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To Our Sponsors:

It is my pleasure to compile and distribute the Executive Internship Program newsletter for the 2011-2012 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 7,000 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

Working under USF's **Ecosystem Tech Group Senior Engineer David Fries, Cody Keenan** received a chance to see just how problematic conducting an experiment can be in the engineering field. It requires a lot of patience and an endless amount of creativity to finally complete a project. Cody worked with **Gary Hendrick, Brian Gregson, and Geran Barton** to get help designing and tweaking his experiment as well as assisting with the Solar-powered Autonomous Underwater Vehicle (SAUV) and Mass Spectrometer. He found that the uses of the SAUV and Mass Spectrometer were quite fascinating. Cody's experience has taught him that he should pursue a broader horizon in the engineering field instead of just focusing on mechanical engineering.

Clearwater High School

There were no students from Clearwater High

School for the fall 2011 semester.

Countryside High School

At **Leila G. Davis Elementary School, Carlyn Bell** had the opportunity to observe and learn with the guidance of **Colleen Davis**. Through this internship Carlyn learned that a lot more is expected of teachers than what one can see on the surface. She saw that there is much paper work, team meetings with other teachers, and the responsibility of catering to each child's needs. Working with first graders in the class room has confirmed Carlyn's love for children and watching them learn. Thanks to her great sponsor, and this incredible experience, Carlyn is planning on becoming an elementary school teacher.

Through the assistance of **Niki Pasek and Kristin Aguilar at Suncoast Hospice, Claire Bough** was able to thoroughly experience the career of an event planner. Planning events is not as fun as it may seem from an

attendee. She was able to attend many meetings for different events, and experienced the difficulties of dealing with unexpected problems. She was also able to learn about all the minor things involved with planning an event, such as sending out invites and reminders, and managing volunteers. She enjoyed this opportunity greatly and hopes to incorporate event planning or public relations into her future.

Under the supervision of **Julie Bernard the Volunteer Manager at Mease Countryside Hospital, Therese Capili** encountered an EGD procedure (Esophagogastroduodenoscopy). Along with **Dr. Ahn** (a GI doctor), Therese was able to observe her first ever EGD. And thankfully after the procedure she did not faint. Dr. Ahn related to Therese that students usually faint, but Therese remained strong and intrigued. Therese realized that working in a hospital setting will be a great adventure and also stressful especially if she will work in the **Pediatrics Department**. With a great help from **Rebecca**

Gabasa and from the **Orthopedic Department, Nora Garcia, Doris Cahueque, Christina Decker, and Mistie Davila**, Therese learned that outside the hospital "it is all fun and games until she stepped into the hospital". Learning from IVs' and medications and bones, Therese found out that there is going to be more steps to her dream job than she thought. Therese envisioned that throughout her days shadowing a registered nurse that she wants to pursue a career in Pediatrics and/ or in the Orthopedic Department.

After an exciting internship under the supervision of **Captain Barbara Templeton, Alexis Demner** learned all aspects of law enforcement through the Tarpon Springs Police Department. Demner was exposed to several types of investigative resources which were shown to her by **Detective Sergeant Michael Trill** and his team of detectives. The resources that they use are for solving crimes in which patrol may not have immediate access. Demner learned how patrol officers take the initial report of a crime and the detectives follow up on those reports

to solve cases. Patrol officers took Demner on a variety of calls ranging from humorous people to serious, crisis situations. Demner witnessed the intensive training and needed fitness level for the Emergency Response Team. Due to the experience gained while working alongside law enforcement officers, Demner has decided to continue her quest into this career field.

Under the guidance of **Janet Recca and Gabrielle Donaldson of PSTA, Kyle Evans** has gained and experienced hands on learning of the marketing world. He got to learn different aspects of what involves Marketing. He has gone out and found coupon advertisements to help promote the trolley, which took a lot of effort and patience. Everything asked of him was completed in a timely manner. He knew that this job required a lot of hard work, but he was willing to put in the time and do all the tasks. He found the job very interesting and would like to pursue this field in College.

