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To Our Valued Sponsors:

It is my pleasure to compile and distribute the Executive Internship Program newsletter for the 2009-2010 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. I 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 thanks you for your continued support and for the meaningful experiences that you allow EIP students. I know how much of a responsibility it is to have an intern, and I am greatly appreciative that you are willing to take the time to enable students to experience the professional setting. I 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 wing of **David Fries** and **Geran Barton**, **Andre Freeman** took flight in a journey of extraordinary knowledge. David Fries, the head of the ecosystem technical group, and Geran Barton, a technical specialist, are stationed at the **University of South Florida College of Marine Science**. The more Andre assisted these men, the more understanding he gained of what exactly a mechanical engineer entails. No words could express how much he loved working with them. Dedication, focus, and determination radiated from the quality of work, yet the environment was laid-back and calm. The very words that describe Andre were inscribed in this professional field. Andre's fingerprints will always be left on the projects he assisted with, and those memories will carry him towards a brighter future.

Under the guidance of **Karin White** and **Ruth Anne Achteroff** at **Morton Plant Hospital**, **Monica Ghattas** discovered that the field of medicine is truly what she wants to pursue in her life. Not only did Monica experience how the Emergency Room really operates, but she also got to assist nurses in other areas of the hospital as well, such as the nursery. Monica found the Emergency Room particularly interesting because she came to learn that it is run in a much different fashion than she believed. While in the emergency room, Monica witnessed a motor vehicle accident patient, a dementia patient that fell out of a wheelchair, and also a few psychiatric patients. Even though Monica enjoyed seeing different injuries and illnesses in the emergency room, Monica found that she really enjoyed the nursery. The nursery is where Monica brought babies to and from their mothers to the nursery, where the babies were then

assessed or bathed depending on why the baby was sent to the nursery. At first Monica thought nothing of the nursery, but with time Monica realized she did not want to leave the little newborns and move on. Interning has changed Monica in who she is today and has made her a more responsible, and selfless person than she had ever been.

Due to the commendable guidance of **Sharon Welch** at the **City of St. Petersburg ICS**, **Briana Gibbons** was given an intensive look into the field of Computer IT (Information Technology). Briana was able to follow Sharon Welch, as well as **Christopher Roberts**, to see and learn all about computers and their programs. She was able to assist in office work and participate in projects. She found the projects to be fascinating, but hard work at the same time. Briana's experience has convinced her that a career in Computer IT is her goal to achieve.

Under the guidance of **Andrea Clyne, Director of the Emergency Room at Palms of Pasadena Hospital, Lina Ly** discovered that being an intern there is phenomenal. Since she has been there, she has found it very consuming and unexpected of who comes into the ER. Lina observes **RN Barbra Rowland** and **Nick Matzs**, on triaging the patient when they come in for minor injuries, or any other health issues. She has experienced patients from minor injuries to patient with punctures in their neck. She finds the ER an interesting atmosphere to pursue her career life as a Primary doctor. Lina's experience has convinced her that a career in medicine is her goal in the future.

With the wonderful guidance of **Nancy Read** at **Largo Medical Centers, Mimi Nguyen** learned that working in the **Pharmacy** is not as simple as it seems. Similar to other health care professions, the Pharmacy requires a lot of responsibility, confidentiality, and professional competence. As Mimi worked to assist the pharmacists and the pharmacy technicians in the daily activities, such as

completing prescription orders, organizing medications, refilling medication carts, as well as many other tasks, she was able to familiarized herself with medical terminologies, and generic and brand names of medications. This knowledge will help her with her future education, as she wish to becomes a chemistry major in college, and also will assist her in pursuing her dream of becoming a pediatrician.

*Mimi Nguyen also interned at **Largo Medical Center** in the ER and OR during the summer session.*

Under the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs, Administrative Director of Medical Education, of Northside Hospital and Heart Institute, Summer Poirier** has discovered that the medical field is for her. Summer was given the privilege to shadow Dr. Sabbath an anesthesiologist. While shadowing, Summer saw many fascinating surgeries up close, including a hip replacement, and hysterectomy. Dr. Sabbath was very welcoming and taught Summer a lot about the procedures being done. Summer now knows what her future career goal is.

Under the supervision of **Anita Barnhart and Marc Tilly, the ER Nurses and Paramedics of Northside Hospital and Heart Institute, Onelja Shehaj** realized that being an intern at a hospital isn't easy. It is very hard work dealing with people, especially when they're in your care. Onelja saw how IV's were performed and how to deal with patients who came in. She learned how to do EKG's and how to hook up patients to the cardiac machines. Even though it was a lot of work, Onelja is convinced that a career in the medical field is what she wants.

Due to the commendable guidance of **Dr. Marilyn W. Fudge** at **Bayfront Medical Center, Courtney Tim** was given an inclusive look into the field of OB/GYN. Courtney has been able to experience some very special opportunities that are only available to physicians and nurses. She was able to follow Dr. Fudge to see patients and also see surgeries first hand. With Dr. Fudge being an attending and main physician in charge, there is a lot of paperwork that goes with the profession; Courtney learned this job is not all about seeing patients,

giving treatment and providing help for those in need. She was able to assist in the office with conducting work, such as help filling out paperwork and placing patients into rooms. A special thanks also goes to **Dr. Karen Raimer, Donna Felsman,** and the **Residents** at Bayfront; Their kindness helped Courtney learn along the way; this experience will stay with her forever. Courtney does not know what field of medicine she wants to go into, but she is sure she wants to be in the medical field.

*Courtney Tim also participated in a summer internship at **Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute.***

Under the guidance of **Bernard Bloom** of **Walgreens Pharmacy,** **Jessica Zafra** realized that being a pharmacist was more than just medications and earning a salary. Jessica interned in the role of a Senior Pharmacy Tech. She counted pills, updated the inventory in the Telxon Handheld Computer, studied Sig Codes, worked on returns and overstock, and removed expired medications from the shelves. Jessica also

coordinated and worked with the **Senior Pharmacy Technician, Paula Schneider.** Jessica stored prescriptions in the alphabetical bins, assisted in mixing compounds, and gained knowledge of how Walgreens' computer system is used. She found that pharmacy involves plenty of moving around, ample customer and patient interaction, and that team work is a key to success. Jessica's experience has been phenomenal and has officially confirmed that she would like to become a retail pharmacist for her future profession.

Clearwater High School

Franco Espinoza interned at **Largo Medical Center** under the guidance of **Nancy Read.**

Under the supervision of **Randy Holland** of the **Winning Inning Baseball Academy,** **Brad James** began to immerse himself in the basics of athletic training. He discovered that many hours of hard work are required in order to be successful. Brad saw many patients seek treatment for a variety of injuries. He assisted Randy in as many ways as

possible. Brad stretched shoulders, spotted during weightlifting, and threw with the rehab-ers. This job seems to continue to be his goal within the near future. He is hoping for a great career like Mr. Randy Holland.

Matt Klein, by shadowing **Dr. White** at the **Morton Plant Bardmoor Out-Patient Center ER,** discovered that being a Physician in the ER is not how television portrays it. There is a lot of hard work put into every patient. Matt saw **Physician Assistants, Bob Dulong and Roger Cordial,** treat patients for many different ailments. Matt was able to assist Nurses, Physician Assistants, and Physicians with retrieving supplies for procedures, perform rounds, and bring patients to their rooms. He found many procedures fascinating. Matt's experience in the ER has brought the specialty of Emergency Medicine to the forefront of his career choices.

While under the supervision of **Jennifer Maciuba, Fourth Grade Teacher** at **Plumb Elementary School,** **Tonya Lemieux** learned many new and interesting things in the field of a fourth grade teacher.

Education takes a lot of energy to help benefit their students gain their education. Tonya was involved with students and always wanted to help them do better in all their subjects. Tonya enjoyed her internship and looked forward to seeing the students everyday she interned.

