Under the supervision of **Margie Nemitz** at the **University of Florida Dental Clinic, Elizabeth Bernstein** was able to follow numerous residents and established dentists/specialists during their daily work. The wide range of procedures she viewed varied from fillings, to complete restoration, to complicated extractions. Elizabeth not only observed, but got involved by retrieving instruments, helping with paperwork, and even suctioning during procedures. She also enjoyed interacting with patients. Elizabeth's experience has only reinforced her opinion that a career in dentistry would

be very fulfilling and gratifying.

With the help of **Eileen Mangano, Practice Manager of Bay Center for Jaw Surgery, Sarah Bernstein** was able to shadow **Doctors Ronald Copenhaver, James Horner, and Glen Jones**. Sarah was rotated through two different offices and witnessed numerous surgeries and consultations. These surgeries included extractions, biopsies, and implant procedures. She believed it was beneficial to see the different techniques by several doctors used to perform surgery. Sarah's experience has enabled her to gain knowledge in the field and to continue reflecting on oral and maxillofacial surgery as a career choice.

After many weeks as an intern for **Kristi Aussner** at the **State Attorney's Office, Diana Cabili** has learned that being an attorney is not at all like on TV. She has observed the long process of voir dire, found out of the differences between the court management of juvenile and adult, and discovered the many steps a case must go through before a trial. Cabili not

only watched trials but also assisted Aussner, **Joel S. Londrigan, Kate A. Alexander, Lewis W. Dunton, IV and Lalitha Alladi** of Division L in completing paperwork to be used in misdemeanor cases. She has found that being a lawyer means hard work and that not everyone wins his or her cases. Though the career of law demands many skills from a person, Cabili's decision of being a lawyer has been confirmed.

While working under the instruction of **Ashley Starner of All Star Pediatrics, Megan DellaRosa** came to the conclusion that being in the medical is not all it's cracked up to be. Most children are not smiling when they walk in for a check-up. For the younger kids vaccines are required. When Megan brings up the shot records, tears start falling and moms brace themselves for their children's screaming and kicking. Krista Catarelli, nurse, has taught her to be calm and nurturing towards the little ones. Although she would not like to be a nurse, Megan thinks that a job as a pediatric nurse practitioner is what she would like to go to school for.

Special Moments is the name of the business of **Mrs. Tammy Waterman**, a prominent event planner in St. Petersburg. **Kathryn Elder** served as Mrs. Waterman's assistant and found that any day without an event to put on is spent meeting with clients, talking with vendors, completing paperwork, and writing thank you notes. There is always something new and unexpected to learn in this line of work; for example, a red velvet cake will appear pink when placed near a white cake. The most exciting part of Kathryn's experience was being part of the team to assist with the unique weddings that Special Moments staged. Kathryn's internship with Special Moments has inspired her to seriously consider her options in this business and career field.

Under the mentorship of **Dr. Koko Eaton, a Sports and Orthopaedic Surgeon** and team physician for the Devil Rays, **Billy Falasco** affirmed his determination to pursue a career in orthopedic medicine.

The techniques of **Ken Donaldson** as a **psychotherapist and life and relationship coach**

have taught **Lucy Flippin** many different approaches to life. She learned that there is so much information about everyday life that is very important. Lucy was amazed by the passion in Ken's life and the passion he brought out in others. Nancy, the office manager, taught Lucy many useful computer skills that she will continue to use. This internship has definitely influenced Lucy to pursue psychology; even if it's not the career that she chooses, she learned so many great things that will be valuable or the rest of her life.

Under the direction of **Executive Chef Robert Gruver, Jaclyn Ramsey** has honed many culinary skills while interning at **Pasadena Yacht Club**. From chopping parsley to de-boning a fish, Jaclyn increased her skills. Some duties like refilling trays were easy; others, like making crepes required an artistic touch. Many of the jobs were done behind the scenes in the kitchen, but a few times, Jaclyn was able to serve in the dining room, interacting with club members. Her experience at Pasadena included meal preparation from beginning to end. Jaclyn, at this point, feels she would like to

investigate the pastry field during her next internship.

Janita Truitt interned under **Station Manager Dave Cook at WPDS**, the television station of the Pinellas County School Board, dividing her time between compiling and reporting news stories on screen.

TARPON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Chris Alfonso, under the guidance of **Pastor Scott Wright**; a youth pastor at **Calvary Chapel Worship Center**, learned that working at a church in youth ministry isn't as easy as he once thought it was. It takes a lot of effort to put together a service, and Chris worked with **Joe Karl** to learn about the process. Chris also helped install upgrades into the youth rooms, made videos for the youth services, and learned how to write a sermon. Chris found that he enjoyed filming and editing videos the most of all. He would like to continue to make videos and incorporate some form of ministry work with that.