With the help of **Todd S. Minear of PRISM Performance Rehab Clinic, Lindsay Philips**

found physical therapy to be an exciting occupation. She learned that each patient has a specific routine that must be understood. With the guidance of **Dennis Curley**, Lindsay was able to perform ultrasound and electrical stimulus. Lindsay also learned many therapeutic exercises for the knee, back, shoulders, ankle, and wrist. She also enjoyed socializing and learning more about each individual patient. She found that every day was different, with new things to learn, and new patients to meet. This experience has aided Lindsay in deciding that she would like to pursue a career in physical therapy.

With the help of **Melody Konrad, Clinical Education Specialist at Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital, Kylee Stapp** confirmed her passion for a career in nursing. It takes a lot of care and dedication to become a nurse. Through her internship, Kylee Stapp, learned how to show compassion for patients. Under the guidance of **Olivia Bogart-Blaskvitch, a Registered Nurse**, Kylee had the opportunity to witness a birth. She got to see how Olivia prepped the new mom-to-be for birth

and witness the delivery of the baby. She proceeded to help Olivia with post-partum care. Kylee's experience with Labor and Delivery nursing has confirmed her desire for that career field and her eagerness to begin nursing school in the Fall.

With the support and encouragement of **Dave Cook at WPDS-TV14, Kathryn Williams** learned that you truly have to be well rounded in the news industry. Being on camera is not as simple as speaking eloquently and smiling. Write a script, producing a show, and working the camera make up the imperative skills needed in the industry. **Shawn Briggs, Dale Bottum, Linda Loden, Scott Barnum, Kyle Bell, and Larry Osterman** all gave Kathryn a clear view of the hands on tasks involved in producing a show. **Mike Roy, Shawn Clark, Elizabeth Johnson, and Bob Anthony** all worked one on one with their intern to make her more proficient in speaking, writing, editing, and using a camera. Utilizing these skills, Kathryn wrote her own scripts, helped produce a show for a military salute, and even had the opportunity to see

the First Lady up close and personal! It will suffice to say that if Kathryn did not know what her future career was before, she certainly does now. Television broadcast will definitely be in her future.

Dixie Hollins High School

Kathy Jacobs, Director of Medical Education at Northside Hospital has given **Tam Huynh** an opportunity to observe and experience the hospital environment by assigning him to different departments. Thanks to this opportunity, Tam met **Mark Walsh** and other clinical pharmacists of the Pharmacy department. Their enthusiasm and zeal for their work had a huge influence on Tam. This encounter has shaped Tam's mind to become a clinical pharmacist in the future.

Jeanne Stevens, Volunteer Resources Coordinator, and Therese Montanari, Outpatient Speech Language Pathology Director of All Children's Hospital have given **Jana Mrkaja** the opportunity of observing and learning what it takes to help a child. First came the

evaluation, then the goal setting, and finally achieving the goals. Jana only thought there was one type of speech service, pronunciation of speech sounds, but she soon came to learn that was not the case. Jana's experiences has convinced her of a career she never considered - **Speech Language Pathology**.

Holding the proverbial helping hand of **Mary Sault with Pinellas County Human Resources and Volunteer Services, Annamarie Vanlier** was lucky enough to witness what it takes to organize a news publication, not only for its audience, but about its audience. It takes a lot of work in order to create such a work of non-fiction that both Pinellas County volunteers, as well as staff members, can be proud of. With the aid of multiple programs, not to mention a few weeks of dedicated concentration, Annamarie made that publication a reality. Annamarie was lucky enough to sit in on meetings with **Mary Sault, Peggy Rowe, Cantrece Harmon, Laura Berkowitz, and Mary Kvam** in which she obtained the constructive criticism that it took to create few invitations for

important events in support of volunteering in Pinellas County. Through all of this experience, Annamarie has concluded that she will continue in the graphic arts and web design field.