Under the guidance of **Mrs. Karin White and many nurses at Morton Plant Hospital, Ninoska Mateo** found that being a nurse can be a very rewarding career. There is hard work but for Ninoska Mateo her view of the career is that it is very rewarding and not just a career but a love she has for people. She worked with the newborn babies making sure they were well and gathering supplies to assist the nurses and all she could. The nurses taught her about many subjects from cardiovascular, to skin color, and formation of a child. She found the exploration within the career fascinating. Ninoska's experience at Morton Plant Hospital convinced her that pursuing a career in the medical field is a dream and she would love to make that dream come true.

Countryside High School

Arranged by **Holly Grissinger**, under the paramount guidance of **Tracey Sticco, Assistant State Attorney of the State Attorney's Office, Joanna Boruk** enhanced her interest in the law. Joanna learned a tremendous amount from her experience especially from Tracey Sticco, and was humbled by the opportunity to learn from such a respectable attorney. Tracey was not only Joanna's sponsor through the course of the internship but grew to be her mentor. In the process Joanna found that she definitely wants to pursue a career in law, even being an Assistant State Attorney before following her dream of an Environmental Lawyer. During her experience at the State Attorney's Office, in watching advisories, attending pre-trial calendars, talking to her sponsor, and a regular at observing trials, she grew to broaden her understanding and respect for the law. Being an attorney takes long hours but Joanna is ready to pursue the tedious work it takes. She has been convinced that she cannot see herself in any other

career that she would love more. Her days at the Criminal Justice Center were ones she always looked forward to, and the immense knowledge she gained will follow her throughout her life.

Under the guidance of **Laurie Walton, Office Manager and Technician at Westlake Animal Hospital, Susan Frana** learned that the profession of being a Veterinarian Technician is hard work. There is a lot of responsibility and patience when working with animals daily. Susan saw **Technicians Katherine Lacey, and Laurie Walton**, work with animals, she worked with restraining the animals to help the Technicians, and she assisted in getting certain instruments in completing the task successfully. She found being a Veterinarian Technician is interesting. Susan's experience has proved her that a career in being a Veterinarian Technician is her goal.

Sophia Fujiki, under the supervision of **Dr. Christina Rudman of Dr. Christina Rudman, D.D.S. and Associates**, discovered that being a dentist is not what she imagined. With her idea of

dentistry being easy-going with minimal stress, she was faced with an eye-awakening reality of hectic workdays and much stress—the exact opposite of her concept. Sophia worked with assistants, **Lorita Levy** and **Lucy Dunlap**, alongside Dr. Christina Rudman during dental procedures. The procedures included, but were not limited to, composites, crown preparations, and crown deliveries. Sophia would assist the staff by sterilizing their instruments, prepping their work stations, and lending a hand during procedures if needed. She found the field of dentistry alluring. By having an experience as a dental intern, Sophia has decided that being a dentist could be a possible career choice for her.

Under the guidance of **Nicole Coppock** of the **State Attorney's Office**, **Gabriella Garcia** learned that life as an attorney is not jam packed with heated courtroom trails. Most of being an attorney is filled with files and preparation for trials. Some of the preparation includes jury selection, basic legal research, calling witnesses, clarifying testimony, and loads of paperwork. Gabriella found trials to be the most exiting aspect

of being an attorney and is eager to learn even more about the job.

With the supervision of **Dr. Clarissa Hucknall**, **Julieta Gonzalez** had the privilege of becoming an intern at **Pinellas Park Elementary School**. Julieta constantly observe, and assisted in the classrooms of **Michelle Cellamare**, **Anne Fowles**, **Jennifer Gray**, **Vickie Merchant**, and **Cathy Bulger**, as well as shadowing **Patty Grady**. Throughout her internship, Julieta had the opportunity to work one-on-one with children, help with ready groups and social skills groups, and provide others her help. By performing these tasks Julieta was able to see and experience the field of psychology. This has been an unforgettable experience for her. Julieta is convinced that she would like to pursue a career in the field of psychology.

*Julieta Gonzalez also successfully completed a summer internship at **Delectables Fine Catering**.*

With the supervision of **Andrew Archodakis** of **Ekren Physical Therapy Services, Inc.**, **William Griswold** was engaged in

numerous Physical Therapists tasks. There is a lot of responsibility involved in PT, from planning sessions, recording progress, preparing rooms, and keeping a positive attitude with the patient. William also worked under **Anetta Sycocki (PTA)** and **Diane Shank (Receptionist)** and learned different therapy techniques and clerical duties as well. William viewed computerized MRI photos, supervised patient exercise, and was introduced to all modern modalities used in clinics. He found that the Therapist-Patient relationship was a very important key to advancing therapy. William's experience has convinced him that a career in Physical Therapy is his goal.

Under the watchful eye of **Laura D'Alessandro** of **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Amra Hercinovic** was able to truly get a glimpse at what the medical profession is like. **Amra's** experience helped her realize that there is a lot more to the job than she initially thought. While rotating through the ER, ICU, and OB, Amra found that the profession requires a lot of skill, patience, dedication,

motivation, and team work. Assisting the nurses was **Amra's** favorite activity throughout her internship. While she enjoyed all areas of the hospital, **Amra's** personal favorite was the OB. There, under the guidance of nurses such as **Karen Bolle** and **Debbie Ausse**, Amra witnessed her first births, both C-section and natural. **Amra's** internship has convinced her that a career in the medical field is something that she may definitely pursue.

Annalee LaBate completed a successful internship in journalism under the direction of **Martha Margolis, Home and Garden Editor at Tampa Bay Magazine**. Annalee enjoyed her learning experience and found journalism to be a varied and interesting field.

*Annalee LaBate also interned during the summer session at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**.*

Under the watchful eye of **Dr. Fernando Arroyo, Pediatrician, at Palm Harbor Pediatrics**, **Denise Malave** discovered the true nature of caring for children. Although it is hard work, the job can be quite fun. Denise shadowed Dr. Fernando

Arroyo and learned about physicals, vaccines, strep and flu tests, injury consultations, and behavioral consultations. She has also learned how to take the pulse of child, temperature, oxygen level, and how to give a hearing test. She found the process of Pediatrics to be truly remarkable and a calling for herself to become a Pediatrician. Denise's experience has convinced her that a career in Pediatrics is not only her goal but her dream.

During the fall semester of her senior year **Carmen Mezquite** had the opportunity to become an intern at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** under the supervision of **Laura D'Alessandro**. Carmen was able to observe different departments of the hospital such as the **OB, Emergency room, ICU, and the Operating Room**. Carmen was able to see various surgeries and procedures. One of the surgeries that Carmen really enjoy was a total knee replacement. Another exciting thing Carmen was able to be part of was a natural birth. She thought it was a wonderful experience; she was really happy that she was part of it. The emergency room was also very exciting for

her since she was able to see many cases from small injuries to life treating ones. **Dr. Mathur, Ms. Claudia, Ms. Julie and all the wonderful nurses from OB** have had a great influence on Carmen and she is convinced that a medical career is what she would like to pursue in college.

Dixie Hollins High School

There were no interns from Dixie Hollins High School for the Fall 2009 semester.

Dunedin High School

Under the supervision of **Dr. Guy Gibson of Bluffs Animal Hospital, Casi Crisler** discovered that being a veterinarian is not just about seeing cats and dogs all day. Along with observing the exams that happen every day like fecals, heart-worm, and urinalyses, Casi watched **Drs. Gibson, Don Morgan, Doug Spiker, and Kristin Heatherly** decide what was wrong and deal with the owners. The surgeries that the doctors perform were the favorite part for Case, and she also was able to observe those. She found the profession incredibly interesting and feels that

this experience has led her to feel confident in her decision to become a veterinarian.

Under the guidance of **Joy Wallace** of the **Animal and Bird Medical Center**, **Stephanie Rickrode** learned that even though the job of a veterinarian can be quite rewarding, it requires a significant amount of hard work. She saw **Dr. Joel Murphy** perform surgeries and interact with clients and their pets. She witnessed **Courtney Boostrom** and **Morgan Melucci** give dogs dental treatments. **Waino Craddock** and **Ashley Gill** taught her appropriate boarding procedures, and she was even able to work in the reception area with **Kim Sjokvist**. Stephanie's impacting experience has led her to deeply consider a career in veterinary medicine.