Amanda Bloomer interned at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** with coordinator **Michael**

Cadoret. Amanda had the privilege of witnessing births, epidurals, circumcisions, and many other interesting procedures on the maternity floor. She observed nurses and the medical staff in all of the work they have to complete. Mentor **Mandy Green** was an asset in guiding Amanda through this learning experience. Amanda thoroughly enjoyed her internship and is still planning to pursue a career in nursing.

At **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, mentor **Dr. Slaton** has taught **Harley Ellington** the positive and negative aspects of being an OB/GYN. Devotion to social life and sleep are unacceptable when one must be available to patients at all times. Thanks to sponsor **Michael Cadoret**, Harley has been fortunate enough to witness countless surgeries including Cesarean sections, circumcisions, and epidurals. Harley has thoroughly enjoyed her internship and plans to endure the twelve years of college schooling to become an OB/GYN.

While interning at **Palm Harbor Elementary School** with the Art

teacher **Mrs. Dara Tucker, Sara Haines** discovered that working with young students all day isn't just fun and games and realized that teaching young children isn't an easy task. She also learned that teachers are a huge influence on their students. Between making sample art projects, organizing art materials, directing students, and actually teaching art lessons, she never had a moment of time in which something new wasn't learned. Sara learned that teaching goes beyond writing on a chalkboard, playing fun games, and the long summer vacations. She found that hard work and dedication are two qualities most necessary for elementary teachers to possess. Sara's experience in the classroom has made her realize that teaching in elementary education is a definite career possibility for her.

With the supervision of **Mike Cadoret** at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **Chris Kulak** has learned a lot from his experience. His original intended job study was that of a neurologist, but since his first few days, things have changed. Surgery and Chris Kulak were normally incompatible, but after

observing so many operations, he has become most interested in what lies beneath a person's skin. This opened new doors for Chris and gave him insight to professions within the operating room. He now hopes to become an anesthesiologist, with his eyes set on an exciting future of study in biochemistry and psychology.

Under the vigilant guidance of **Michael Cadoret** of **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **William Peters** has discovered the plethora of responsibilities that a M.D. faces in the ER. Tedious 10-hour shifts and a never-ending flow of patients challenge the doctors and nurses everyday. With the attentive aid of **Dr. Carey Hall** and **Dr. Mark Dixon**, William observed many fascinating and complex procedures. Though queasy at first, William learned to deal with the sight of blood and is now comfortable in the operating room. With a newly-established interest in medicine, William realized that he will pursue a career in the medical field.

Under the supervision of **Edward Regan** at **St. Luke's Cataract and**

Laser Institute, **Shawn Singleton** gained insight into the broad fields of ophthalmology and optometry. Shawn spent time in diagnostics, surgery, and photography and also followed many ophthalmologists and optometrists as they conducted their daily procedures. While shadowing **Dr. J. James Rowsey, MD** and **Dr. Jason Evangelista, MD**, Shawn took a particular interest in learning about the cornea. He viewed patients' eyes through a slit-lamp on many occasions and also observed the removal of corneal sutures. Although still undecided, Shawn felt he grasped a better understanding of a career in ophthalmology.

Through her internship under the tutelage of **Dean Schubart** at **The Science Center of Pinellas County**, **Sarah Wisotsky** has had the opportunity to explore her interests in physics and astronomy. During the duration of her internship, she spent her time programming the state-of-the-art Konica Minolta Media Globe planetarium projector. During public hours on Friday afternoons, she hosted planetarium shows to audiences who yearned

to stargaze. On weekends, she participates in the Family Astronomy Nights, peering through telescopes set up next to the Science Center's 16" Meade LX200 in the Carol Samuels Observatory. Sarah also enjoyed spending time every fourth Friday at the Astronomy Club meetings discussing the mysteries of the universe with experts in the fields of astronomy, nuclear physics, and mathematics.

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BOCA CIEGA HIGH SCHOOL

Using her watchful eye **Katrina Albro** found that **Patricia Barnard** and her teacher assistant, **Laura Henderson**, have a challenging job at Gulfport Montessori Elementary School. Not only do they have to teach the students everything that they need to know to be able to move on to the next grade level, but they also have to do that while keeping the kids in line and not allowing them to go crazy and run all over the place. Katrina learned how to handle the kids and how to properly get the information to the kids without confusing them. Katrina realized that becoming an elementary teacher is definitely a goal within reach for her.

Under the continued guidance of **Louise Bowen, RNC, CMTE, ARNP, MSN, Director, Neonatal/Pediatric Transport Team, of All Children's Hospital**, **Marisa Borgia** has continued to learn about the field of Pediatric Emergency Medicine. Marisa has continued to

observe numerous medical procedures and help in any way possible. She has seen a wide variety of interesting patients. Due to the amount of time that Marisa puts into her Internship experience in the Emergency Center she feels like she is a part of the staff. Through Marisa's experiences in the Emergency Center she confirmed her love of the ER and her goal to become a Pediatric Emergency Physician. Marisa's dream is to work as a Pediatric Emergency Physician in the Emergency Center at All Children's Hospital.

