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To Our Sponsors:

It is our pleasure to compile and distribute the Executive Internship Program newsletter for the 2008-2009 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 **Andre Hudson, founder of Pro Builder Fitness, Julius Forte** discovered and began to understand that the profession of personal training is more than just working out with people. There is a huge amount of paper work that has to be done, as well. This is especially true now that Andre Hudson and his company are developing a non-profit organization called Lives Under Construction or simply LUC. Andre Hudson has been meeting with a lot of people trying to build his two companies. Julius Forte has been able to be a part in some of these meetings. At one of these meetings, Julius was an “demonstration” example and participated in giving a show of some of the drills Andre Hudson gives in some of his workout routines for LUC. Julius’ experience with Andre Hudson has shown him that this is a field he will like to continue pursuing.

Over the Fall semester at **Palms of Pasadena**

Hospital, Vivian Lujan was sponsored by **Andrea Clyne, Director of Emergency Service.**

Vivian has observed multiple surgeries and shadowed nurses on their daily rounds. She has learned about admitting patients into the Emergency Room. She realized that it is not as easy as it looks. There is much paper work to collect and many questions to ask in a short period of time. Vivian has also shadowed **Barb Rowland, Charge Nurse** while interning at Palms of Pasadena Hospital. With Barb Rowland, Vivian observed how patients must be moved and how they must be treated throughout the admission process. This greatly impacted her views on medical care. Vivian finally decided that working with patients in a medical setting is what she truly wants to do for her future career. (*Vivian also participated in a summer internship at Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute.*)

Under the leadership of **Dr. Koco Eaton of Eaton Orthopedics, Richard Prince** discovered that it

takes a lot of work to become a doctor of that stature. There is a lot of commitment and school time that accompanies this profession. Richard followed Dr. Eaton in to see patients and also in surgery cases. As he spent more days with Dr. Eaton, he begin to learn more and was able to diagnose simple injuries. He found the surgery fascinating and something he would love to be able to do. His experience was great and he now realizes how much work it takes to hold the title of Orthopedic Surgeon.

Under the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs at Northside Hospital, Patricia Pajak** got to experience many different medical careers and what they involve. Patricia was in departments from the emergency room to physical therapy, and although different, they were all very exciting. Patricia was able to be involved with patients and learned a lot about vitals and what a normal heart beat should look and sound like. With Kathy Jacobs’ help Patricia enjoyed a

good experience with every department, and was really involved. Patricia found that medicine is something that she wants to pursue, and hopefully one day will be a pharmacist or physical therapist. (*Patricia also participated in a summer internship at All Star Pediatrics.*)

Clearwater High School

After being let loose into the arena of **Suncoast Hospital**, by **Helene Kramer, Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator, Samuel Mancuso** went on to choose the Emergency Room, as it seemed to be the most exciting place in the hospital for Sam to begin his investigation of the medical field. As it turns out, it was. Sam learned much as the weeks passed by—how inguinal hernia's are formed and treated, the best procedures available to treat overdoses, how to put a dislocated shoulder back into place—are only some examples of the many things learned. Sam learned, not only from his experiences at the ER, but also from the doctors and interns with whom he spent his days. Sam was given insight on the

medical domain today, the difficulties of college, the proper way to get accepted into medical school, and what were the "hot" fields of this decade. Sam found the day-to-day activities doctors went through were riveting. Sam's experience in the stomping grounds of today's doctors has led him to believe that a doctor is what he must become.

Under the guidance of **Karin Williams, Manager of Morton Plant Hospital's Volunteer Services, Anita Mujdzic** learned about the extent of radiography through the radiology department. There are numerous different types of scans. Anita met with **Debbie Picciotti** who assigned her different technicians each day to further Anita's knowledge in radiology. She found the whole department very fascinating. Anita's experience has encouraged her to further her studies in radiology.

Under the guidance of **Cristie Bakewell, Kindergarten Teacher, at Curtis Fundamental Elementary, Stacie Pierce** has learned that teaching is not all fun and games. Cristie Bakewell has taught Stacie that one needs to run a strict

classroom in order for the students to respect the teacher and to pay attention. Stacie learned that you can never have favorites you have to be fair to all the students even when it comes to showing them the "rights" and "wrongs" of things. Stacie has had a wonderful experience at Curtis Fundamental Elementary School and is keeping this career in mind as a possibility for her future.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Maury Krystel** and **Trudy George of Cosmetic Dentistry of Tampa Bay, Lauren Porto** discovered that being a cosmetic dentist is a lot more work than anticipated. Lauren observed Dr. Maury Krystel at work, from making temporaries and issuing crowns to fixing dentures and issuing invisalign. She worked with the hygienists, **Karen Lincoln**, and **Debi Thackrey**, to learn and have hands on experience around the office and in sterilization. She also received information on the dark room, how X-rays are really developed, and how they are mounted. Lauren talked with **Mary Kreuger**, the receptionist, about how the office is run

and how important it is to stay organized. Lauren found everything of what Dr. Krystel does to be solely amazing. Her experience has convinced her that dentistry is definitely her goal for her career, and no obstacle will get in the way of that.

Countryside High School

Under the guidance of **Mike Bell, Bryn Warner, Niki Zawacki-Pasek, and Kristin Aguilar, Lauren Ballantoni** discovered that being an event coordinator for the **Hospice Foundation of the Florida Suncoast** is not as glamorous as it sounds. There is a lot of hard work and effort that goes into creating an event. Lauren observed as Niki and Kristin put together an event from start to finish, and became familiar with all the steps needed to be completed in order for an event to be successful. Lauren learned how to run a silent auction, how different people come together to form a committee for an event, and the numerous phone calls and letters necessary asking for volunteers and donations. Lauren's experience has convinced

her that a career in event coordinating is her goal.

Under the guidance of **Jason Scrivner and Erik Kuna of Kelby Media Group, Stephen Bell** discovered that the job of a video editor is a lot of hard work. There are lots of long hard hours worked to get the product out under deadlines. Stephen learned from assistant video editors **Adam Rohrmann** and **Juan Alfonso** how to edit faster and how to move faster in day-to-day operation of the video department at Kelby Media Group. The job of the video department at Kelby Media Group also included filming the two weekly podcasts and the weekly Napp News. Learning all the environments of a video editor at Kelby Media Group has totally convinced Stephen that what he thought he liked, is actually what he loves.

The **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** accepted **Amy Farid** for an internship. Guided by the **Education Coordinator, Ms. Devine Possert**, Amy was able to rotate throughout the hospital; every week she was assigned to a different department. Amy loved the feeling of constantly meeting new people on a daily basis and helping

those in need. Everyday there was something new and intriguing to watch: one of the most exciting operations Amy attended was a lower leg amputation. When the hospitals are running a little slow, the emergency room always has something going on and it's hands-on help rather than just observing; the nurses were extremely caring and made sure Amy was getting the most out of her internship. Amy attended an emergency, code blue- respiratory, where the patient required CPR. Every day Amy went home with exciting stories to share with her family. She left the hospital with a great deal of knowledge and many experiences. Amy also left having a better understanding of life and what she would want to do as a career. "I wouldn't give up my memories of this internship for anything", Amy stated.