Under the guidance of **Joe Malo** and **Kathy Lloyd** of the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, **Brittany Ruggiero** discovered the dedication and passion that goes along with a career in marine biology. Brittany was able to witness all of the labor and teamwork required to run a facility that focuses on the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of sick or injured marine

life. She gained experience with a crab trap, net pulls, and data collection on the Aquarium's Sea Life Safari. Brittany also helped educate guests about the history of the Aquarium and the many animals it is a permanent or temporary home to. Her experiences at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium have supported her desire to be involved with marine life, but also helped her decide to experience other fields before pursuing a career.

East Lake High School

During this fall sports season at **East Lake High School**, **Athletic Trainer Mike Oullette** had a little extra help. Aspiring Athletic Trainer, and East Lake Student, **Joelle Bellmund** worked with Mr. Oullette and learned about the various tasks that go along with being a school Athletic Trainer; there is a lot more to it than just fixing up injuries. Joelle learned that the Athletic Trainer is also a coach, a weatherman, and an equipment manager, which was a surprise to her. Joelle had always been fascinated by how the body works and how it responded to injury and recovery. She loved her time with the Eagles

football team because she felt like a teammate and enjoyed being able to help. In the end Joelle is unsure about a future in Athletic Training but wants to look into careers related to it, Orthopedic Surgeon being one of the fields that interests her most.

After shadowing **Mike Ouellette** of the **East Lake High School Athletic Department**, **Samantha Bevis** realized that **Athletic Training** is not just about wrapping and taping ankles, wrists, and fingers. There are a lot of jobs that Mr. Ouellette's entails including fixing equipment, ensuring there is a water supply, keeping track of the weather, and doing paper work for the injured athletes. Samantha's favorite part about interning for an Athletic Trainer was being able to help athletes with injuries. Even though Samantha finds Athletic Training very interesting and loves the study of the human body, she found that Athletic Training is not what she wants to pursue in the future but she is leaning more towards Physical Therapy.

Under the guidance of **Joe Malo**, **Kathy Lloyd**, and **Krista Rosado** of the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, **Elizabeth**

Bonert discovered the many aspects of a career in marine biology. Elizabeth was able to witness the dedication and teamwork involved with the rescue, rehabilitation, and release of sick or injured marine life. Elizabeth worked mostly in the **Marketing Department** with **Krista Rosado**, assisting her with mass mailings and helping with any project needs. Elizabeth helped educate guests about the history of the aquarium and about all of the resident and temporary animals by giving Behind the Scene Tours. She also obtained experience with crab traps, net pulls, local marine life, and data collection for the State of Florida on the Sea Life Safari boat tour. Elizabeth's experience with the Clearwater Marine Aquarium has convinced her that she would be very interested in a career in marine biology

*Elizabeth Bonert also interned at **Ruth Eckerd Hall** in the **Education and Marketing Departments** during the summer session.*

Under the guidance of **Mrs. Jennings at Brooker Creek Elementary School, Elise Denman** discovered that being a teacher isn't as easy as it may seem. There is a lot of

hard work and time-consuming planning that has to be taken into account. While she spent her time there she witnessed the dedication and passion first hand that the teacher must possess. The most rewarding thing that Elise encountered while interning was the children's desire to learn. They always wanted to strive for the best grades possible and to accomplish everything to the best of their ability, all of which makes the job worthwhile. Elise found that her love of children will one day lead to a successful career in education.

Last September, **Kelly Powell** entered the Oldsmar **Lockheed Martin MS2 Tactical Systems** facility and met with her mentor and sponsors: **James A. Rady, Tricia Salchert, and Angelisse Hutchinson**. Over the course of the following weeks she was treated as an engineer and given almost all of the responsibilities a true engineer would have. She wrote processes for the manufacturing of cables using Solumina, made shipping lists in Excel, created wiring lists in Cayman and SumiMark, and worked on wiring tabs in AutoCAD. To her

extreme joy she played a role in finishing a major project on time and solved unforeseen problems once the project hit the floor. This experience was eye-opening and highly enjoyable and solidified her plans to pursue a career in engineering, and Kelly plans to explore other career options in the engineering field.

Gibbs High School

Raymond Freeman, Jr. interned under **Charles Guestella, Director of Pharmacy at St. Anthony's Hospital** in St. Petersburg. Raymond now plans to pursue becoming a pharmacist.

Under the guidance of **Mr. Joe Malo** and **Ms. Kathy Lloyd** of the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Natalia Schellhaas** learned so many new things about the marine environment that she never thought she would ever learn. Natalia was excited to learn about all of the commitment and dedication that the aquarium puts into helping the marine environment such as: rescuing, rehabilitating, and releasing sick or injured marine animals if they are

able to be released, if not, they keep them there to be cared for every single day. As she learned herself, she did her best to teach the knowledge she learned to educate guests about the resident animals and the work of the aquarium volunteers. Natalia worked hard every time she acted as a boat mate on the Sea Life Safari, helping to pull out and cast the sea net, she helped to collect data for the state of Florida so that they may know more about what sea life animals are swimming around there, and by giving Behind the Scenes tours, teaching the public about what occurs at the aquarium. Natalia's exhilarating experience at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium has given her the opportunity to choose to go into the Marine Biology field when she proceeds to go to college.

*Natalia Schellhaas also completed a summer internship at **Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute** under the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs, Administrative Director of Medical Education.***

With the continuous support and expertise of sponsor **Jennifer Menendez-Kotch, Assistant State Attorney**

at the **State Attorney's Office, Kristin Tellis** was awarded a fulfilling opportunity as an intern at the **Sixth Judicial Circuit Court.** While interning, Kristin was able to gain numerous insights into the field of law and even witnessed her first murder trial. Kristin has also learned that the integrity and ethics of a lawyer are just as important as their knowledge and loyalty to a client. Kristin felt that she exemplified most of these characteristics in her life already and with the encouragement of her determined sponsor, Kristin would like to pursue her law degree in the near future at either Howard University or a Florida state school.

Lakewood High School

There were no interns from Lakewood High School for the Fall 2009 semester.

Largo High School

There were no interns from Largo High School for the Fall 2009 semester.

Northeast High School

With the supervision of **Dennis Black of Brighthouse Networks, Jamal Kelly** learned that there is more to the cable business than just turning on the remote. There are many complex systems that function to provide information to certain components of the cable process. Jamal traveled with **Field Engineers, Terry Breit, Denise Vita, Garth Arscott, Ron Davis, Reginald Finlayson and Jim Cruzan,** to cable locations to sketch cable patterns to help the requested customers receive service. Jamal's experience at Brighthouse Networks has taught him to think more about the process that occurs when he picks up the remote to turn on the television and watch his favorite shows. Jamal enjoyed his engineering internship and is continuing to investigate other fields of engineering.

*Jamal Kelly also interned during the summer session with **David Fries, Senior Development Engineer for the Ecosystems Technology Group, USF College of Marine Science.***

Osceola High School

Under the direction of **Dave Cook, at Pinellas County Schools WPDS Channel 14, Kyle Bell** learned the ins and outs of the TV industry. Kyle learned how to use and repair the equipment from **Scott Barnum, Sean Briggs, and Larry Carpenter**. Kyle learned how to tell a story from **Mike Roy and Bob Anthony**. Kyle's experience included lessons on how to produce and direct a television show from **Elizabeth Johnson and Larry Osterman**. Kyle's experience at Ch. 14 has help prepared him for a successful future in the broadcast industry.

Maria Clark did her internship at **Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute** arranged by **Kathy Jacobs, Administrative Director of Medical Education**. With the help of all the medical staff at the hospital she has had a great learning experience. During that time Maria received a great opportunity to learn about basic patient care and all the aspects of being a medical professional . It was exciting to observe various surgeries and

treatments being performed on the patients. The energy, excitement, teamwork and the goal to save lives and the knowledge needed to be part of the medical staff kept Maria interested in pursuing the medical field.