While under the supervision of **Julie Perez, R.N., Manager of Perioperative Services at All Children's Hospital**, **Jacquelyn McCullough** concluded that there is a lot more to being an anesthesiologist than she thought. Being one of the most important assets to an operating room comes with a lot of teamwork and long hours. Jacquelyn observed many surgeries from ENT'S to major operations, and no matter what kind of surgery it was an anesthesiologist or

CRNA was needed. She found that being either one is essential part in saving ones life. Jacquelyn's experience just made her want to be even more a part of the operating room life as a CRNA or Anesthesiologist.

Under the direction of **Cindy Quackenbush, R.N., Director of Neonatal Services at All Children's Hospital**, **Artesia Taylor** discovered that one person does not run the whole show at a hospital but that it really does take an army to raise a baby. There are many opportunities to be found at a hospital, and you don't have to have the fanciest title to impact a patient's life. Artesia saw many career advancement prospects from nurses like **Ellen Lee**, charge nurses such as **Beth Presnel** and fellows for instance **Maggie Chen** and **Lauren Brewington**. Artesia had the opportunity to work with many amazing people during her internship, including the ones previously mentioned. She worked beside these charismatic employees as they did their everyday

tasks and tried their best to include her as much as possible with responsibilities as hands-on care and “loving the baby.” Although she found the tasks interesting and appreciated everyone for their time, she has decided that neonatal care is not for her and will instead be pursuing a career on the other side of the field as an OB-GYN.

CLEARWATER HIGH SCHOOL

Under the guidance of **Dave Cook of WPDS TV-14, Peter Scondras** discovered working in television is not a stroll in the park. The production of short clips can range from four to ten hours of long, frustrating work. Also, through the assistance of **Mike Roy and Bob Anthony**, Peter found the realm of production and love for editing. Although Peter did not choose to pursue television as a career, he has chosen to take a different path, but will continue to edit professional clips on his own time.

COUNTRYSIDE HIGH SCHOOL

Under the watch of **Dave Cook, TV Operations**

Manager of WPDS Channel 14, Travis Anthony quickly learned the time and effort it takes working at a Television station. Travis spent most of his time either hosting PCS Journal with **Bob Anthony** or creating stories with **Mike Roy**, such as Future Cities, Band Masters and many more. Travis enjoyed being on camera and editing stories. He learned that this business is not a 9 to 5 job but when a story needs to get done you have to do whatever it takes. He also wants to pursue this career when he graduates high school.

Through her internship, **Tara Brown-Ogilvie** was given the opportunity to explore behind the scenes in the world of theatre under the wing of **Jeff Hartzog, the Director of Operations at Ruth Eckerd Hall**. Tara experienced the happenings that go on backstage during a performance, such as running the light-board, sound-board or monitor-board. She also got the honor of dancing on stage with the Beach Boys as well as meeting Jeff Foxworthy; memories that she will never forget and for which she is eternally thankful. As a result of her

wonderful internship Tara has realized that she too shares a love for the theatre for which she hopes to expand during her years in college although for her future career she is leaning towards a profession in either American Sign Language or Wildlife Biology.

Working under **Adrienne Davis, Publisher and Owner of IMAGO Magazine, Ryan Burns** has seen first hand that publishing a magazine is not all fun and games. From advertising to writing, Ryan was able to see that perfection is a necessity in the publishing world. She went on interviews to Jim McVay, CEO of the Outback Bowl, and Shayna Lance with NewsTalk 1040. Also working with **Cheryl Stumpf**, she helped to create layout pages and create advertisements for IMAGO. Her involvement with IMAGO has ensured Ryan that publishing a magazine is her goal.

While observing and assisting **Dr. Nancy White, Archaeologist and Professor of Anthropology at the University of South Florida, Erik Palm** has realized that being an archaeologist is far from an

Indiana Jones portrayal. There is a lot of demanding work, including tons of research and many hours of planning that come with this job. Erik had the opportunity to be involved in an excavation in Florida's Panhandle, as well as sorting through and organizing pottery and other artifacts that were recovered during previous digs. This allowed him to gain a good understanding of the principles and ideas of the field. Erik's experience with Dr. Nancy White has enticed him with the thought that a career in archaeology is certainly in his future.

Elena Zehnder, through the sponsorship of **Guidance Counselor, Debbie Manning, and Oldsmar Elementary School**, was able to explore the career of elementary guidance counselor. She interacted with students one-on-one through mentoring, classroom guidance and group counseling. She learned how the field of psychology is applied to guidance counseling, and realized that counselors do much more than helping children with their problems, they are also expected to take on the school's problems.

Her internship was very rewarding; it was the best feeling knowing she was putting a smile across a child's face. Although Elena finds guidance counseling very interesting, she is not sure if it is the career for her but is planning on studying psychology.

Ashley Zaratzian has realized that while interning at **Morton Plant Hospital** with **Karin Williams**, she was able to learn about all different types of medications. Ashley finds herself in this career because she loves the science field and she is an overachiever in her studies. This internship has influenced Ashley's career direction massively because it has made her want to be an overachiever and actually pursue her goal as a pharmacist.