Under the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs** at **Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute, Haley Merker** realized that being a nurse isn't like the TV shows. There is a lot of stress and hard work that goes into working in the ER. Haley saw **Mark** give patients

IV's and take blood samples to be sent to the lab for tests. Haley's experience in the ER has proven to be a great experience and makes her want to be a nurse even more

Under the guidance of **Deborah Manning, Guidance Counselor at Oldsmar Elementary School, Jessica Robicheau** learned that being an elementary school guidance counselor isn't all fun and games. She learned about making lesson plans, writing reports, listening and advising students. There are certain procedures that need to be followed in order to assist students for the best possible outcome. Jessica's experience has given her insight, and now Jessica knows that she would enjoy being a guidance counselor in the future

In working at Morton **Plant Hospital**, with the guidance of **Karin Williams, Manager of Volunteer Services, Kelly Schroeder** learned just how exciting and also hard work it was to work as a nurse on the maternity floor. The most exciting activity that Kelly saw was when she observed a doctor giving a baby a

circumcision. She learned just how much hard work and concentration you need to have for such an important operation. All the nurses she worked with were glad to help her with anything she needed and answered every question she asked, and Kelly appreciated that very much. This experience opened Kelly's eyes and made her that much more eager to be a nurse as her future career.

Dixie Hollins High School

There were no interns from Dixie Hollins High School for the Fall 2008 semester.

Dunedin High School

Under the guidance of **Jacquie Brown** of the **State Attorney's Office, Lindi Bock** discovered that being a State Attorney is a lot harder than it seems. There is a lot you need to do before you present your trial until the time your trial is finished. Lindi saw **Rene Bauer** prosecute in court, and Lindi followed up with the case and researched the background information on the defendant. The amount of work put into one trial is

fascinating. Lindi's experience at the State Attorneys Office has convinced her that a career in Law is exciting, rewarding and where she is most passionate.

With help and encouragement of **Captain Jeff Young** and **Lieutenant Barb Templeton** of the **Tarpon Springs Police Department, Brianna Hinder** discovered that being involved in Law Enforcement requires a lot of time and dedication to the job. Brianna was exposed to many different career fields within the department. She participated in many aspects of the department such as, riding along with officers responding to calls and working with Detectives. Brianna also had the opportunity to talk with **Max Sanchez, Forensic Crime Scene Technician** where she learned about dusting for fingerprints and processing a crime scene. The internship with the Tarpon Police Department was very educational and interesting. Brianna's experience has made her want to be more involved in Law Enforcement.

East Lake High School

Under the guidance of **Dr. DeVito, at Dr. DeVito's Orthodontics** office, **Serena Cleland** fell in love with the career or orthodontia. She noticed there is much more work in being an orthodontist than first meets the eye. Serena interacted with practically every patient that walked in the door. She also got to observe work being done on most of the patients, as well. She took advantage of the opportunity to assist with patients and jumped right in. She learned the uses of instruments, functions of teeth movement, and also how to put on and remove ties. Serena has found that the work of orthodontia is the career for her. She is excited and cannot wait until she can finally pursue this exciting profession on her own.

Jayasri Duggirala has had the amazing opportunity to take part in the Executive Internship Program at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**. Under the supervision of **Devine Possert**, She has been able to observe different areas of the hospital; including, Obstetrics, Emergency Room, and the Operating Room. She was amazed

that she was allowed to stand right next to the operating surgeons and observe all the surgical details. She has always wanted to be in the medical profession but this Internship has really made her choose a field of interest. **Dr. Prator** and **Ms. Marri** were really inspirational and motivating teachers who inspired her to pursue a career in Emergency Medicine. After graduation, **Jayasri** plans to attend the University of South Florida, and enroll in their Honor College Seven Year Medical Program. (*Jayasri also participated in a summer internship at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital.*)

While under the supervision of **Salome Urena, an engineer at Lockheed Martin, Arsenio Figueroa** learned the complex world of industrial engineering. There are a lot of steps and procedures that he had to go through. He saw that there are many fields of engineering combined to create industrial engineering. He saw how to inspect a completed assembly and how to process it in the computers. He also got to help design a fixture that will be used in manufacturing to help

the assemblers. Arsenio found that this is a hectic and busy industry and is not sure yet if this will be a career path for him.

Under the supervision of **Devine Possert at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Sandra Hanna** had a rare opportunity to explore the medical field as a high school student. She was able to view various procedures and surgeries including a knee scope, an endoscope, and many X-RAY images for different cases. She was also allowed to observe a CT scan of the brain, which she discovered to be very interesting. She had first hand experience with numerous emergency cases that were not all glamorous. The ER can definitely be a stressing experience. **Dr. Paul Prator and Dr. Dustin Rudolph** helped Sandra develop her passion in the medical field and love it even more. They were wonderful role models and further enhanced her knowledge of pharmaceutical studies and emergency room medicine. The Executive Internship Program incomparably influenced Sandra's decision in pursuing her dream of pharmaceutical studies.

Under the guidance of **Devine Possert of Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Elio Monsour** gained knowledge of the medical field and what it has to offer. He discovered that there is a lot of teamwork, endurance, and dedication put in to providing the best medical attention for all patients. **Elio** worked with multiple physicians, pharmacists, and nurses throughout his internship. He aided with many tasks and he observed multiple procedures, both surgical and non-surgical. He found everything offered in the medical field truly fascinating and the environment very co-operative. **Elio's** experience has convinced him that a medical career is right for him.

Under the supervision of **Cpt. Jeff Young and Lt. Barbara Templeton, Ryan Myers** not only learned a lot about police work at the **Tarpon Springs Police Department**, but also had fun doing it. Being a police officer isn't as easy as people think. Although it is very exciting, it also comes with tons of paperwork and stress. While working at the Tarpon Springs Police Department, Ryan helped out in the records, dispatch, forensics, and detective departments.

Ryan even had a crime scene put together for him to solve by **Max Sanchez, Forensic Crime Scene Technician**. Ryan took pictures of the scene and pulled fingerprints from a knife. Although Ryan had a lot of fun interning at the T.S.P.D, he realized police work wasn't quite for him.

Under the guidance of **David Cook of Pinellas County Schools WPDS TV 14 Station, Joshua White** found that he really did enjoy interning and working in the media field. From working with Garage Band, to helping filming TV shows, to hosting PCS Journal, Joshua did it all. He even had a chance to interview Seth Joyner an ex NFL Pro Bowler, and watch the Mayor of Clearwater get his hair shaved into a "Ray-Hawk". Joshua found that the journalism field is very exciting. Joshua's experience has convinced him that the journalism field may be for him.