With the helpful push of her parents, **Ashley Watkins** took full advantage of the internship opportunity she was offered with the guiding hands of **Kathy Jacobs, Director of Medical Education at Northside Hospital**. Ms. Jacobs placed Ashley in a new department every two weeks, allowing her to pinpoint exactly what she had a passion for. Ashley really enjoyed the one-on-one patient care of the **Intensive Care Unit nurses**, and talking with the patient's friends/family really touched close to home. Ashley realized exactly how much responsibility required to care for someone for hours on end. In departments such as **Radiology** and **Respiratory Therapy**, Ashley loved going to different rooms around the hospital with the technicians. Staying mobile helped her to keep interest and allowed her to see the different kinds of cases. She has yet to make a decision on which department she likes the

most, but she has come to the conclusion that she wants her career to revolve around the health and wellness of patients in the medical field.

Dunedin High School

Amrita Amnay had an outstanding experience at **Largo Medical Center** under the supervision of **Lisa Westberry and Paige Brett**. Amrita learned so much from observing the different jobs in the pharmacy. She realized that it's more than just the Pharmacists knowing which medicine does what and giving it to the patient. She realized that there are many things that they have to watch out before giving it to the patient, like if they have an allergy to it and the amount they should give, and the people that help the pharmacists are just as important. She met the most fantastic people along the way that helped her find out that she truly wants to be a pharmacist.

With the supervision and guidance of **Dr. Joel Murphy, Owner, and Tobi Leotta, Vet. Technician, at the Animal & Bird Medical Center, Robert L. Arroyo**

was given the opportunity to see and experience what his dream job is all about. Robert discovered that being a Vet is not an easy job as it may seem. From working with animals, helping owners, observing surgeries, and working with different types and exotic animals, Robert was able to learn the different types of responsibilities this job requires. Robert learned how to use some of the machines, do fecal tests, hold animals, and work as part of our team. He learned the different tasks and responsibilities of each staff member working together as a team. He discovered that helping animals is what he really wants to do as his career path. Everything that Robert did and learned from this experience has help him take the choice to study Veterinary Medicine as his career for college.

Morgan Gilghrest had an outstanding internship under the guidance of **Dr. Jennifer Swaringen at Orthopedic Associates of West Florida**. Morgan also had a very fulfilling internship with **Jill Snider, Athletic Trainer at Dunedin High School**. Morgan was able to contrast the two fields and found that she would like

to become an orthopedic surgeon.

Under the supervision of **Ruth Anne Achterhof, Nicole Hall** had the opportunity to intern amongst nurses and physicians within the **Morgan Heart Hospital at Morton Plant**. Nicole shadowed medical staff from various professions, from the Operating Room (OR) to the Rehabilitation center for recovering cardiac patients. The most valuable experience of the Executive Internship was the mentorship of **Jennifer Lain, an Educational Specialist RN**. Jennifer was able to arrange for Nicole to observe cardiac patients on the critical floor, a hip surgery in the OR, the everyday chaos of the Emergency Room (ER) and additional medical career fields within the hospital setting. With the guidance of Jennifer Lain, Nicole observed within the ER and found it to be her favorite department. The high school student enjoyed the fast-paced rhythm and unique cases in the ER. In the beginning of her internship, Nicole was headstrong about pursuing a career within cardiology; however, she no longer feels that cardiology is her true passion. Although, with a better outlook

within medicine, Nicole possibly will attend medical school to become an ER physician.

Over the past semester the internship at **Clearwater Community Sailing Center** has given **Danielle Jordan** such a great insight to instructing sailing thanks to her sponsor **Rich White**. Through her time there she participated in many positions such as a paddleboard instructor, sailing instructor, and helps around the Center with various classes. She learned so much about how a sailboat works and how to be the best instructor from Rich. While there she was able to hone her sailing skills by sailing with world class sailors such as **Edgar Diminich** who is ranked third in the world for his class of sailing and also has sailed with Olympic gold medalist **Robbie Daniels**. Her most exciting moment was sailing the F18 Viper, a racing catamaran, with Robbie and being able to have the opportunity to learn from the best in the world. She is currently working at the **Sailing Center as a Learn to Sail** instructor for people just beginning to sail. She plans to be an Officer in

the US Army but keep sailing as a hobby.