DIXIE HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL

While gaining instruction and guidance from **Amanda Keating of the University of South Florida Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD)**, **Nycole Willoughby** discovered exactly what it is to be a support specialist. She gained insight within the world of

autism and found out just how different the needs of each individual truly are. The idea behind providing support is to enhance the lives of the individuals and their families. Nycole found out how support is provided and how well the CARD staff fulfill this void. She found the experience extremely helpful in her decision to work in this field. Nycole's time spent at the Center has impacted her decision to pursue a helping profession. She will have an opportunity to continue enriching her skills and understanding of this field as she serves as a Teacher's Assistant to the CARD staff for a ten-week course in Behavior Theory and Analysis at USF during the summer of 2007.

DUNEDIN HIGH SCHOOL

Under the watch of **Karin Williams, Volunteer Coordinator at Morton Plant Hospital**, **Brittany Blair** has been through, and also has seen a lot of routine tasks that the nurses on the WITT 7 floor go through everyday. Brittany has learned that being a neonatal nurse is not all just about feeding and burping babies. Brittany has seen first hand

some of the struggles that the nurses have to go through everyday. There are some parts of this career that are extremely hard to take, such as giving the babies the different tests that are mandatory and doing different procedures on the babies such as lavages and PKUs. During the last year at Morton Plant Hospital, Brittany has learned every step needed to do a PKU and a lavage on a baby. Although Brittany likes to take care of babies and help the mothers of the babies, Brittany has learned that she wants to pursue the career of being an obstetrician doctor.

While interning at **Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater in Sports Medicine, Kimarie Bock** now knows what her major will be in college. At first Kimarie was unsure of what the job of a therapist would be, but after her semester of internship, she is sure of her career choice. Her decision to become a physical therapist has changed her life forever. **Scott Anderson** and the many other therapists and staff assisted Kimarie in engaging in a positive learning environment and caring medical environment. Kimarie found it an awesome

experience to see how people recover from ACL injuries and even neck sprains. Kimarie is happy that she had the opportunity to discover what she really enjoys doing and what she will pursue in college and in her future.

Under the leadership of **Ross Puzzitiello of Parkview Homes, Kelsey Kuhlman** has learned that being a construction manager is not easy. There is a lot of hard work involved in the development of a subdivision to the completion of a home. Kelsey interfaced with superintendents, **Keith Olampo** and **Rich Marsiglio**, who supervise the construction of a home from beginning to end. Kelsey also assisted the superintendents with the formatting of a new upgrade take-off list. These were customer driven changes to each new home. He found the order in which a house is built to be challenging and exciting at the same time. Kelsey's first-hand experience has convinced him that construction management is the career for him.

EAST LAKE HIGH SCHOOL

Under the supervision of **Mike Cadoret and Erin Possert of Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Alexander Aquino** found out exactly what it takes to be a Surgeon at a top-of-the line hospital. Under the guidance of several surgeons specializing in many different areas of medicine, Alex saw that the life of a surgeon is not all glamour. Alex had the pleasure of viewing many different surgeries and found the laparoscopic surgeries that were performed to be amazing. Alex's experience throughout the entire internship has convinced him that a life in medicine is the career for him.

Under the supervision of **Michael Cadoret, Britney Ruth**, a returning student, was able to experience a great deal in the medical field. Interning at the **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** in Tarpon Springs, Britney was able to gain a truly influential and positive experience. Britney spent her semester interning in the Radiology Department and the Operating Room. Thanks to the gracious patience of both staffs, this high school intern observed

countless procedures and learned a great deal in the field. Aiming towards her dream career in medicine, Britney's experience only reassured her that this is definitely the field she wants to pursue.

Lauren Silvers interned for a second semester with **Mrs. Patricia Spiers** at **Brooker Creek Elementary School** in Tarpon Springs. Again, she was able to get the inside scoop on teaching. Lauren got the chance to assign a big project to the class, and run the classroom a few times.

Also, she continued doing the usual; creating study guides, working in groups with the students and grading papers. Lauren has begun to rethink her career choice for the future, although she still feels strongly about becoming a teacher. Lauren has some time to think about both her major and career, and she intends to use that time wisely.

As **Nicole Williams** walks into her internship site at **Brooker Creek Elementary**, she encounters her warm and inviting sponsor, **Mrs. Nancy Hart**. In a typical day Nicole observes and participates in the development of the

children in Mrs. Hart's first grade class. She assists in many lessons and manages the activities of the classroom, including preparing and executing an Easter Egg Hunt, educating them in the area of math, and assisting Mrs. Hart in the speed bumps and hurdles all children encounter. The students always find a way of putting a smile on her face. Nicole has found that patience is required to teach children and is happy to say that she will be looking forward to this challenge.