Gibbs High School

Under careful guidance from **Pam Barley of the American Red Cross, Lea Bates** was able to fulfill her mission of learning and get a taste of what the

future holds. Working with the **Disaster Specialist, Bob Nixon, of South Pinellas Chapter** - Lea was able to coordinate a project of developing a presentation of International Humanitarian Law aimed at students of ROTC who may be joining the military. Also, wanting to work for an internationally recognized company and keep her roots of being a true humanitarian, Lea was able to see from behind the scenes what it takes to help those in need. Even if working in a non-profit organization may not seem as glamorous as other companies, since they rely on volunteers rather than paid personnel, Lea is still determined to make a change in the world whether it would be in the Red Cross or in an International Relations department. Working with international clients tracing lost family from war, working with fundraising events, to conducting case work to bridge communications between families and those military members stationed globally was something fulfilling to experience, and Lea would like to work her way into a career field such as with the United Nations and

perhaps working with foreign policies.

Under the direction of **Kathy Jacobson** of **Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute**, **Sandeep Chugani** learned that being a doctor in the gastroenterology field requires a lot of dedication and passion for helping patients in their time of need. Sandeep observed and assisted technician **Bobby Ivanov** in setting up the operating room for any kind of gastroenterology case prior to the doctor's arrival. In addition, Sandeep observed the doctor while the procedure was taking place by taking notes of what was going on and asking questions after the doctor completed procedures. Sandeep found that the endoscopy procedure was the most interesting of all gastric procedures he had observed. Sandeep's experience at Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute convinced him that a career in the medical field is going to be his future job.

Under the supervision of **David Patton** of **Bayfront Medical Center Outpatient Rehabilitation**, **Briana A.**

McDonald found out that becoming an intern with a physical therapist was very interesting. Briana learned that the hospital patients are mostly senior citizens rather than athletes. Briana was able to learn from both **Sandra Arsenault** and **Daniel Murphy**. Briana had the opportunity to work with patients alone, and she had the chance to learn all exercises for the varieties of injuries. Briana found the career of physical therapy to be very important. Briana's experience has convinced her that although she enjoys physical therapy, there are a lot of other fields in healthcare to examine.

By having the privilege from **Kathy Jacobs** of **Northside Hospital & Tampa Bay Heart Institute**, **Delores Milton** has learned that being an anesthesiology assistant is a difficult job. There have been many times that work Delores observed was very difficult to learn from the beginning to the end result. Delores observed assistants, **Dan Rasey**, **Kathy Griglak** and **Kris Stefanov**, **Anesthesia Techs**, and Delores worked with medical machines to gain a better understanding of how anesthesia takes place.

Delores also assisted the Northside Hospital staff in preparing with setup in the operating rooms after cases. She found the process of anesthesia fascinating. Delores' experience has enhanced her confidence that a career as an anesthesiologist is her goal.

With the help and supervision of **Occupational Therapist Roseanne Halback** of **All Children's Hospital**, **Ciera Witcher** was able to acknowledge that being an Occupational Therapist was a career worth striving to be. Ciera learned that becoming an Occupational Therapist requires a lot of work and dedication. Ciera worked beside **Jenna Post**, **Teresa Lebieforth**, and **Karen Nathan**, **Occupational Therapists**, to treat patients in need of handwriting, behavioral, or coordination skills during the time of her internship. Ciera also helped with creating new ideas for therapists to use when treating their patients. Ciera described her experience as an Occupational Therapist as an exciting learning experience and a career she can see herself pursuing.

Lakewood High School

There were no interns from Lakewood High School for the Fall 2008 semester.

Largo High School

There were no interns from Largo High School for the Fall 2008 semester.

Northeast High School

Under the guidance of **David Cook of Pinellas County Schools WPDS TV 14 Station, Camille York** learned that being a show host or news anchor has its positive and negative side. There is a lot of work, especially background work and preparation, that must be done before a show is filmed. Camille was able to meet former NFL player Tim Carter and to experience what it is like to be at the Rays stadium center field. She assisted Dave Cook in getting interviews from football players and coaches at games and conducting the superintendent's roundtable with **Dr. Julie Janssen**. Camille's experiences opened her eyes to the possible career

of a sports broadcaster. Although this line of work can become very stressful due to its unpredictable nature, Camille realized that the broadcasting journalism profession is the perfect fit for her.

Osceola High School

Under the guidance of **Joe Malo of the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Jaclyn Kinney** found out that marine biology is a wonderful but hard career. There are a lot of difficult things you need to accomplish. Jackie followed Mr. Malo around the aquarium as he showed her the ropes. She assisted in doing tours and helping on the boat. Jackie's experiences have helped change her mind about her career. Instead of marine biology she has decided to try veterinary science.

At **Midway Animal Hospital, Jessica Lowe** learned so much from **Dr. Donald Howell** about veterinary medicine. Jessica witnessed surgeries, assisted **Vet Techs, Kristin Schittino and Anneke Van Tricht** with exams, and observed x-rays. She found the veterinary field very compelling and rewarding. Based on her internship

experience Jessica was reassured that being a veterinarian is right for her.

Under the careful supervision of **Lt. Shephard at the Pinellas Park Fire Department, John Sleppy** has discovered that becoming a member of a search and rescue team requires tremendous work and skill. Firemen have many responsibilities to uphold as a member of the fire department. John observed **Paramedics Gilroy and Spruill** on many calls. The two paramedics work together using high quality tools and training to accomplish the task at hand. On every call the two men would talk to each other and communicate as much as they could to get the best care for the patient as fast as they could. These two paramedics have helped John decide that a career in search and rescue is one of the best options for him.

Palm Harbor University High School

While interning at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Shelley Albee** learned about and experienced the marine biology field under the direction of **Captain Joe**

Malo. She learned that being a dolphin trainer is not all fun and games and that there is a large amount of dedication needed for the dolphins to trust the trainer. Even though Shelley was not able to interact on a regular basis with the four dolphins at the aquarium, she guided tours through out the facility and had to learn the basics of the marine biology field. In time she was able to come into contact with the turtles of the facility when she was asked to spot for the diving team when they cleaned the turtle tanks. She was given the responsibility to watch the diver and make sure they were safe as well as to distract the turtles when the divers were in the tank. This involved feeding them lettuce and splashing the surface of the water. By witnessing the dedication of the dolphin trainers and the staff, Shelley learned to truly appreciate the Marine Biology field and intends to pursue a career in either biology or zoology

This semester, **Jennifer Anderson** interned under the supervision of **Devine Possert** at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**. Jennifer learned that a typical day for Registered Nurse is stressful and

difficult, but it is all worth it. Jennifer also learned that there are many nursing opportunities in every part of the hospital, from taking care of babies to taking care for the very ill people. "Many exciting things have happened, but most of all were the minor mouth surgeries that I watched. States Jennifer. "This internship made me realize that the medical field is for me, maybe not being a Registered Nurse, but possibly a Nurse Anesthesiologist."

Kelly Dean has recently been interning under **Kelly Webb, the Certified Athletic Trainer at Palm Harbor University High School**. While working closely with Kelly Webb, Kelly Dean has learned what a time consuming job that athletic training is. Through this experience, Kelly Dean has learned many new methods of taping and stretches to help prevent injuries of high school athletes. Kelly Webb and Kelly Dean have attended a variety of high school sports over the past five months. Some of the sports that they attended were football, basketball, soccer, volleyball, and wrestling. Kelly Dean was able to observe Kelly Webb

treating and preventing injuries from all of those sports. Kelly Webb and Kelly Dean have traveled to many of the high schools in Pinellas County with the football team. Kelly Dean feels that this has been a great experience. Kelly Dean feels that a career in Athletic Training may be in her future. Kelly Dean will continue to explore other careers that are closely related with sports medicine.