Under the direction of **David Fries, and Geran Barton, Lee Fritz** completed his internship at **USF's Ecosystems Technology Group, College of Marine Science**. There, he learned that engineering isn't just about design work. It is about research and using technology to its full potential. This is best exemplified by the time Lee spent searching to find different components for his project. Using this experience, Lee decided that mechanical engineering is the career field for him.

With the assistance of **Karin White and Ruth Anne Achteroff, and Scott Anderson's Physical Therapy Department, Stephanie Hofstetter** interned in the **Morton Plant Hospital Physical Therapy Department**. Stephanie plans to pursue Physical Therapy in college.

Under supervision of **Mrs. Nancy Read of Largo**

Medical Center, Mary-Ann Krlin realized that becoming an anesthesiologist is what she wants to pursue in life. With a busy day to an uneventful day, there is always something to do as an Anesthesiologist or CRNA. Patience and knowledge are key when you are working a long day. Mary-Ann was able to observe **Dr. John Drygas**, a neurological and spinal surgeon, who showed her what great skill he had with surgery and teaching. Mary-Ann also observed **Dr. Joseph Diliberto** who she saw as an amazing cardiovascular surgeon as he taught Mary-Ann through the whole surgery! She really felt as though she learned from him. **Maureen McKinnon, Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist (CRNA)**, was the person who made Mary-Ann realize this is what she wants to do. This experience has convinced Mary-Ann that a career in Anesthesia is right for her.

Mary-Ann Krlin also completed a summer internship at Morton Plant Hospital.

Under the direction of **Kathy Jacobs, Administrative Director of Medical Education**

Chelsea Mac Neill discovered that life at **Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute** is not always fun and games. Chelsea saw everything from small finger cuts to motor vehicle accidents, along with developing a full understanding of the strength and attitude it takes to succeed in a hospital setting. After watching and learning from nurses and paramedics, Chelsea was convinced that a career in nursing was her future.

Arranged by **David Mixson, a District Chief of Largo Fire Rescue, Shawna Taylor** discovered that being a firefighter has its ups and downs. There is much information to be retained. A few of the firefighters who Shawna worked with and was influenced by were: **David Smart, Kevin Mannion, Dean Chester and Joe Kelly**. Working with these firefighters, Shawna had the chance to learn about the different vehicles used at fire stations, medical supplies and tools used, and the different positions. Shawna learned that firefighting is the career that she definitely wants to pursue.

Under the guidance of **David Fries and Geran Barton of the University of South Florida's College of Marine Science, Carly Wood** realized that engineering is more than just mathematics. Carly discovered that a main part of engineering was problem solving, which she loved. Carly also saw the recruiting aspect of engineering when she went looking for ideas at a boat show. Once the items were found, she had to try to help figure out how to convert the items they found to benefit their project. Carly learned that things don't always fall exactly the way you want them to in your hands. Carly thinks engineering will be a good field for her to go into because she has enjoyed the aspects involved in engineering, especially the problem solving aspect.

Palm Harbor University High School

Under the guidance of **Joe Malo and Kathy Lloyd** of the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA), Dakota Burkhardt** developed a new respect for the marine environment and all its habitants. Dakota discovered all of the dedicated work that the

aquarium does such as rescuing, rehabilitating and, if possible, releasing sick or injured marine animals. She primarily focused on educating guests about the resident animals and the work of the aquarium through group tours and lectures. Dakota was also a boat mate on the Sea Life Safari, an eco-boat tour, where she performed net pulls, collected data for the state of Florida, and educated guests on the collected critters. Her experience at CMA has solidified her choice to pursue a career in marine biology.

***Dakota Burkhardt** also participated in a summer 2009 internship at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**.*

Under the supervision of **Laura D'Allesandro, Brittany Curtin** was able to become an intern at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**. There, Brittany learned valuable knowledge and created exciting memories of working in a hospital. Her favorite department to work in was the Emergency Room, where the kind nurses always gave her something to help them with, or informed her on the condition of a

patient. Her other favorite department was Obstetrics, or Women's Center. There, Brittany observed two twin Caesarean Sections, half a dozen natural births, and held her first baby. The kind guidance of the nurses helped her to really enjoy her experience in O.B. This internship has helped Brittany to learn that she wishes to pursue a career in either Obstetrics or Emergency Services, because of the nurses' kind attitudes and how exciting both departments are.

Under the guidance of **Liselle Murray** of the **Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority**, **Emily Evans** observed that being a graphics designer; you have to have a creative eye. There are lots of steps for you to take in order to make the ideal piece of artwork. Emily Evans saw the people that she worked with, **Liselle Murray** and **Margarethe Kabigting**, follow these countless steps to make the perfect ads, coupons and brochures. Emily knows that the first step into making one of these pieces of artwork is the thought that goes into it. Not only that but you should also know the basics of Photoshop and Illustrator, as Emily would know after working on these two

programs every day. She found the process very fascinating. Emily's experience has convinced her that a career as a graphic designer may be a huge possibility for her future.

With the constant support from **Ellen Lattanzio**, **Sydney Holmquist** was allowed the privilege of experiencing first-hand what goes on in a kindergarten class on a day-to-day basis. Sydney was able to partake in many different activities, such as helping students with letter identification, reading skills and arts and crafts. In addition to interacting with students Sydney was also exposed to a variety of other things that are involved in being a teacher. One of the aspects of teaching that **Sydney** enjoyed most was the opportunity to work one-on-one with the students, she found it rewarding to be a part of their learning experience. Everyday **Ellen Lattanzio** would assist by sharing her vast range of knowledge with **Sydney** and would provide a new task for her to accomplish. **Sydney's** internship helped her decide to seriously pursue the teaching career, and it was an experience that she learned a lot from and one she will never forget.

Under the supervision of **Randy Holland** of **The Winning Inning Baseball Academy**, **John Savoca** witnessed first-hand the ins and outs of running a successful baseball facility. John learned many various procedures associated with being physically trained and prepared for a professional career as a baseball scout or sports manager. John learned that just teaching baseball does not make a business thrive. Under the guidance of **Ryan Beckman**, John assisted with organizing baseball tournaments. John saw there is much work to be done in scheduling and team practicing. John worked with scouts who came to The Winning Inning Baseball Academy to evaluate players from our county high school teams. He found this process very in depth and interesting. Under Roy Silver's guidance, John learned techniques in being a great baseball hitter. With all that John saw and did at The Winning Inning Baseball Academy, scouting became his main interest in a future career in a sports setting.

Under the supervision of **Laura D'Allessandro** of **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **Tim Terndrup**

learned a lot about what goes on in a hospital. Patience is a very important virtue to have in this field of work, especially when dealing with patient, and Tim learned this very well over his time in the hospital. Tim rotated through most every different department in the hospital and found them all to work together in a very sophisticated and organized way. And everyone in the hospital seemed eager to teach Tim and the other interns at Helen Ellis. Tim has become interested in a variety of fields in the medical profession.

Pinellas Park High School

Under the sponsorship of **Bob Dixon, supervision of Tim Barker, Jerry Lubick, Dean Shepard, and all of the men and women in A, B, and C Shifts of Pinellas Park Station 34, Tyler Bordner** had the privilege to be an observer on both **Engine 34** and **Rescue 34**. Tyler quickly found out how hard these men and women work every day. Over the weeks, Tyler had the chance to see a variety of emergency situations from patients with low blood sugar to vehicle crashes.

He found the experience to be exciting and life changing. Tyler's experience has led him to decide that he would like to become a Pinellas Park Fireman/Paramedic.

Salina Reeves completed a successful internship at **Largo Medical Center** under the guidance of **Nancy Valenti Read**.

With the assistance of **Kathy McGuire** at **Haines Road Animal Hospital, Desare' Pritchett** learned that being a veterinarian is not just about the animals, it's about the people too. Desare' saw veterinarian technician assistants **Ashley Lorah** and **Nicole Beal** do heartworm and fecal tests. Desare' witnessed a dog have a pregnancy test done, a dog being injected with IV fluid, and veterinarian technicians informing owners about heartworm. Desare' even performed a fecal test by herself. The whole experience at Haines Road Animal Hospital has convinced Desare' that a career involving animals is in her future.