As the apprentice to **Jill Holcombe and Crystelle Miranda** in the **Marketing Department** at **Ruth Eckerd Hall**, **Simone Williams** realized her true calling. Simone discovered that there were multiple tasks that go into advertising a show and that you need several people to get the advertisements together. Simone worked a show with Crystelle and had the chance to see how much work is necessary to make sure the show go smoothly. She learned the week long process of designing an ad, which is full of getting approvals. Simone learned about ticket pricing, budgeting and completed settlements. She helped with

advertising shows and became a part of the marketing team. In the end Simone loved her internship and has finally made the decision to pursue a career in Marketing.

GIBBS HIGH SCHOOL

At **American Stage Theatre José Castillo** received a backstage pass to the magical world of theatre under the guidance of American Stage's own **Director of Education, Julie Rowe**. There he had the chance to work hand in hand with the production Team which consisted of **Timmon Brown, Scott Cooper and Ben Williams**. He realized that theatre isn't all fun and that a lot of work and thinking is put in the production of a play. Later on in his internship he was given the opportunity to work with **Garry Bruel, the Stage Manager of *Little Shop of Horrors***, a production exhibited at Demens Landing Park. José observed professional rehearsals, organized and developed prop lists, assisted at the custom shop, learned about lighting instruments and helped build the set for one main stage play. Jose found the team work

needed in the creation of a professional show fascinating. His experience convinced him that a career in theatre performance is the right decision for him.

Jeanne Collins has been continuing her internship at the **Mahaffey Theater at the Progress Energy Center**, and has had the pleasure of working with **Elizabeth Brincklow, Class Acts, and Scott Heinbach and Sabrina Anico, Marketing Department**. She has continued to work on various marketing materials. This includes the newspaper clippings for the media reports and the contact list. Jeanne previously put together the art vendor list for the 7th Annual Crawfish Festival and she also worked the event. For Class Acts, Jeanne has continued to monitor the sound during productions, observed backstage costume changes, and managing of the shows. She helped Elizabeth finish creating a filing system. The most current project was putting together the reservations booklet for Northshore Elementary. Jeanne is very proud of all that she has done, and enjoyed working with the Mahaffey Theater staff.

Under the guidance of **Darius Carter at Shared Paths Community, NaKena Cromartie**, came to understand over and beyond the expectations of her guider, Darius Carter.

She has gained a better understand of all the documents and procedures involved in processing and closing loans. NaKena received opportunities to watch the vigorous procedure of starting and closing loans. In some closings there were unexpected problems that popped up, but Darius Carter and Chris Bailey, his assistant, handled them in a professional manner. NaKena is now one of the spokespersons for Prosperity College, which is a new company that is geared towards College students. As a far as a career goes, NaKena has decided that this is not the career for her.

In **Parsons Brinckerhoff**, under Matt Frantz's guidance, Elena Krekovic has realized something very important: being a Civil Engineer is not all that easy. It is hard work. Elena met many incredible people. She met Atiq Alvi, the project manager that works at Parsons Brinckerhoff. She went out on the field, and

was even on the Skyway Bridge. Civil Engineering has influenced Elena's career decisions very much. She knows that she is capable of doing such hard work; however, she is still unsure if she might consider pursuing a career in Accounting.

Jeffrey Malczyk, for a second semester, has continued to intern at **American Stage Theatre** under the guidance of Marketing **Director, Andy Orell**. Jeff has continued to use take in skills and information that will help him in the field of Marketing and Advertising as well as contributing his talents and creativity toward the theatre. For the Latest Tampa Bay Premiere, "**Heather Raffo's 9 Parts of Desire**," Jeffrey created the poster design that will not only be used at American Stage, but the Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center as well. He enjoys his internship at American Stage, not only for the professional experience and guidance, but also for the chance to contribute back to the community. Jeffrey will be continuing to volunteer at American Stage during the summer, until his summer term begins at the University of Central Florida, where he

will major in New Media and Graphic Design.

While interning at **Saint Petersburg General Hospital** with **Pamela Eaton, R.N. and Manager of Women's Services**, which included Labor and Delivery and the newborn nursery, **Sara Myslikowski** learned many new things about newborn babies. Sara found this internship very exciting and wonderful. Before coming to Saint Petersburg General Hospital, says Sara, "I didn't know what exactly I wanted to do when I grow up. But now I am positive I want to be a Registered Nurse." Sara was able to observe and assist the nurses in the nursery and was able to observe several C-Sections and Vaginal deliveries. Sara found each day to be an exciting, new learning experience. Pamela Eaton and the SPGH staff members who mentored Sara were very excited to hear that Sara wants to become a nurse.

LARGO HIGH SCHOOL

With the assistance of **Captain Young** of the **Tarpon Springs Police Department**, **Chris Simons** was able to

experience what a police officer does everyday. Chris saw how officers handled different situations, and he witnessed many different types of emergencies. Most of the time that Chris spent out on the street was with **Officer Osarczuk** and **Sergeant Trill**. Chris learned how to write citations and arrest affidavits, handcuff people under arrest, and how to conduct traffic stops in a safe manner. He learned an enormous amount of information about law enforcement and people in general. This internship has convinced Chris that law enforcement is his passion and that he should pursue it as a career.