Under the guidance of **Jeff Hartzog, Carolyn Martinez** was able to have a successful term at **Ruth Eckerd Hall**. **Jeff Hartzog, Director of Operations** at Ruth Eckerd Hall, oversees many of the different areas that operate during performances. **Carolyn** was able to experience different shows by helping and observing in different departments such as lighting, house management and tech ops and was also able to experience a variety of plays and concerts. She has learned that working for a theater is not one big party. She has found her passion and looks forward to the upcoming future. **Carolyn** would like to thank **Jeff Hartzog** for being an outstanding mentor.

While interning with **Mrs. Danielle Matthews, Guidance Counselor, at Sutherland Elementary, Melissa Elliott** has learned many new and interesting things about guidance. She observed Mrs. Matthews doing classroom guidance at least three times a day with all different ages of children. Melissa is always in the back listening and observing, trying to take in all the techniques about classroom guidance. Classroom guidance isn't just going into the room and talking to the children. It takes a lot of planning ahead and preparation to make sure that all the lessons are grade appropriate and that they are interesting. Over the semester, Melissa has gotten to be a part of all the decision making and planning that goes into classroom guidance lessons. Melissa's experiences have proved to her that she would love to be a guidance counselor in the near future.

While working under the guidance of **Kelly Webb, the Certified Athletic Trainer of Palm Harbor University High School, Sara O'Connell** learned many new stretches and tape methods. Sara learned that athletic training is a

very time consuming job. Kelly Webb and Sara put in many hours daily working with athletes to provide care, prevention, and treatment of athletic injuries. Kelly Webb and Sara not only worked on the Palm Harbor Campus, but also traveled to games at other local high schools. Through this experience, Sara learned that athletic training is not the career of choice for her. However, Sara plans to stick with something in the medical field.

As an intern with **Certified Athletic Trainer Melody Grenelle, Megan Petsche** found out that athletic training is a lot harder than it looks. After attempting to tape her first ankle it was clear to her that it wasn't as easy as Ms. Grenelle made it seem. Megan was able to attend all practices and games, both home and away. She got to know all of the football players and all of their specific needs. Standing on the sidelines, she witnessed countless injuries and was able to help with the rehabilitation process. Soon she became like a second mother to the boys; standing with them through thick and thin, applauding their accomplishments, and protecting them from

harm. Megan's experience can only be described as unforgettable. It made her realize that a career in sports medicine is exactly what she wants.

With the coordination efforts of **Devine Possert at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Maria Plunkett** was able to obtain first-hand experience in several departments that comprise a functioning hospital. In the Women's Center, **Maria** discovered that the process of childbirth is not as dramatic as television would have us believe. She watched labor and delivery nurses **Dawne Huthnance** and **Ginny Legrand** examine patients and perform minor procedures, such as the insertion of a urinary catheter in order to make labor as comfortable and easy as possible. **Maria** created discharge packets for new mothers to take home, escorted families to the lobby so they could begin their lives with their new babies, and even got to baby sit newborns in the nursery. She found the role of the obstetrician-gynecologist to be much more spiritual than expected. Her experience has deepened her love for children and opened her eyes to the possibility of becoming a

registered nurse within a maternity ward.

Under the instruction of **Laurie Simpson of Delectables Fine Catering, Sabrina Swoy** discovered that catering is not just cooking food. A large amount of work goes into the food that is presented to the customer. Sabrina assisted **Bryan Papineau, Martin Gunesh, Mauro Espino, Colin Povey, Aubrey Lute, and Betty Martin** prepare and cook food to be served. She also helped **Bonnie Wells** with placing food on serving trays and in pans to be stored. Sabrina found the process of catering an event an exhausting but rewarding process. She has learned that a culinary field is not the right career path for her, but has great respect for anyone who succeeds in it.

Pinellas Park High School

There were no interns from Pinellas Park High School for the Fall 2008 semester.

St. Petersburg High School

As **Elana LaDue** watched well-known interior designer, **Ada Pagano of A. Pagano Design**, work her magic in the design industry, Elana began to realize what great passion she had for this field. Elana was eager to do anything around the design studio to help Mrs. Pagano and her assistant, **Angie Lindsley**, out. From doing presentation boards for her design concepts to sitting in on major client meetings, Mrs. Pagano was a huge inspiration for Elana. The overall experience has persuaded Elana to pursue a career in interior design.

Through observing **Mrs. Dona Tipton, Fifth Grade Teacher, at Pinellas Central Elementary School, Kaylee Mize** has recognized the field of interest within education she would like to pursue. Education requires a teacher to sacrifice time and energy for the benefit of the student's knowledge. Kaylee also was able to witness another type of field of education, special education. Observing **Mrs. Laura Hallenback** teach a small but interesting group of kids also peaked Kaylee's interest in special education. She found the

students to be the best part of the internship and also the career. Kaylee's experience has reassured her that she does want to pursue a career in education but has not determined the specific grade or field.

Under the guidance of **Jeanne Stevens of All Children's Hospital, Jaime Matthews** learned how different the setting is of a real life Emergency Room than what is shown on television, and how stressful it can be to work in the ER. Jaime saw **Emergency Medical Technician Ryan Manning** perform procedures such as starting an IV for a patient and gathering vital signs so the doctors and nurses can have a better idea of how sick the patient is. Jaime also observed **Joseph Perno M.D.** perform suturing(stitches), on a young patient to help repair a dog bite. Jaime assisted in the ER by bringing patients back to the Emergency center, making IV carts so they are prepared for the technicians when they are ordered to do an IV, did basic cleaning duties in the patients rooms once they left the ER, filing important documents, and putting together

paperwork. Jaime found that working in the hospital, although very different than what she expected, was very interesting. This experience has helped her learn that though becoming a doctor will be a challenge, having a future in the medical field is her career goal.

Seminole High School

While observing and assisting **Dr. Mark Stenzel of The Clearwater Animal Clinic, Valerie Lewis** expanded her knowledge of what it would be like to be a veterinarian. She learned that veterinary medicine is an extremely fast paced and knowledgeable career. Veterinarians have to expect the unexpected and think quickly in every situation. She found all of the surgeries fascinating, and enjoyed observing many and varied procedures. Interning for **Dr. Mark Stenzel** established that veterinary medicine could be a future career path for Valerie.