While having the privilege to work with and be supervised by **Jason Adams, Assistant General Manager – Ticketing, of the Clearwater Threshers, Mac LeBoeuf** learned that during the off season of professional baseball, much must be done in order to prepare the stadium for the start of the next season. The preparation includes both physical labor and promotional planning. Mac had the opportunity to work closely in the **Stadium Operations Department** with **Corey Sipe, Facility Maintenance Coordinator, and Sean McCarthy, Operations Assistant**. During Mac's time working in Stadium Operations, he found the physical aspect of the preparation challenging, but rewarding when the tasks at hand were completed. Mac was fortunate to be able to sit in on promotional and staff meetings and was surprised to learn the amount of time required to plan the promotional schedule for the entire baseball season. An idea Mac presented to the group at a meeting is being

considered as an item to be given away at one of the promotional nights. Mac's time spent at **Bright House Field** has solidified his desire to pursue sports management as a career in the future and to work in baseball, a sport which he loves.

David Mason, Director of Bands at Dunedin Highland Middle School, has given **Elizabeth McCluskey** a wonderful and exciting opportunity to study as his intern. In this endeavor, Elizabeth realized her love for music is strengthened by her new love for teaching. The assistants **Lynn Lawrence and Jen Blais** helped tremendously in Elizabeth's progress. Through directly teaching the students, Elizabeth was introduced to the many methods of teaching and helping children. She taught entire classes, specifically the 7th grade band. By the many months she interned, Elizabeth came to realize that she loves teaching music; she hopes to inspire many musicians in her future.

East Lake High School

Guided by **Dave Cook of WPDS-TV, Kevin Conway** realized working

in a TV studio isn't at all what he had imagined. Kevin worked with producers **Sean Clark and Mike Roy** to edit programs and shows. He also filmed on the sideline for Friday Night Hi-Lights. He also worked the teleprompter during the PCS Newsbrief on Tuesdays. Through his experience, Kevin has realized that there are many more fields out there that he will explore.

Under the guidance of **Azra Hakim of Ekren Physical Therapy Services, Allyson Frazier** was surprised when learning that being a physical therapist was not what she thought it would be. There is more to physical therapy than doing exercises and telling people what to do. Allyson watched Azra as she went over the various steps of evaluations, paperwork, modalities, massages, passive/active stretching, and the list seemed to never end. As time went on though Allyson had learned the ropes; she began to ultra-sound the patients and finished up their exercises with them. Azra and Allyson began to utilize teamwork and in turn Allyson learned more than she ever thought she would from simply interning. Physical therapy

and everything that goes with it now excites Allyson. Her experience has convinced her to go on to college pursuing a career in athletic training and continue on to physical therapy.

Under the guidance of **Dave Cook of WPDS-TV Channel 14, Jonathan Glass** has had the experience of a lifetime. He enjoyed becoming a part of the WPDS crew and left the internship with some exciting and important knowledge. He enjoyed helping the employees edit and film important high school sporting events. Also, he worked on Voiceovers for our Friday night hi- lights program. He also would like to thank **Sean Clark, Mike Roy, Scott Barnum, Linda Loden, Elizabeth Johnson, and Dale Bottum** for helping him grasp the WPDS ways and making the last few months memorable. Mr. Glass has really enjoyed his time here at the WPDS station and we have welcomed his help. Again he thanks the employees at Channel 14 for welcoming him with open arms.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Alex Johnson DMD, MS, Zack Houck** has found that being an orthodontist

takes far more work than previously anticipated. Though the Doctor has many assistants that help him do simplistic and easy tasks, he is usually consumed by more important and more difficult problems. These tasks that he must perform can range from making molds of patients teeth, to creating chemical concoctions used in many dental operations. While Zack has been interning he has assisted in any tasks given to him ranging from preparing alginate to demonstrating how to properly brush your teeth to small children. He has found the entire field of orthodontics more interesting than he originally did and is looking forward to taking on a career in orthodontics.