NORTHEAST HIGH SCHOOL

Under the aid of **Jason Adams of the Clearwater Threshers Baseball Club**, **Robbie Russell** has learned a variety of things of being an assistant general manager. Jason Adams and **Dan McDonough** showed through their dedication that there are many hours of hard work that go in to being successful in this profession. Robbie saw all the work that the employees around the office put into their job,

and he learned that to be successful in this profession, a person must have good communication and organization skills. Robbie's career choices have changed, but he did enjoy the experience and insight in the profession.

While an intern at **Haines Road Animal Hospital**, under the guidance of **Kathy McGuire, Practice Manager**, **Joshua Stuart** has learned about the many different animals and techniques on how to hold them properly, as well as the diseases, medications and tools that are used to perform at his best. Joshua Stuart observed several surgeries performed by **Dr. Michael Buckner**. Joshua also encountered many animals with a broad array of diseases and circumstances. He helped hold and assist with the animals for common practices such as fecal samples, extracting blood, and nail trims. This amazing opportunity to be introduced to his passion and goals has reinforced him and established a set mind to becoming a Veterinarian.

OSCEOLA HIGH SCHOOL

Kristen Martinez found her internship at **St. Petersburg General Hospital** to be an extremely valuable experience. Her mentor, **Ms. Pamela Eaton, R.N., Manager of Women's Services**, a very busy professional, always made time to answer questions and sign papers. The experience was an impressive addition to Kristen's resume and a unique addition to her college applications. As the end of the internship approached, Kristen was happy to have had the experience but sad that it had passed so quickly. Whether or not Kristen pursues her interest in neonatology is uncertain, but she is sure that her career field will involve children's health. Kristen will always appreciate the wonderful opportunities the staff of St. Petersburg General Hospital provided to her during her senior year of high school.

PALM HARBOR UNIVERSITY HIGH SCHOOL

Under the guidance of **Joie Ramker** and other therapists at **Joyful Motion, Amanda**

Drozdyk has learned so much more about physical therapy, occupational therapy, speech and language pathology, cranial-sacral therapy, she has still decided to make this her career path. Amanda got to observe many kinds of therapy, and she got to see and hear about cranial therapy for the first time. She really did find that extremely interesting, especially when her little brother and sister started to receive it from Joie. Amanda also realized while she was there that the therapists must creatively think of activities for the patients, sometimes right on the spot. It was a really good experience for Amanda and she would go back again if she could.

At **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Michael Cadoret RN, BSN, MSA**, Director of Patient Care Support Services, and the staff in the Emergency Room guided **Leah Freiesleben** to have a fulfilling learning experience working within the Emergency Room department. While interning at this local hospital, Leah got to observe emergency medical care first hand. Leah was able to see a variety of patients and

treatments each day she interned. She was also able to learn how to take vitals, make beds, run labs and even learned a lot of medical terminology that will be helpful in the pursuit of her career. This internship experience has showed Leah that she would definitely enjoy working as an RN in an Emergency Room.

Caitlin Joyce has been interning with **Sandra McKenna at McKenna PR** since August of 06'. Caitlin has had the opportunity to accompany Ms. McKenna on location several times for the filming of "Manners Minutes" with **Patricia Rossi**, the etiquette expert. With the help and guidance of Ms. McKenna, Caitlin has learned about the business side of the public relations industry. This includes learning the proper way to write commercials and press releases. Caitlin has gotten to experience things she never would have had it not been for this internship, including visiting Clear Channel Radio and the Vinoy Hotel. Caitlin is still not sure whether or not she wants to continue a career in PR as her profession, but she values all that she

has learned from working with Sandra McKenna.

Under the direction of **Greg Nagel at Brooker Creek Preserve, Amanda Lawrence** has been learning about all aspects of an environmental education facility. Not only did she have the chance to learn about local wildlife and ecosystems, but she also worked with the outreach program, organizing different projects for off-site programs. She also had opportunities to interact with the public on the wilderness trails and in the exhibit hall. This internship has made Amanda want to look further into environmental science and consider it as a future career.

Interning under both **Dr. Sean and Dr. Kate Claffie**, the owners of **EyeDoc's Optical, Anastasia Liounakos** experienced many aspects of various careers available in the eye care field. Observing both the Optometrists themselves, Dr. Sean and Dr. Kate Claffie, she also observed and was able to work with the Optician, **Priscilla Leonis**. She was able to observe and help with everyday activities, such as scheduling appointments

and sorting through patient files before their exam. While Anastasia thoroughly enjoyed every activity that she was able to help perform, her favorite was being able to help select and create a display for EyeDoc's set of Vera Wang and Cynthia Rowley eye wear. She found each profession to be fascinating and is seriously contemplating a future career in the eye care field.