Under the guidance of **David Cook of Pinellas County Schools WPDS TV 14 Station, Sarah**

Myers uncovered that being involved with broadcast journalism is a lot of background work. Sarah worked by writing scripts, shooting B-roll, doing stand-ups/ closers, conducting interviews and used an editing system called AVID. One of the best experiences that Sarah was involved with was interviewing major sports celebrities like Carl Crawford and Roger Goodell. Sarah's experience has convinced her to continue in the broadcast journalism field with a focus on sports. *(Sarah also completed a summer internship at Pinellas County Schools WPDS, Channel 14.)*

Under the **Presidents and Founders of Envision Architects, Robert Philippi and Ted Mallion, Nicholas Swank** learned that Architecture is a whole lot more than putting lines together and calling it a building. Designing a building from all of the codes and standards can be very hard and irritating. Nicholas learned many computer application about Architecture; AutoCAD, Google Sketchup, and Photo-Shop. He helped out the firm to meet deadlines on two major projects. Nicholas realized

from interning at Envision that Architectural Drafting and Design was the career field he enjoyed and wanted to carry-out into his future. *(Nicholas also participated in a summer internship at Envision Architects.)*

Tarpon Springs High School

Under the guidance of **Mr. David Cook of Pinellas County Schools WPDS Channel 14, Amanda Borges** found that being a broadcast journalist is not all about looking pretty. There is a lot of hard work that goes into creating scripts, pronouncing words, reading the teleprompter, and interviewing leaders of the community. Amanda worked with **Mike Roy and Scott Barnum** to interview former Pro-Bowl player Seth Joyner, the local President of Verizon, and various high school football coaches. Amanda discovered through all this hard work and goal setting, that news and sports broadcasting is what she wanted to pursue. Amanda's experience has lead to her to make the decision that her goal is to follow a career path in Broadcast Journalism.

Under the guidance of **Jacque Brown, Assistant State Attorney with the State Attorney's Office, Alexandria Harris** realized that being an assistant state attorney is harder than it looks. There is a lot of work put into one case and not one single detail can be over looked. Alexandria observed Ms. Brown as well as attorneys **Clarika Caplano and Nicole Williams** prosecute in court. Alexandria also worked on completing paperwork in battery cases, observed different judges, and even observed a murder trial. She found the closing statements of a trial to be the most interesting and intense part of the process. Alexandria's experience has reinforced her dreams of pursuing a career in being a lawyer.

While interning with **Janet Recca of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Lisa Holley** found that being a Graphic Coordinator takes a lot of

artistic thought. There were a lot of different projects going on at one time. Lisa observed **Graphic Designers, Ryan Wakefield and Liselle Murray**, and she worked with computer programs used to design flyers and booklets. Ryan was kind enough to set some time aside so he could help Lisa and give her tutorials in these programs. Lisa found that being a Graphic Coordinator takes a lot of multi-tasking and a lot of artistic ideas. Her experience has shown her that a career in Graphics Coordination is her goal.

Supervised by **Randy Holland, of The Winning Inning, Tommy Organ** found out that being an Athletic Trainer is not a walk in the park. There are a lot of things involved in going through just the evaluation of what is wrong with an individual. Tommy watched Randy work, asked questions about what he was doing

for future reference, and worked on patients that Randy approved. He found the process of how to find a meniscus tear in the knee to be intriguing. Tommy's experience has shown that the career of athletic training is really what he wants to after college.

Thanks to **Devine Possert, Nicole Segreti** was able to experience her favorite week at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**. Segreti, an Executive Intern, was able to observe surgeries for an entire week. She saw surgeries ranging from endoscopies all the way to abdomen surgeries! Segreti wants to be a surgical nurse and is so glad she was able to have this experience. The experiences Nicole had during her semester at Helen Ellis while interacting with the entire health team there, have convinced her that the medical field is the right profession for her.

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Boca Ciega High School

Under the guidance of **Andre Hudson, founder of Pro Builder Fitness and a Personal Trainer, Julius Forte** has discovered that being a personal trainer is lots of fun but also a lot of hard work. There is a tremendous amount of paperwork involved in maintaining your own business, and you must also be dedicated to working out yourself so you can be a good example of the benefits of regular training. Julius was able to work with other students from Palmetto on Saturdays and also assisted Mr. Hudson with the younger children. Often he was used as an “example” for the younger students to follow. This internship has helped Julius realize that personal training is a great field to be in and is a possible career choice for him.

Under the supervision of **Heather Mendes at The Springs at Boca Ciega Bay Nursing Home, Vivian Lujan** was in charge of organizing and

coordinating activities and events for the residents in the home. She put a lot of dedication into her time at the **Springs at Boca Ciega Bay. Vivian** learned that with patience many new things can be full enjoyed. She found that interning with elderly resident gives her a better understanding for the care of people. **Vivian's** experience has shown her that she is meant to be in the medical field and is ready to take on any obstacle that comes her way.

Under the guidance of **Amy Muehleck at Bear Creek Elementary, Patricia Pajak** experienced what it is like to be in elementary education. Patricia was involved with the kids on a personal level, and did a lot of hands-on activities with them. She did things like holiday art work, playing on the play ground, and working with reading and writing. Patricia really enjoyed her internship and always looked forward to going every day. She got the chance to form bonds with all the children, and enjoyed all there bubbly

personalities. With the much appreciated help from Amy Muehleck being in a kindergarten classroom definitely assured Patricia that she wants a career that is involved with children.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Koco Eaton of Eaton Orthopedics, Richard Prince** has discovered that being an orthopedic surgeon is not an easy task. There is a lot of extensive work involved in becoming a doctor. Richard worked with a number of patients, assisting with shots and cast procedures. He found the surgeries especially fascinating to watch. Richard's experience has convinced him to consider this field, but he also has to think about the schooling process that accompanies this job.

Clearwater High School

Samuel Mancuso completed his internship at **Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute** under the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs, Administrative Director**

of Medical Education.

Although Samuel always thought he would pursue patient care, he is now researching other fields of medicine.

Under the guidance of **Karin Williams of the Morton Plant Hospital, Stacie Pierce** has realized that being a nurse is just not taking care of little newborn babies on WITT 7. There are other duties that you must do besides playing with the babies. You must continually check on the mother and make sure she is not in any pain and give her the right medications and dosages. Stacie has also learned that a typical shift includes working eight to twelve hours. Stacie's nursing experience has made her realize that this may not be the job for her but is an option she will consider.

As an intern at **Oak Grove Middle School** under the guidance of **Mr. Joseph Hill, Kayla Tarascio** has become more familiar with the field of **Special Education**. During her internship, Kayla realized that Special Education entails more work than most people think, yet is worth overcoming all of the challenges that may happen. She was able to assist with lessons and

provide one-on-one help with students who were struggling. Kayla realized that every day in a Special Education classroom can bring new experiences which can only make her a better teacher and a better person. Kayla's experience at Oak Grove Middle School reaffirmed her decision to pursue a Special Education degree in the future.

At **Wasilewski Engineering, with Richard Wasilewski, Austin Wasilewski** was taught how to draw up blueprints for a **Structural Engineer**. Austin learned that a lot of work goes into the development of blueprints. He worked on the computer using a program taught to him for the purpose of drawing, editing, and printing to any variety of blueprints. Though it is hard work Austin understood the importance of engineering and decided to pursue the career as his goal.