Desare' Pritchett also interned during the summer session at the Office of the State Attorney.

St. Petersburg High School

There were no interns from St. Petersburg High School for the Fall 200 semester.

Seminole High School

Under the guidance of the **Nancy Valenti** at **Largo Medical Center, Christina Baumer** discovered that nursing is a very stressful job to have. There is a lot of teaching and education in being a full time registered nurse. Christina saw nurses, **Gail Oligial** and **Tony**, treat patients, educate patients and family members and provide advice and emotional support for families. Christina worked hands-on with patients, taking their vital signs and assisting the nurses with medical procedures. Christina also learned that nursing isn't all glamour. Christina's experience has convinced her that a career in the medical field is her goal in life.

With the guidance and supervision of **Paula Cheshire**, a **First Grade Teacher** at **Oakhurst Elementary, Giana Cangemi** learned that 1st grade is more than arts and crafts. There are many

responsibilities, and tons of patience is required to teach. Giana watched Mrs. Cheshire teach the class lessons on writing and math. Giana never knew all the required lessons that are needed in only first grade! She assisted in helping around the classroom and worked with the children one-on-one. She has found out many new insights to teaching. Giana's in-class experience has reassured her that being a teacher is her goal.

Under the guidance of **David Cook, at Pinellas County Schools WPDS-TV14, Kelsie England** learned that not everything on television is as simple it seems! Kelsie had specific jobs to do each week, under the supervision of **Mike Roy, Scott Barnum, and Mr. Cook**. It was like having three bosses! In Kelsie's experience she learned to be prompt, on time, but also learned the need to expect the unexpected. And when it came to plans changing, Kelsie learned that in the television field, this was something that happened often. This experience taught Kelsie that she had to be ready for anything! In Kelsie England's experience at WPDS-TV14, she learned being

shy was not an option, and she truly came out of her shell by jumping into sports broadcasting early on. Overall, Kelsie's experience was a very memorable one.

Under the leadership of **Bill and Judy Miller of Limited Edition Interiors, Kayla Kucerik** came to appreciate the art and beauty of the interior design business. She learned that it is not like the television shows, but something more meaningful that requires a lot of care and attention to detail. There are a lot of steps that are required before a job for a client can be called finished, and if the job is done well, the client will come back again. Also as part of her internship experience, Kayla saw staff members **Amber Kelibach, Mary Rabe, Babs Thacker, and Bonnie Thomas** interact with a variety of clients. The clients are their job, so having a good relationship with them is essential to having a successful business. The highlight in her experience was working on site with a client to complete a design project under the supervision of Judy Miller. Through Kayla's experiences at Limited Edition Interiors, she has grown to believe that it is

the right career path for her.

Under the guidance of **Jason Adams, Assistant General Manager-Ticketing for Clearwater Threshers, Amanda Nette** found that working in the baseball profession is hard work and takes dedication. This time of year is a slower period in the baseball world, but Amanda was able to learn the basic day-to-day operations of the Threshers organization. Amanda assisted in various departments such as Ticketing, Food and Beverage, and Merchandise. Also, in the beginning of her internship she ran the scoreboard for the Florida Instructional League Games. Amanda has found that she has thoroughly enjoyed every aspect of her internship and is convinced a career in the baseball profession is her goal.

With the help from **Terri Kiefer, Third Grade Teacher at Bauder Elementary School, Ashley Personette** realized that being a third grade teacher is not only fun but a lot of hard work. There are many tasks that need to be completed each day. Ashley observed an intern from the University of South Florida, and was

very excited to know that she would be at that point one day in her life. Ashley taught lessons, graded papers, worked one-on-one with children, and also formed special bonds that she will remember her whole life. Ashley's experience has showed her that teaching is really what she wants to pursue as a career.

Arranged by **Michael Feeney, Assistant Principal at Seminole Elementary School**, and under the guidance of **Francine Clegg of Seminole Elementary School's Kindergarten Department, Sarah Read** discovered that being an elementary teacher is not at all the easy going, laid back job she thought it was. There is a lot to be done in just one day's work, let alone the three hours per day that Sarah was there. In the time that Sarah was on site, she helped write lesson plans, worked one-on-one with students, administered assessment tests, worked on math and letter sounds and names, and helped assist Ms. Clegg in lesson plans that were presented to the students. Sarah found some days easier than others, but, despite all the busy, never-ending work, Sarah's experience

has convinced her that a career in anything other than elementary education just wouldn't be right.

Tarpon Springs High School

At the **Mease Dunedin Diabetes Education Center, Kali Bohlmann** had the opportunity through her sponsor, **Leigh Seymour**, to shadow two **Certified Dietitians and two Diabetes Educators**. With the Dietitians she learned counting carbohydrates and meal planning. With the Diabetes Educators, Kali learned a variety of things, she learned about insulin pump training, what different types of medicine do, and how to control all types of diabetes. Kali also attended and Diabetes Education class where she got to learn even more about meal planning and controlling Type 1 and Type 2 Diabetes. She found Diabetes Education very interesting and informative, and she wishes to pursue something in this career field when she gets older.

Under the supervision of **Rory McCann of Lockheed Martin, Jason VanDriest** discovered that being an intern for an engineering company isn't

fun and games. There is a lot of work involving math and problem solving skills to get the job completed. Jason, working beside **Jordan Alter**, observed as well as participated with the writing of SOD's, the recording of voltage measurements, and sat in meetings about production. He found the day-to-day problem solving phenomenal. Jason's experience has convinced him that a career in the engineering field is a goal that he wishes to accomplish.

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Boca Ciega High School

Under the supervision of **Jim Rady, Production Engineer of Lockheed Martin, Andre Freeman** experienced much of the mechanical engineering. With vast knowledge and excellent coordination, Rady mentored Andre teaching him valuable aspects of engineering including working with engineering software, wire tabs, and constructing assembly processes. Andre also worked for **Joan Ward, Manager of Cable and Chassis Engineering**, who he collected and organized data for wires to be assembled. After graduating high school, Andre will be heading off to pursue his future at the University of South Florida in Mechanical Engineering. This experience marks the beginning of Andre's future as a mechanical engineer. Special thanks to **Angelisse Hutchinson, Human Resources Business Partner of Lockheed Martin**, for providing Andre with this opportunity.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Danuta Jackson-Curtis** and **Angie Collins at Better Health Medical Center, Monica Ghattas** has realized how much work it takes to be a pediatrician. Monica realizes that a pediatrician must know all the side effects for all the sicknesses and be able to know the difference between the symptoms of a virus and a bacteria. Monica has also learned that a pediatric office is nothing with just a doctor. It must have assistants and nurses or else nothing will work. Team work is key, and that is the biggest goal of the office.

With the assistance of **Andrea Clyne** and under the guidance of **Barbara Wilson at Palms of Pasadena Hospital, Lina Ly** discovered that being a ER nurses isn't all fun and games. There is a lot of running around the Hospital and many patients waiting to be seen. Lina was amazed by everything that the **ER** has to offer with their trauma care and different faculties that are there. Lina was able to

observe **Dr. McJennett**, the head staff of the Emergency Room, stitching a patients injury. Lina has found that being a ER doctor would be an excellent career and is considering it for her future.

Under the wonderful guidance of **Ruth Anne Achterhof and the wonderful nurses on WITT 7 at Morton Plant Mease Hospital, Mimi Nguyen** discovered that taking care of babies require a lot more than just changing the diaper or feeding the baby. As she worked to assist **Jill Harrison, Witt 7 Nurse Manager, Jackie, the Chart Nurse**, and many other nurses in taking care of the mothers and the newborn infants, Mimi learned how to check patient's chart to matches the information to that of the baby's before returning the babies to their mothers. She also learned the steps and orders a baby must go through after he/she was born. Mimi found that taking care of the mothers and the babies can be an amazingly rewarding even

though the work can be really hard, and she is convinced that this is truly the career she wanted to pursue.

Under the guidance of **Mr. Drake at Boca Ciega High School, Summer Poirier** discovered there is a lot of responsibility in being a guidance administrator. Summer has learned a lot about responsibility, and has acquired a life-long attribute.