Under the excellent guidance of **Michele Reynolds at Palm Harbor Elementary School, Mallorie Painter** has learned a great deal about how to run a well behaved and organized classroom. In the past semester Mallorie has taken on more responsibilities than previously. Every morning after the announcements, Mrs. Reynolds has the children each read a sentence from the morning message and circle the kindergarten words. After this task is complete, they have two songs they sing about their alphabet sounds and vowels. Each day at this time Mallorie is to watch the children and keep them on task. One other task that Mallorie is in charge of is during writing workshop, she pulls four to five children

each day to write a guided sentence; this will help them move to the next writing level. In the past year, Mallorie has been more encouraged that teaching is the career path she plans to choose for her future. She loves being in the classroom, and can't get enough of the students.

Under the guidance of the **Women's Center Staff at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Laura Strong** discovered that being a Registered Nurse is not as easy as it seems. It takes much knowledge and a lot of hard work to be in charge and run an entire floor smoothly. Laura saw registered nurse, **Dianne Maida**, and Nurse Practitioner, **Mary Lee**, care for patients, resume full responsibility for many infants at a time, and perform infant tests and screenings. Laura helped the nurses by checking on the patients, bringing infants to and from the nursery, and feeding and changing the infants. She found the career of a Registered Nurse to be both challenging and rewarding. Laura's experience has made her sure that patient care is in her future.

During her internship at **Tampa Bay Magazine**,

Ashley Wermick discovered all about the ups and downs of the magazine industry from Events Editor, **Martha Margolis**. Ashley learned about the process of publishing a bi-monthly magazine, including advertising sales and editorial writing. On a daily basis, she would proofread editorials, contact advertisers, research information for stories, and help with circulation. Her most rewarding experience however, was writing blurbs for the “Best of Tampa Bay” article, which was in the May/June issue. Ashley’s internship assured her that a career in the journalism industry is the right choice for her.

Katie Zoellner, during her second semester of senior year at Palm Harbor University High School, interned at **Calvary Chapel Worship Center** in New Port Richey. Under the direction of leaders such as **Pastor Scott Wright, Christi Ogden, and Tabitha Mercado**, Katie was able to learn and grow in her environment while having a great time. Also in part thanks to the internship, Katie will be attending Masters’ Commission for her first year of college

life. Katie appreciates beyond words all that the staff at Calvary Chapel Worship Center have done for her, and looks forward to helping out in the coming summer.

PINELLAS PARK HIGH SCHOOL

Jessica McCall interned for a second semester at **Northside Hospital and Heart Institute** under the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs** and the **Radiology Department**. Jessica found her passion and is pursuing a program in Radiology.

SEMINOLE HIGH SCHOOL

Under the supervision of **Kathy Jacobs** at **Northside Hospital, Elizabeth Bernstein** was able to follow numerous medical students and residents during their daily work. The wide range of procedures she viewed varied from complicated surgeries in the operating room, to physical rehabilitation in physical therapy, to simple questioning of patients in internal medicine. Elizabeth not only observed, but she also got involved by assisting in EKG's, retrieving materials

for doctors, and taking temperatures. She also enjoyed interacting with patients. Elizabeth's experience has only reinforced her opinion that a career in medicine is the right one for her.

With the help of **Kathy Jacobs, Administrative Director of Medical Education for Northside Hospital, Sarah Bernstein** was able to follow various medical professionals while visiting several different departments. Sarah received valuable information about the process of becoming a physician and has seen how committed everyone is to helping those in need. Through the internship she has seen many interesting events, such as surgeries and hospital codes happen. Sarah has learned so much about the medical field by observing, reading, and assisting in any way possible. Her experience has been a positive one and has reinforced her desire to pursue a career in the health field.

Under the astute tutelage of **Dr. Alfred Choi**, the president and senior dentist at **Lifeway Dental Connections, Benedict**

Choi has been exposed to the dental profession through Pinellas County School's Executive Internship Program. At this internship, Benedict witnessed countless dental procedures including surgeries, extractions, fillings, and mercury removal. His internship was not limited to mere observation: Benedict was able to get hands on with a few tasks such as developing X-rays and chart management. Benedict felt that his internship was everything he thought dentistry would be and more. He is enthralled with the opportunity to intern at such a prestigious establishment. This experience convinced Benedict that a career as a dentist is the right path to take.

Kathryn Elder continued her first semester internship with **Special Moments and Mrs. Tammy Waterman**, a wedding and event planner in St. Petersburg. She continued to serve as Mrs. Waterman's assistant. Kathryn gained many skills and learned a lot about the field of business, in addition to learning about planning and putting on events. She has not made a definite career

decision but will continue to explore the field of event planning.