Countryside High School

Under the guidance of **Erik Kuna of Kelby Media Group, Stephen R. Bell** discovered that the job of a video editor is never the same from day to day. There are lots of long hard

hours worked to get the product out under deadlines. Stephen learned from **video editors Adam Rohrmann, Juan Alfonso and Daniel Bryant** how to editor faster and how to move faster in the day-to-day operation of the video department at Kelby Media Group. The job of the video department at Kelby Media Group also includes filming four weekly podcasts. The various aspects of video editing at Kelby Media Group has totally convinced Stephen that what he thought he liked, is actually what he loves. The experiences of this semester and this year have helped Stephen grow from a student intern to an emerging young professional.

Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital had a few interns; **Amy Farid** is lucky to be one of them. Under the supervision of **Devine Possert, Laura D'Allesandro and Enver Ruzidja**, Amy Farid rotated among the different departments of the hospital for two semesters. She grew greatly in her confidence, knowledge and personality compared to when she first began. Great memories made and shared shall never be forgotten.

Every day consisted of something so exciting and shocking, like the days in the emergency room. Operations in the 'Main Operating Room' definitely had Amy amazed and interested, such as the lung expansion procedure. Amy is extremely grateful to have been a part of the Executive Internship Program and Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital. Together, these two organization, and the people that make them, helped Amy map out her future, highlighting the road to dentistry.

Haley Merker has been working under the guidance of **Ashli and Jason Floyd at In The Breeze Ranch**. She has learned that working on a ranch is not just about riding horses and playing with the animals. While working in the barn with Jason and other volunteers like **Stephanie Moss**, she cleaned the barn, groomed the horses, fed the animals and fixed equipment. Haley has learned a lot by working with experienced ranchers. She now knows so much more about what it takes to really work with animals and has also grown really attached to them. Though Haley realizes that working with

animals can be dirty business a lot of the time, she loves interning there and knows that she will be working with animals in the future.

Under the guidance of **George Ann Bissett of the Dunedin Fine Art Center, Jessica Robicheau** learned that being an Executive Director isn't as easy as it would seem. There is a lot of hard work to being a success. Jessica watched as George Ann spoke with people in an attempt to gain sponsorship; she also watched as the DFAC ran and transformed to accommodate the different exhibits and events that took place while Jessica spent her time there. Jessica's experience has shown her exactly how enticing a job as an executive director could be for her in the future.

Under the supervision of **Karin Williams at Morton Plant Hospital, Kelly Schroeder** learned more about her future career choice than she could of imagined. Kelly didn't truly realize how much hard work and sacrifice it takes to be a post partum nurse. In her experience she worked with **Karin Webb, a Patient Support Tech at Morton Plant**, and tons of

nurses, and helped make patient rooms ready and interacted with the new born babies such as feed them or hold them so that the babies felt safe. The most excited moment Kelly experience was helping with circumcisions. She got up close and personal and assisted the doctor when appropriate. Kelly's experience convinced her that her career choice in becoming a nurse was the right decision and she will continue to pursue this goal.

Dunedin High School

Under the guidance of **Jacque Brown of the State Attorney's Office, Lindi Bock** discovered that being a State Attorney takes a great deal of time and in order to achieve such high status one must be very determined. There is a lot that is needed to prepare for a trial and an overwhelming amount of paperwork. Lindi observed **State Attorney Holly Grissinger** prosecute in court, and assisted several attorneys with trial preps and discoveries. She found the Felony Advisories to be the most interesting. Lindi's experience has allowed her to grow with

more knowledge and she is ready to pursue her career in Criminal Law.

Under the guidance of **Dreama Hill of Clearwater Morton Plant Mease Hospital, Brianna Hinder** discovered being a intern with the **Histology Department** was very insightful. There is a lot work that goes into patient care and finding out the diagnoses to their problems. Brianna observed many different aspects of Histology and Pathology, she learned a lot from the **Pathology Assistant and Lab Technicians**. She also found that the process of diagnosing the patients were a lot more complicated then she expected. She found it very interesting that it took so many different people to accomplish what seems to be a easy task. Brianna's experience has convinced her that a career in the medical field will be most suiting for her.

East Lake High School

Under the guidance of **George Postans, Physical Education teacher at Forest Lakes Elementary School, Serena Cleland** has fallen in love with this career and

working with children. She has noticed, however, this job entails much work than play. Serena has interacted with mostly every child who has been a part of P.E. at Forest Lakes but has worked mostly with the K - 2 graders. She also observe all that was being done on all fields and courts. She took advantage of her opportunity to work one-on-one with children and without hesitation, jumped right in. Serena learned all of their names and how to run the various activities on her own. She also learned how to properly give instructions, Set up and took down equipment, and also learned what the purpose of each activity was. Serena has found that the work of Physical Education is the career for her. She is excited and cannot wait until she can finally pursue it.

Jayasri Duggirala completed her fall semester at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** under the supervision of **Laura D'Allesandro and Enver Ruzidja**. She has had the opportunity to observe and work in various parts of the hospital such as the operating room, emergency room, and OB. Throughout her semesters at Helen Ellis Memorial

Hospital, Jayasri has been able to see various surgeries, and emergency procedures. She finished her internship with a different view of the hospital than when she first began. At the start of the internship Jayasri wanted to become a doctor but she had no idea which specialty she wanted to practice. From her positive experience in the emergency room and with the motivation and inspiration of **Ms. Claudia, Ms. Marri, Ms. Julie and Dr. Prator** she has decided that she wants to become a doctor in an emergency room some day. She will start her undergraduate years at the University of South Florida in the fall.

Under the guidance of **Laura D'Allesandro and Enver Ruzidja** at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Sandra Hanna** had a rare opportunity to explore the medical field as a high school student. She was able to view various surgeries, natural and surgical baby deliveries and experience the stress in the emergency room. She had first-hand experience with numerous emergency cases that were not all glamour. It was definitely a stressing experience for her. **Dr. Paul Prator, Dr.**

Todd Yonteck, and Dr. Dustin Rudolph were able to help Sandra develop and build her passion in the medical field and now she loves it even more. They were great role models and further enhanced her knowledge in pharmaceutical studies and emergency room medicine. The Executive Internship Program incomparably influenced Sandra's decision in pursuing her dream of pharmaceutical studies.

Under the guidance of **Laura D'Allesandro and Enver Ruzidja of Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Elio Monsour** has gained knowledge of the Medical Field, and what it has to offer. His most exciting moment came when he got the chance to view a Caesarean in the obstetrics department and saw a miracle happen. **Elio** has worked with multiple physicians, pharmacists, and nurses throughout his internship and has learned a lot about the medical field. He accomplished many tasks, and he observed multiple procedures, both surgical and non-surgical. He found everything offered in the medical field truly fascinating, and the environment very cooperative. **Elio's** long,

yet truly amazing, internship experience has made him decide that a profession in the medical field is right for him.