Under the guidance of **Jason Morton of the State Attorney's Office, Ricky Logier** learned that being a state attorney involves allot more than just arguing cases in the court room. Ricky saw Jason prepare and argue a case in court. Ricky also read over several police reports and gave advice on whether charges should or shouldn't be filed. Ricky also observed advisory hearings, violation of probation hearings and

pre-trial hearings. His favorite thing to do is watch advisory hearings, because the people in there are always different and do crazy things. Ricky discovered that after reading over and studying the facts of a particular case it can become tedious, and he has decided that he does not want to pursue law.

The rotation created by **Melody Konrad, Education Director of Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital,** allowed **Despina Lucas** to experience a day in the life of multiple careers within the medical field. Despina found the Main Operating Room to be her favorite of the seven departments she had the opportunity to observe in. Being able to scrub in and observe surgery was an amazing experience. Seeing the human anatomy with her own eyes, instead of in pictures from a book, was truly astonishing. She said that after the operation her cheeks were in pain from smiling during the entire procedure. All of the experiences weren't as uplifting although they were equally rewarding. Witnessing patients receiving CPR or on their death bed in the Intensive Care Unit are painful sights to see. This was one

experience she will never forget. This internship program has reassured Despina that a career in medicine is definitely something she hopes to obtain in the future.

Under the supervision of **Laura Shives of the CAE USA Inc., Shelby Lucas** has had the experience of a lifetime. She enjoyed becoming a part of the CAE family and walked out of the internship with some exciting and important knowledge. She enjoyed helping the employees process and improve documents. She also would like to thank **Sandra Wood, Lisa Kam, and Daniel Green** for helping her grasp the CAE ways and making the last few months memorable. She has found that the work done at CAE to be very fascinating. Again she thanks the employees at CAE for welcoming her with open arms.

Chief McGuff and the other crew members of **Oldsmar Fire Rescue,** have had an extra set of hands to work with over the past few months. Intern **Reilly Nolan** has been running calls with **Oldsmar Fire Rescue** since September. Working mainly alongside the **Rescue crew, EMT Chris**

Vacca & Paramedic Capt Dean O'Neal, Reilly has become a member of the crew. He goes on EMS calls and assists where ever need. His role in most calls is to collect vitals; Blood Pressure, Pulse, EKG& Blood Oxygen levels. He is enjoying himself and is putting serious thought into doing this in the near future.

At **Unique Engineering**, **Andrew Snyder** was able to experience working in the Automobile industry. Through **Sponsor Tony Ladolcetta**, Andrew was able to see operations on a day to day basis from both a mechanical side and as a business owner. The experience has opened his eyes to what the auto industry is really like, and truly influenced him both as a professional and as a human being.

Through her internship at the dietary management website, **Simplified Nutrition Online**, **Olivia Valdez** learned the inner workings of the marketing industry. **Vonnie Coleman, the Director of Marketing and Communications**, sponsored Olivia and provided her with tasks that consisted of evaluating competing websites and analyzing the components

of an efficient advertisement. Marketing not only involves advertising, but it is a blend of research, evaluation, and strategizing. The internship with SNO showed Olivia that marketing involves a lot of individual work and computer skills. She values the skills and tools she developed through this internship and intends to continue directing her career towards marketing.

Under the direction of **David A. Cook at WPDS TV 14**, **Erin Wronka** was further encouraged to pursue a career in broadcast journalism. She realized there is a lot more to creating a package and appearing in front of the camera than originally meets the eye. Erin often worked with **Dave Cook, Sean Clark, and Mike Roy** to put together effective pieces on Avid and FinalCut. She also took part in a few live Friday Night Primetime games by helping to host the show. Working behind the scenes on graphics and editing taught Erin many new, helpful skills that are necessary in this career field. Erin's experience has her even more convinced that a job in journalism is her main goal.