Under the watchful eyes of **Kathy Jacobs at Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute, Courtney Tim** has experienced radiology from the **CT Techs** prospective. With this job Courtney realized that you have to be cautious about contact with the patients especially since confidentiality is a major issue. She was able to talk to the patients, give them warm blankets, and keep them company while they were waiting. Having experienced this Courtney has seen that this job can become stressful at times, but it had and always will have rewards. The patients have provided Courtney with a new prospective on healthcare and the issues that certain patients go through. Having seen that

“not so glamorous” behind the scenes work still has Courtney wanted to know more about medicine.

Through this experience Courtney has found a continued love for medicine, but she has decided to farther explore anesthesiology. A special thank you goes to the CT department. They have provided some unforgettable knowledge to Courtney.

Courtney also interned at Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute during the summer and Bayfront Medical Center during the fall semester.

Under the guidance of **Dwayne Pate, Scarlett Sammons, and Nancy Neathway of Walgreens Pharmacy (Store #5661), Jessica Zafra** found that pharmacy is much more than prescriptions and patients. The job includes paperwork, insurance companies, and cleaning. She realized that she had to work quickly and efficiently because she'd never know when she would face an overload of customers and/or prescriptions to fill. She works on the registers, calls doctors' offices, handles prescriptions, and helps patients on a day to day basis. She loves

pharmacy and the team she works with. They're always there to help and assist her when she does not know how to do something. **Walgreens** has convinced her that a career in retail pharmacy is her goal.

Clearwater High School

Under the watchful eye of **Mary Ann Bruton at All Children's Hospital, Carrie Fisher** has observed what **radiology** is all about and the precaution it requires to keep everyone safe. Carrie has assisted a few of the radiology technologists, such as **Martha, Gloria, and Danny**, by transporting patients, keeping orders organized and comforting patients, as well as observing the techs perform procedures. She has discovered her love for working with children and found there couldn't be a more rewarding job out there. Carrie's overall experience has helped to influence her to partake in a health-care related career, and she hopes to work with radiology.

Under the guidance of many **WITT 7** nurses such as **Jackie, Vanessa, Susan, Pat**, and many more; nurses at **Morton**

Plant Hospital Ninoska Mateo has realized the love she has for wanting to pursue a career in the medical field has grown tremendously. Working with new born babies requires lots of patients and when there is an emergency it requires you not to panic. She was able to interact with patients, care for the new born babies and work under nurses assisting them with all the supplies they may need for all patients, from parents to the new born child. Growing in the medical field Ninoska has gained the knowledge and experience from learning how to interact with patients to learning different diagnoses for patients. Learning all this has helped her to realize this is the long life career that she wants. Thank you, to all the staff at **Morton Plant Hospital**.

Countryside High School

Under the supervision of **Peter Tush**, Curator of Education, at the **Salvador Dali Museum**, **Sophia Fujiki** discovered that the artistic world is not as glamorous as it seems. There is a lot of planning and hard work to be performed when setting up

events, and one must be able to multi-task as well as think outside the box. **Sophia Fujiki** learned this as she interned alongside **Sarah Gerard**, Education Coordinator, **Vickie Brunner**, Family Programs Coordinator, and **Peter Tush**. She would assist them with up-and-coming events, such as the Pinellas County Student Surreal Exhibition, and at the same time, help to gather information on lectures they would have to do for other events. She found the process of planning and being creative intriguing, and fell in love with the artistic world. Through her experience as an intern, **Sophia** has become convinced that a career in art would best suit her.

Under the watchful eye of **Alice Prendergast**, and the support of **Rick Amztutz** and **Brenda Archer**, **Julieta Gonzalez** was able to obtain a wonderful experience as an intern in the **ESOL Department for Countryside High School** during the spring session of the Executive Internship Program. Julieta had the opportunity to work with different ESOL students from different countries as a translator and help them with a number of different

academic subjects. Thanks to this experience Julieta was able to learn that she wants to pursue a career that has both psychology and education.

Julieta also interned with Delectables Fine Catering during the summer session and Dr. Claire Hucknall, Guidance Counselor, at Pinellas Park Elementary School during the fall semester.

Under the careful observation of **Dr. Fernando Arroyo**, Nurse **Lilian Vazquez** and Office Manager **Celina Rodriguez** at **Palm Harbor Pediatrics**, **Denise Malave** discovered that being a Doctor isn't as easy as it is portrayed on television. There is a lot of focus and detailed thinking involved and the job. This job requires you to always be prepared and always think ahead. Denise has seen several procedures including but not limited to, TB tests, stitch removals, Chicken Pox cases and Injury Consultations. Denise talks with **Dr. Fernando Arroyo** everyday just about life. Denise learned more specific information on being a Pediatrician more and more everyday causing her to love the job even more. Denise has

found that Pediatrics is her calling and that she was meant to become one to help the youth not only in America but in the world. Denise has come to love this job and admire it not as work but as a hobby.

Under the guidance of **Dennis Black of Bright House Networks, William Griswold** found that engineering will hold a promising future for him. There is a lot of cognitive work involved to complete a field project. With the aid of several field engineers including **Denise Vita and Ron Davis**, William studied the schematics, design logic, and building techniques of meeting a customer's need. With the assistance of **Dennis Black and Sherelle Darroch**, William came to understand the "cost of business". He travelled out all around the Bay area to commercial and residential customer sites and learned the processes and public relation skills needed to be successful. His internship has further increased his interest in becoming an engineer.

Under the watchful eyes of **Holly Grissinger and Nicole Coppock** of the **State Attorney's Office**, **Amra Hercinovic** learned that being an attorney is

not all you see on television. There is a long process and lots of hard work involved in preparing a case for trial. **Amra** was able to observe many different things in the courtroom, from actual cases to pre-trials to felony advisories. She found the felony trials particularly interesting. **Amra** was also able to read over different cases and police reports. Her experiences at the **State Attorney's Office** have really opened up her eyes to the world of criminal justice.

In the spring of 2010 **The ESOL Department of Countryside High School** gave the opportunity to **Carmen Mezquite** to become an intern and experience the education field. Under the guidance of **Alice Prendergast, Rick Amztutz** and the support of **Brenda Archer**, she had the opportunity to work with various students with different levels of English. She was able to help them not only with the English language, but also with other various subjects that included math, science and social studies. Thanks to the internship, Carmen gained new qualities, such as patience, confidence and motivation that will stay with her for all her

life. Carmen discovered that teaching was not an easy job as many believe. It is a job that requires passion and love for the profession. She really admires teachers even more than she did before; she believes that they are the base of success for students. Although Carmen had a wonderful time with the students and teachers, she has decided to pursue a degree as a medical doctor however she is not going to forget about education. To the contrary she hopes that after finishing medical school as well as completing special training in oncology or internal medicine she will be able to teach in a medical college or university.

Carmen interned at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital during the fall semester.

Dixie Hollins High School

There were no interns for spring 2010.

Dunedin High School

Under the guidance of **Dianne Ruggiero, Sarah Payson**, and the rest of the **marketing staff** at **PostcardMania, Brittany Ruggiero** learned the key techniques to successful

marketing. She discovered that marketing is an on-going process that is essential for a company to really flourish. There is a lot of hard work that goes into creating a successful marketing campaign and it takes a team effort. She learned about different campaigns, case studies, and completed PostcardMania's own marketing course. Brittany found that a career in marketing is something she might want to pursue in her future.

East Lake High School

Under the guidance of **Lisa DeCamella and Nick Damanickis, Joelle Bellmund** has been able to explore what she loves to a greater extent. Joelle Bellmund has been a dancer for 8 years and is currently an instructor at **The Studio Dance Company**. Bellmund decided she wanted to explore more of what goes into making a studio production, so she applied to be an intern with The Studio. Through her internship she learned what it takes to put together such a powerful, creative, and well-renowned production. She has learned the process of teaching a class and

putting together a performance piece; she also learned how to go through and get ready all of the performers costumes and even helped with program advertisements. She has found this experience to be educational and very rewarding. Next year she plans to attend Georgia State University as an undeclared major, but she will be pursuing dance while attending.