Gibbs High School

Monika Bardzilauskaite spent the last semester of senior year interning at **Lealman Avenue Elementary with Stephanie Davidson, Guidance Counselor** for the school. Monika really enjoyed her time at Lealman and would like to thank Mrs. Davidson, the faculty, and staff of the school. Monika learned about the many different social lessons elementary students learn during their time at school. She also learned many things about children behavior and social skills development and the inner work of a school. Through this internship Monika was able to develop a tremendous love for children and even though she has decided that a counselor's job is not something what she wants to pursue, she is highly interested in becoming child psychiatrist and in continuing working with children.

Under the guidance of **Michelle Takacs, Gibbs**

High Athletic Trainer, Sherika Chance discovered that being an athletic trainer is not easy. As an Athletic Trainer, you are the only one assisting the athletes with any problems. Sherika learned all about taping and stretching athletes. Sherika learned about how an athlete can become seriously injured, but also how to constantly attend the training sessions to help them become healthier. Being a intern, Sherika experienced new things such as caring for people and accomplishing goals. Sherika may be interested in pursuing becoming an Athletic Trainer when she enters college.

Throughout the semester at the **State Attorney's Office, Brenda Hammonds** learned a lot under the supervision of **Kristin Carpenter**. Brenda observed trials, V.O.Ps (violation of probation hearings), advisories, as well as many other things. Her internship was a wonderful learning experience. Brenda is extremely grateful for Ms. Carpenter's assistance with her internship at the State Attorney's Office. Brenda had the most well- rounded experience that a high

school intern could hope for and she looks forward to becoming a lawyer.

Under the guidance of **Jeanne Stevens at All Children's Hospital, Kaneesha Harris** had an outstanding experience. Kaneesha worked hard and helped with hands-on learning with **Patrick Murioni and Eddie** in the **Pediatric ER**. Kaneesha learned to work with children and helped in triage when we needed. Kaneesha also learned ways to make children smile. Kaneesha's experience has convinced her that a career in the medical field is her goal.

Under the supervision of **Michelle Takacs of St. Anthony's Hospital, Briana McDonald** quickly discovered that athletic training is not what it seems. There is a lot of mental work in attempting to tape an individual. Briana observed Michelle tape and rehabilitate many athletes, she assisted in loading the materials, and she helped take great care of the athletes. Briana found the role as **Student Athletic Trainer** intriguing. Briana's experience in this profession has influenced her to pursue a career in Athletic Training.

Within the assistance of **Kathy Jacobs of the Northside Hospital & Heart Institute, Delores Milton** gained the knowledge of what it takes to become an anesthesia tech. There is a lot of hard study and work involved in taking on a case. Delores observed Anesthesia Techs, **Dan Russ, Kathy Gush, and Danielle Turner**, and she learned from the Anesthesiologist to get a better understanding of the career. Delores has greatly found the career of anesthesiologist fascinating. **Delores's** experience has convinced her that anesthesiology is her career goal.

Working under the supervision of **Occupational Therapists, Roseanne Hallback, Tereasa Lebiforth, Karen Nathan, Tina Pipher, Sara Vinci, Jenna Post and Physical Therapist Charlene Simon of All Children's Hospital Occupational and Physical Therapy** department was an extraordinary experience that Intern **Ciera Witcher** will truly miss. Working in this type of environment showed her that there is a lot of hard work and patience involved, but at

the same time it's a fun learning environment as well. While working with these numerous therapists, Ciera came into contact with lots of children who suffered from a variety of disorders such as, Autism, cerebral palsy, sickle cell, bipolar, toriticollis, gangia, muscle sickness, ADHD, Developmental delays, and Mental Retardation among other things. Ciera thoroughly enjoyed taking part in the hands-on activities and therapy treatments. She developed a strong bond and relationship with the parents, employees, and patients. The experience has brought joy to her life and a smile to her face. Ciera will never forget the time she had at All Children's and will pursue a career in therapy.

Northeast High School

Under the guidance of **Dave Cook of WPDS-TV14, Camille York** discovered that being in the media field causes you to sweat more than just glam and glitter. It requires a lot of dedication, long hours and hard work, but in the end it really pays off through the final result. Camille had the chance to meet and interview football stars such as

Warrick Dunn, Ike Hillard and Jerome Bettis as well as Governor Charlie Crist, Television star and comedian George Lopez and former Tampa Bay Rays' Manager Joe Maddon. She did show hosting, news segments, interviews, editing, script writing, and found it all extremely fascinating. Through interning at WPDS-TV14, she not only heightened her strengths, but learned to strengthen her weaknesses as well. Camille's overall experience has convinced her that a career in the media field is definitely her ultimate goal.

Osceola High School

Under the guidance of **Dr. Donald Howell** of the **Midway Animal Hospital**, **Jackie Kinney** discovered that she really enjoys the work of veterinarians. She has realized that there is going to be a lot of hard work and schooling to complete her goal. She was working most of the time with the head vet tech **Anneke Van Ticht**. She helped Jackie learn how to do blood work and dental cleaning. She also assisted in regular exams. She found that the veterinary field is very interesting but also a lot of

work. She is excited about her goal to become a vet.

Under the careful supervision of the **Pinellas Park Fire Department staff, John Sleppy** observed and achieved goals and education in the field of **Search and Rescue**. There are so many unseen details in saving a life that has affected this young man. John has seen death, blood, car accidents, overdoses, strokes, cardiac arrest, and many more situations where he has learned how to deal with and treat these matters. He has worked with the monitors, rescue tools and patients and has helped make his decision to educate himself further in the field of paramedic/firefighting school. John has found that saving lives is a huge act of kindness for others.

Palm Harbor University High School

During **Jennifer Anderson's** senior year, she has been interning at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, under the direction of **Laura D'Allesandro and Enver Ruzidja**. Jennifer has learned that shows on television about hospitals are nothing compared to being in a real hospital. Jennifer observed many

cases, surgeries, and check-ups. That is not the only thing she has learned, she learned technology and new medical terms. From being able to experience life in a hospital, Jennifer is reassured that medicine is what she wants to do!

Under the watchful eye of **Amy Baker**, first grade teacher at **Skycrest Elementary School**, **Kelly Dean** has had the opportunity to experience what being a teacher is actually like. There is a lot of patience needed to be a first grade teacher. Kelly has been able to teach science to the first grade class and has discovered that there is a lot of work that goes into just one lesson plan. A variety of science lessons have been taught on the human body. Kelly has exposed the young minds to the bones, organs, and injuries of the human body. The students seem to really enjoy these lessons and activities, and Kelly's experience has convinced her that she should pursue a career with children, but is still unsure of the exact career path.

While working with kindergarten teacher, **Mrs. Kathy Dixon**, at **Sutherland Elementary**, **Melissa Elliott** came

across major problems - there were some days when Melissa was forced to play with chicks and ducks until all of her students had their turns! In between all the chick and duck playing, it was reported that Melissa ran other short errands and prepared activities. Melissa always had interesting stories for our news crew, but in the end she was always happy with what she had accomplished. Melissa's experience with Mrs. Dixon has convinced her that she very much wants to be a kindergarten teacher and will be attending UCF to complete that goal.