Under the instruction of **Karin Williams of Morton Plant Hospital in Clearwater, Stephany Emerson** realized there is a lot more to caring for newborn babies other than dressing them up and holding them all day. Stephany learned an observed PKU's, assessments, hearing screenings and circumcisions along with other tests that are required to be performed on the babies before they go home. She also helped with regular feedings, burping, diaper changes, changing of clothing, as well as keeping the nursery on Witt 7 stocked and ready. Stephany was astonished that the 24 week old baby that was delivered in the NICU on the day she was observing was able to live and be healthy. Stephany's experience has convinced her to pursue her dreams of being a physician in Neonatology.

Attending **Kozak Physical Therapy**, led by **John Kozak, Lucy Flippin** learned that there is more to this career than one would know. In P.T., one must not only know about

all Anatomy and Physiology of a patient but also must know how to succeed socially. Lucy started off shy but eventually became outgoing and sure. Also, in the medical field you must always deal with insurance and thanks to Jan, one of the secretaries, Lucy became skilled at many tasks in the office. Physical Therapy has made an impression on Lucy and she is sure this is the career for her.

Under the knowledgeable guidance of **Nora Hawkins, Marketing Director for SPCA Tampa Bay, Lauren Thompson** experienced the challenges and successes of marketing and PR writing. She explored many different writing venues including, but not limited to, press releases, magazine articles, and informative brochures. She wrote articles for both ***Pause for Paws***, the SPCA's newsletter, and ***Footnotes***, the SPCA's magazine. She learned how to catch a reader's attention and just as importantly, how to keep it throughout the entire article. In addition to writing, Lauren worked in editing and proofing. She feels that she has gained valuable experience and

insight into this career field, along with a certain amount of pride when she held the finished publications in her hands.

Dawn Bell of Sabal Palms of Largo made it possible for **Jordan Van Leuven** to experience a wonderful internship in pediatric therapy. The experience made **Jordan** realize that not everyone is as fortunate as others. Alongside **Sameera Hublikar (O.T.)** and **Vanessa Neylan (S.P.T.)**, she worked with several children and teens with diagnoses ranging from traumatic brain injuries to fetal alcohol syndrome; even excessive injuries from vehicle accidents. Although Jordan's internship site held the worst of the worst, it gave her the confidence to be able to handle anything that might come her way while practicing occupational therapy after college. Jordan's most favorite part of her internship was being able to make the kids happy and smile despite the pain they might have been in. She was able to go along with **Neylan** to a baby's video swallow study at All Children's Hospital, which she enjoyed thoroughly. These experiences were

the basis of Jordan's decision to become an occupational therapist.

TARPON SPRINGS HIGH SCHOOL

Rachel Albright learned about different Retinal diseases and problems under the guidance of **Dr. Dan P. Montzka M.D.** at **Gulf Coast Retina**. Rachel gained knowledge concerning symptoms associated with retinal problems, and the methods used to treat these issues. She discovered that Ophthalmology involves applying complex skills, and witnessed how restoring patients' eyesight is most rewarding.

Amanda Bloomer interned at **Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Student Education Center** under the guidance of **Adaptive Physical Education Teacher, Darlene Tickner**. Each day she worked with five different classes from both elementary and middle school. Amanda was able to get a great deal of hands-on experience working with the students in activities such as swimming and biking. The internship gave her valuable experience with children with varying

exceptionalities. Amanda truly enjoyed working with the children but decided that her interests lie more with the medical field and plans to pursue a career in Pediatric Nursing.

At **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, mentor **Dr. Slaton** has taught **Harley Ellington** the positive and negative aspects of being an OB/GYN. Devotion to social life and sleep are unacceptable when one must be available to patients at all times. Thanks to sponsor **Michael Cadoret**, Harley has been fortunate enough to witness countless surgeries including Cesarean sections, circumcisions, and epidurals. Harley has thoroughly enjoyed her internship and plans to endure the twelve years of college schooling to become an OB/GYN.

Sara Haines realized while interning at **Orthopedic Specialists** with the founder of the practice, **Dr. John G. Sullivan**, that becoming and being an orthopedic surgeon is not an easy task. She learned that there is so much information that you must retain not just about bones, diseases, and cures but also about patients and their daily lives and

injuries. Somewhere between watching physical evaluations, injections, and a substantial number of surgeries she learned an immense amount of information and realized that it was only the beginning. She learned about arthritis, different types of injections and why each type is given, what medications are given for what symptoms, and the cause and cure for many painful bodily injuries. Witnessing injured patients get better made her realize the true meaning behind the white lab coat and big

paycheck. Hard work and patience are two qualities that she learned were greatly important values for doctors to possess. Sara's experience in the doctor's office and the operating room has made her realize that being an orthopedic surgeon is a definite career possibility for her.

Under the guidance of **J. Stephen Putnam, Executive Vice President of Raymond James Financial Services** in St. Petersburg, Florida, **Shawn Singleton** gained

valuable experience in a respected firm. He also learned some investment strategies and the types of accounts offered at Raymond James Financial. He created spreadsheets to record past stock and mutual fund prices in order to determine investors' objective were met. He enjoyed the hands-on experience Raymond James Financial provided and is determined to study Finance in college next year.

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