Under the guidance of **Krista Rosado, Joe Malo, and Kathy Llyod** at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, Elizabeth Bonert learned different aspects of how a business runs. She discovered what it really takes to market for a company and successfully network. She also learned about how to educate people in a fun and engaging way. It takes a lot of teamwork for a business to run properly. She learned about many of the different departments that are a part of the aquarium. By interning at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, Elizabeth has found that a career with marine life will definitely be in her future.

Under the supervision of **Roxene Riles** at **All Children's Hospital** in

the Emergency Center, Catherine Chadwick has observed and helped out a number of children that came in with a variety of different medical illnesses. Each day, new kids came in, hoping to be treated with special care. A feeling of adrenaline would rush over the nurses and doctors because of the everyday life and death situations they have to face with each child. It was a great experience to learn from and with each nurse helping another through everything, the relationships and reliability grow stronger. For example, two very important and trustworthy charged nurses, **Donna and Kim**, have the responsibility of not only being in charge of the nurses and making sure that they are completing their jobs, but individually helping save children's lives, as well. It was a great opportunity to be a part of **All Children's Hospital**. Catherine hopes one day to become a Registered Nurse, like the ones in **All Children's EC**. She wants to be one of the nurses who earns being called a hero because they are in it from the start and are always ready to save each child's life, no matter what the circumstances are. Catherine truly

believes that nursing is the field she belongs in and she cannot wait to see what the future holds for her.

Under the guidance of **Nancy Misuraca of Brooker Creek Elementary, Elise Denman** was able to not only recognize her love for children but also became aware of all the demanding tasks that are required for receiving the title of a great teacher. Whether it was pulling worksheets or being by the students' side, watching them progress, each individual experience was rewarding overall. Through this experience Elise was able to acquire excellent teaching tactics that can be applied with future students. She found teaching to be rewarding in more ways than one and this experience confirmed her interest in teaching. Elise will be attending the University of Florida and has declared her major as education.

Under the supervision of **Nicole Coppock, Gabriella Garcia** has had an amazing time observing the courtroom at the **State Attorney's Office**. Also with her guidance, Gabriella has a clear idea of what she wants to do in the future and just how to accomplish it. She has

learned the many steps a aspects of getting to trial and plans to attend Florida State University majoring in pre law. She has narrowed her aspiration down to getting in to business law and is exited to continue learning all she can about the field.

Under the supervision of **Laura D'Alessandro at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Shelby Olson** has gotten a behind the scenes look at what really goes on in a hospital. With the help of many doctors such as **Dr. Umstead**, who is a gynecologist at H.E.M.H., Shelby has been able to expand her horizons. She has realized that she no longer wishes to be a pharmacist, but something just as notable, a nurse anesthetist. She has been able to watch and observe nurse anesthetists at work and believes that this is the job for her. All of the staff at H.E.M.H. has been very kind in showing Shelby exactly what goes on. Shelby has been able to witness a wide variety of things from surgeries such as caesarian sections to wisdom teeth, and from a simple I.V. input to a cardiac arrest. She has learned the many processes that go on and has even been able to assist doctors and nurses at

times. The experience and knowledge Shelby has gained form this experience will stay with her throughout her life and help her immensely in the future.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Cherinka** and **Michelle Casagni, Kelly Powell** entered the **Software Development** career field in the E54A department of **MITRE**. During the duration of her internship she received help from her mentors **Marshall Huss** and **Chad Smith** when she was learning how to write programs using HTML, CSS, Javascript, and XML. While interning at **MITRE**, Kelly discovered that she enjoyed the challenge involved with writing programs, learning the different languages, and keeping up with all of the relevant technologies. She also learned that writing any sort of program is a team effort, each member may have different tasks but at the end of the day it is good to have people around you to bounce ideas off of and ask questions. Her experiences at **MITRE** lead her to decide to add a second major in Computer Engineering to her curriculum at Kettering University in the fall. Kelly plans on continuing

to work at **MITRE** throughout the summer and during her co-op terms while she is in college and pursuing a career in Software Development.

Under the supervision of **Laura D'Alessandro** at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **Krista West** got an in depth and behind the scenes look on what goes on in a hospital day to day. From the knowledge and insights she has gained from observing all the obstetric nurses at Helen Ellis such as **Debbie Ausse** and **Annie Grabowski** she has found her passion and what she wants to do in life. She has had the opportunity to witness a plethora of natural births and cesarean sections and also see what the nurses and doctors do on a day to day basis. Krista has also witnessed a wide variety of things throughout the hospital such as knee replacements, oral surgeries, and emergencies such as a cardiac arrest in the emergency room. All of the staff at H.E.M.H have treated her with great kindness and have taught a great amount of things. This once in a lifetime experience will be with her throughout her life and play a huge part in determining her future.

Gibbs High School

Under the sponsorship of **Dave Cook** from **WPDS-TV 14**, **Kristin Tellis** hit the big screen. She took a look into the real world of broadcast this past semester. She hosted PCS Journal, worked on a story about Michael Lynche, a local born American Idol finalist and graduate of Gibbs High, and edited programs and shows. Kristin learned that in the broadcast world what is in and what is out is always changing. Due to her internship experience **Kristin** has decided that she will be attending the school of communications and may consider broadcast for a future career.

Kristin interned at Morton Plant Hospital in Speech Pathology during the summer session and at the Office of the State Attorney during the fall semester.

Lakewood High School

There were no interns for spring 2010.

Largo High School

There were no interns for spring 2010.

Northeast High School

Under the supervision of **Michael "Mickey" Rice**, **Jamal Kelly** found that athletic training is definitely one field that he would like to cover in his career. He experienced how to treat most sports injuries, especially pulled hamstrings, sprained ankles and sore lower backs. Jamal also attended all the spring sports events including baseball, flag football, softball and track and field. Due to Jamal's experience with athletic training, his future goals are to attend the University of Central Florida and major in mechanical engineering and probably minor in sports medicine.

Jamal interned at the USF Bayboro Center for Ocean Technologies Engineering Department in the summer session and at Bighthouse Communications in engineering during the fall semester.

Osceola High School

Under the direction of **Dave Cook**, **Kyle Bell** learned the ends and outs of the TV industry by interning at **WPDS-TV 14**. Kyle learned how to film every high school sport

known to man from **Scott Barnum, and Larry Carpenter**. Kyle was able to attend the 2010 Emmy award ceremony with the channel 14 crew. Kyle experienced the St. Pete Bowl and saw what goes into putting on a national football event. Kyle's experience at Ch. 14 has help prepared him for a successful future in the broadcast industry.

Arranged by **Bob Dixon, District Chief of Pinellas Park Fire Department, Maria Clark** learned about the medical side and complexities of the fire fighting career. Maria plans to further investigate this challenging, but very rewarding profession and possibly pursue it in the future.

With the assistance of **Lindsey Bouge, Lee Fritz** has been learning what it takes to be a **Production Engineer at Lockheed Martin**. He assisted Ms. Bouge in writing build processes for the new Desert Hawk Surveillance Aircraft. Lee found Engineering a very interesting field, and one he hopes will be his career.

Under the supervision of **Nancy Valenti-Read at Largo Medical Center, Mary-Ann Krilin** knew

medicine was the right career path to get into. Everyone she worked with was so kind and wanted to help her learn. With the new healthcare bill in the near future, the medical career was going to grow in the next few years. Mary-Ann interned in the emergency room where she took patients to their rooms, took vitals, and learned from nurses. Then she took on a different part, physical therapy and occupational therapy. She observed in physical and occupational therapy and helped the staff. The most exciting thing that happened was the patient relationships you get to have. People are a joy to be around. You just make their day with a simple hello. Mary-Ann has decided to major in pre-medicine at the University of Florida.

Mary-Ann interned at Morton Plant Hospital during the summer session and at Largo Medical Center during the fall semester.