Working as an intern at the **State Attorney's Office** under the supervision of **Brett Szematowicz, Assistant State Attorney, Dustin Gilchrist** learned what it takes to be a prosecutor. It takes a lot of hard work and preparation to complete a single case. Dustin observed many prosecutors work in court, ranging from advisories and pre-trials to trials themselves. Dustin learned that it takes focus and dedication to be an Assistant State Attorney. Dustin's interest in law as a career has been further solidified. He is now

convinced that criminal law is what he wants to specialize in.

While interning at **Ruth Eckerd Hall** for her second time, **Carolyn Martinez** has grown up a lot more. She has learned more about the theater and more about its different departments such as Foundation and Marketing. Even though this was Carolyn's last semester of high school, she has learned better ways of time management. She loved working at Ruth Eckerd Hall and looks forward to visiting the staff in the future. Carolyn is thankful for the guidance she received from her mentor, **Jeff Hartzog**. She would also like to thank the whole staff at **Ruth Eckerd Hall** who helped her and guided her with her internship.

Under the guidance of **Tina Redmond of Palm Harbor Middle School, Sara O'Connell** found out that being a middle school teacher is hard work. Teachers have a lot of responsibilities and many tasks to complete on a daily basis. Sara worked with Tina to compute grades, answer students questions, and also created a lesson plan for a nutrition unit. Sara also observed the teamwork between

Tina and her colleagues every day. As much as Sara enjoyed her time with Ms. Redmond and her students, she has learned that the teaching profession is not for her and is still researching possible career options.

Under the mentorship of **Dr. John G. Sullivan at Orthopedic Specialists, Megan Petsche** has been able to get an inside look of what an orthopedic surgeon really does. She has learned that it's not all about cutting people open. There is a lot of time put into diagnosing patients, and even then surgery isn't always the first option. She learned that there are many other alternative ways to treat patients. Megan also worked with Dr. Sullivan's physician assistant, **Don Wakefield**, as well as his partners **Dr. Maiocco** and **Dr. Williams**. She was able to observe several surgeries during her time there, all of which she thoroughly enjoyed. This one-of-a-kind experience has convinced Megan that she would like to continue on the path of orthopedics for her medical career.

Under the direction of **Rory McCann of Lockheed Martin, Sabrina Swoy** discovered that mechanical

engineering is not just using a computer. A lot of dedication and precision goes into making a circuit board. Sabrina observed **Kelly Reed** x-ray a circuit board to check for any defects in soldering, assisted **Martin London** with a project regarding baking circuit boards, and assisted **Lisa Vasquez-Carson** with updating all of the signs on the manufacturing floor. She found mechanical engineering to be a time-consuming and sometimes aggravating process. Sabrina's experience has encouraged her to further explore engineering.

St. Petersburg High School

As **Elana B. LaDue** continued her internship with **Ada Pagano** of **A. Pagano Design** studio in St. Petersburg, FL, she came to realize that interior design is the field she wants to pursue. Elana observed both Ada and her assistant, **Angie Lindsley**, create extraordinary designs and layouts. Along the way they both have showed Elana the basics of interior design. Throughout this internship Elana decided to work toward a degree and career in interior design. Ada and Angie have been such an

inspiration for Elana; they are both thrilled that they could help steer her future in the right direction.

Under the guidance of **Dona Tipton**, fifth grade teacher at **Pinellas Central Elementary**, **Kaylee Mize** has observed the methods and procedures of a classroom. There is a lot of time and preparation that goes into the lesson planning, which is pivotal to operating the classroom.

Kaylee was able to see **Walt Blanchard** conduct a reading fluency session, with some of the lower readers and was also able to assist in grading papers and computing the grades on writing assignments. She also found the DIBELS testing method most intriguing. Kaylee's time spent in the classroom has helped her realized that she definitely wants to be in the field of education.

Seminole High School

Under the guidance of dental hygienists **Debi Thackrey** and **Karen Lincoln** of **Dr. Krystel's** dental practice, **Michelle Karp** discovered that a career in dental hygiene or general dentistry is right for her. There is a lot of hard work to be done for the care of each patient.

She enjoyed every aspect of her time spent at the office and is grateful for all she was taught there. Michelle most definitely feels that this may be the career for her. The best part was to see the smiles on the patients' faces as they left the office feeling so much better!

Under the guidance of **Carol Spencer** at **Bauder Elementary**, intern **Jessica Leiser** was able to learn the other side of teaching second grade. Planning, organization and fostering social development were huge factors to remember when teaching students and preparing them for third grade. She was also able to assist students one-on-one with academic struggles, helping and re-teaching them when necessary. **Jessica** forged a great bond with her students and wished them best of luck in third grade. She found teaching very enjoyable, and her experience has convinced her that elementary education is what she will pursue as a career.

While observing and assisting **Dr. Mark Stenzel** of **The Clearwater Animal Clinic**, **Valerie Lewis** expanded her

knowledge of what it would be like to be a veterinarian. She learned that veterinary medicine is an extremely fast paced and knowledgeable career. Veterinarians have to expect the unexpected and think quickly in every situation. She found all of the surgeries fascinating, and enjoyed observing many and varied procedures. Interning for **Dr. Mark Stenzel** established that veterinary medicine could be a future career path for Valerie.

Under the guidance of **David Cook of the WPDS TV 14 Channel, Sarah Myers** discovered that being a reporter is definitely what she wants to do. There she interviewed stars like Bruce Springsteen, Derrick Brooks, Warren Sapp, and Ben Roethlisberger. She also wrote scripts and hosted numerous shows. Lastly Sarah edited her own resume tape. Sarah's experiences made her an all around broadcaster which will allow her in the future to be very successful at her career in broadcast journalism.

Under the guidance of **Joe Malo at Clearwater Marine Aquarium,**

Tanya Tish discovered that being a marine scientist is not just playing with marine animals all day. It takes a lot of work to care for and maintain the health and well-being of marine life. Tanya observed staff members, like animal trainer **Abby Stone**, training, feeding, and caring for dolphins, sea turtles, etc. She participated in hands-on education during tours, boat trips, and festivals. Her favorite part was working with children, especially on the boat trips. This experience has shown her that the field of environmental education may be the perfect career choice for her.

Tarpon Springs High School

While interning with **Janet Recca of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, Lisa Holley** found that being a Graphic Coordinator takes a lot of artistic thought. There were a lot of different projects going on at one time. Lisa observed **graphic designers, Ryan Wakefield and Liselle Murray**, and she worked with computer programs used to design flyers and booklets. Ryan was kind

enough to set some time aside so he could help Lisa and give her tutorials in these programs. Lisa found that being a Graphic Coordinator takes a lot of multi-tasking and a lot of artistic ideas. Her experience has shown her that a career in Graphics Coordination is her goal.

Nicole Segreti, a high school executive intern at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, had quite the learning experience this last semester. Segreti, 18, was able to observe medical professionals at work. She watched operations, observed the emergency room, watched patients in the cardiac cath lab, and much more! Nicole learned so many new things from this internship program, especially in the emergency room where she learned the basics to I.V.s. Segreti is glad she was able to connect with other nurses who have strongly encouraged her to continue on her journey to becoming a nurse herself in the future.