Arranged by **David Mixson, Division Chief of Largo Fire Rescue, Shawna Taylor** has discovered that being a firefighter is not all fun and games. There are times when you can "play

around", but most of the time you have to be on your toes and ready for anything. A few of the firefighters that **Shawna** has been influenced by are: **David Smart, Kevin Mannion, Steve Brennan, and Billy Stark**. While working with these men, Shawna was able to put some of the information that she learned into practice. Such as, how to dawn/work an air-pack, hook up and read a life-pack, and how to set up and IV kit. **Shawna** learned that even though firefighting is not going to be her "main" career, she still wants to become one after she is done with her Navy career.

Palm Harbor University High School

Under the guidance of **Laura D'Alessandro at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Brittany Curtin** shadowed physicians working at different departments of the hospital. She learned that physicians in the emergency room are the heart of the hospital, and the medical staff has to diagnose patients and decide whether to admit them into a department of the hospital or treat them at

the emergency room. Brittany loved working in this department of the hospital, and aspires to work there when she is a doctor. Brittany has also worked at the women's center, the obstetrics department of the hospital. There she saw the birth of many babies, both by cesarean section and natural delivery. She also helped to feed and care for many of the newborn babies. Watching the doctors and nurses care for the women in labor has helped Brittany to decide that if she doesn't become an emergency room doctor, she might want to become an OBGYN doctor and help bring babies into the world every day. Working at **Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital** has been one of the most exciting opportunities Brittany ever had, and she loved learning from the medical staff. Brittany's experience helped her learn that she loves working in a hospital setting, and she cannot imagine herself working anywhere else in the future.

Under the supervision of **Chief Angle of the Palm Harbor Fire Department, Dakota Burkhardt** found that being a firefighter not only deals with fire emergencies, but basic

medical emergencies as well. A firefighter never knows what kind of day they're going to have, or what kind of calls to expect. Dakota was able to ride along with firefighter and paramedic **Ashley White** on calls, and observe how she and other firefighters work at the scene of an emergency. She also got to teach 2nd graders about fire safety while working alongside **Liz Monforti** in the public education department. By interning at the fire department, Dakota discovered that it is a fun career choice, and definitely one to keep in mind for her future.

Under the supervision of **Mr. Jason Adams of Bright House Field, John Savoca** witnessed firsthand the ins and outs of running a baseball facility. A lot of hard work and staff assistance is needed in running a huge facility like **Bright House Field** in making it successful. **John** was able to work the scoreboard during many of the spring training games. **John** has also worked in the ticket booth under the supervision of **Mr. Mike Nash**. While in the ticket booth, **John** saw this ticketing booth was not only a place to purchase tickets. **John** learned how

to distribute group ticket sales as well as marketing sales for season ticket holders. **John** found the entire concept of running this facility very interesting. **John's** experience working at this internship has sparked a strong interest in pursuing a career in sports management.

Pinellas Park High School

Under the supervision of **Kathy Jacobs, Administrative Director of Medical Education at Northside Hospital, Tyler Bordner** had the privilege to observe the **Northside staff** and their everyday jobs. Tyler observed a variety of jobs in the medical field which included the **Cath Lab, Respiratory Therapist, Physical Therapist, and the Emergency Room**. Tyler quickly found out how hard these men and women work every day. Over the weeks, Tyler had the chance to interact with patients and ask lots of questions about the profession. He found the experience to be exciting and life changing. Tyler's experience has led him to decide that he would like to be a doctor one day.

Under the guidance of **Sharon Hauser at SPCA Tampa Bay, Desare' Pritchett** discovered that the SPCA doesn't just put animals up for adoption. They try to teach children in schools how to take care of their animals. Desare' accomplished many things including helping to set up for the SPCA garden party, make a dog breed Power Point, and make a general dog Power Point that includes many fun facts. Desare' talked to the **Executive Interim Director Nora Hawkins** about what the animal cruelty investigators do at SPCA Tampa Bay. The animal cruelty investigators are always out on the job. Desare' believes that a career as an animal cruelty investigator could be in her future.

Under the supervision of **Nancy Valenti-Read, at Largo Medical Center, Salina Reeves** experienced what it is really like in the emergency room. For Salina, this is the career she wants to pursue in college.

St. Petersburg High School

There were no interns for spring 2010.

Seminole High School

Under the supervision of **Nancy Valenti-Read in the Largo Medical Center Emergency Room, Christina Baumer** decided that nursing is the job for her. Christina assisted the nurses in any way possible. She learned more than she ever thought she would in her internship. Christina plans to graduate high school and to continue her passion for nursing throughout college.

Under the direction and shadowing of **Paula Cheshire**, a First grade teacher of **Oakhurst Elementary School, Giana Cangemi** came to a conclusion that teaching is what she wants to make a career. While seeing all of the hard work, she also saw that teaching is a very worthwhile experience. Giana learned many new things from how lessons are taught to new technologies, like the "Ellison machine". She formed bonds and relationships with each and every student. It made her feel good that they looked up to her. The experience of the **Executive Internship Program** was wonderful and helped **Giana** decide that she

really wants to teach Elementary Education in her future!

Under the supervision of **Corrie Hanson** a teacher at **Madeira Beach Middle School, Kelsie England** had the opportunity of a life time pursuing what she describes as her calling - Teaching. **Ms. Hanson** helped Kelsie learn to stand in front of a classroom and speak not only with knowledge, but with dedication. Kelsie decided her career path early in her life thanks to this program, and she will not be looking back. Kelsie plans to attend St. Petersburg College for a couple semesters then switch to Florida Keys Community college to pursue a degree in journalism education, or special education teaching at in middle school classrooms.

Under the direction of **Bill and Judy Miller of Limited Edition Interiors, Kayla Kucerik** experienced firsthand what goes into providing the client with exactly what they ask for in their design. She learned that the many steps to pleasing the client may take time, but that the job is not completed until the client is happy. In one situation,

Kayla observed **Judy Miller** talking to the clients and discussing with them their options for lamps and mirrors. As a result, she came to understand that **Judy Miller** was looking for a reaction from the clients to gauge their likes and dislikes for accessories. She also learned how the business is continuously changing to keep current with market trends. For example, **Hunter Douglas**, a window fashions vendor, set up a new on-line ordering system to make it easier for clients and designers to order their products. This transition afforded **Kayla** the opportunity to observe the growing importance of technology in communicating current trends and in facilitating transactions in the interior design business. **Kayla's** experience convinced her that a career in the interior design field is her goal.

Under the direction of **Terri Kiefer**, third grade teacher of **Bauder Elementary School**, **Ashley Personette** has realized that teaching is what she really wants to make her career. Minus all of the hard work, she

found teaching to be not only a thrilling job but a worthwhile experience. **Ashley** learned many new things from how lessons are taught to new technologies, like the poster making machine. She formed close bonds and relationships with each student and found that it feels good to know that they look up to her. This experience of the **Executive Internship Program** has been wonderful and helped **Ashley** decide that she really wants to teach in the future.

Tarpon Springs High School

Under the guidance of **Laura D'Alessandro at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **Kali Bohlmann** completed a hospital rotation, shadowing many different doctors and nurses throughout the different departments of the hospital. **Kali** shadowed in the Cardiac Cath Lab, Radiology, Intensive Care Unit, OB/woman's Center, The Pharmacy, Emergency Department, and the main operation room. She learned so much by visiting in all these

different departments. **Kali's** favorite departments were the OB/Women's Center and the Cardiac Cath lab. Throughout the semester **Kali** decided she would like to go to school to become a Registered Nurse and work in the OB/women's center. **Kali** believes this experience has helped her so much and has taught her so many things. **Kali** is excited to find out what the future holds.

Under the guidance of **Laura D'Alessandro at the Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **Hali Nelson** discovered that being a nurse isn't as glamorous as it seems on television. There is a lot of paper work involved and the job can get a little messy. **Hali** saw several procedures including but not limited to: spinal tap, heart surgeries and circumcisions. **Hali** interviewed **OB Nurse Debbie Cegelis** and learned more specific information on being a nurse in the **Obstetrics Department**. **Hali** has found that nursing would be an excellent career and is considering it for her future.