Derian Yeretian was not sure what it would be like working at **Lockheed Martin in the Finance Department** under the guidance of **Brent Lewis**. He soon found out that the field of finance was something that he wanted to pursue in the future. While working with Brent Lewis on setting standards for the company and sitting in on various meetings, Derian was quickly drawn into the world of business. Derian's favorite part of the internship was learning about Lockheed Martin projects like Desert Hawk and Space Fence. Through all the hard work that he put into his internship, Derian's experience in a real life business environment convinced him that finance is his future.

Gibbs High School

Under the guidance of **Amy Rench, Project Manager at BIG 3 Entertainment Group**, **Studio intern, Donnie Adams**, found that his internship was beneficial to him and his work was very beneficial to the company. He gained knowledge of the music industry and learned how music is made. Donnie

found that it takes a lot of hard work and dedication to make it in the music industry and it's not an easy road. Donnie also received guidance from studio assistants, **Justin Colen and Amy Laureigh**. With this experience Donnie has plans to open up his own label in the future.

After working under the supervision of **Katie McGinnis and Kelly Barmore**, **All Children's Hospital Childlife Specialist, Shakara Harrell** was given the advantage of seeing what the **Childlife Department** does during recreation (a time that patients are able to play and do arts and crafts). There is a lot of communication requirements making sure parents and nurses are aware of the patients location and as Childlife Specialist being aware of each patient's individual precautions. She was able to assist with helping transport patients, inviting patients and playing with patients who were alone, she found that Childlife may be an alternative career after attending University Of Central Florida and studying to become a nurse practitioner.

Lakewood High School

There were no students from Lakewood High School for the fall 2011 semester.

Largo High School

There were no students from Largo High School for the fall 2011 semester.

Northeast High School

Working alongside **Fort De Soto Park Supervisor Jim Wilson, Monica Craig** learned what is involved in working in a park through her time spent in the Executive Internship Program. Monica learned about sea turtle and shorebird nesting and the procedures park personnel follow to protect the endangered wildlife found in the park. Monica worked in the campground making reservations and helping with check-ins. The park rangers are extremely dedicated and passionate about their jobs. The rangers have taught Monica much and have showed her that a career in the park system is what she will pursue in college.

Sponsored by **George Cassady of the City of Saint Petersburg Water Resources Department** and under the everyday guidance of **John Parks, Andy Huynh** obtained much knowledge and insight about the world of wastewater management and treatment. Much of what is made possible in the field begins in the office where Andy utilized technology to create spreadsheets or worked with **Jason Abellada**, a computer engineer, to create PLC programs. He carries with him the struggles of comprehending new and advanced material on a daily basis and the engineering economics and chemical knowledge gained when assisting engineer **Matt Wilson** and speaking with geologist **Ralph Craig** on many occasions. This experience has convinced Andy to pursue a career in chemical engineering.

Connor Miles gained valuable insight in the **Civil Engineering** profession while interning for **Thomas Gibson at the City of St. Petersburg**. Civil engineering requires immense attention to detail and a thorough understanding of scientific principles. Connor

completed many projects for Mr. Gibson including budget estimates and analysis and interpreting engineering drawings. Connor also worked with **Brejash Prayman** on calculations involving sewage piping placement. The experience at the City of St. Petersburg has convinced Connor that he wants to become a civil engineer.

So many lessons have been learned during **Katherine Rattanachane's** internship at **All Children's Hospital**. With **Aruna Jagdeo and Barbara Fisher** as her leading support, Katherine was able to witness x-rays along with an assortment of procedures including a bone reduction with **Dr. Philip Mularoni** and a Lumbar puncture. She was also able to follow **Dr. Rafael Santiago** and with him she learned more about what to expect in a hospital and what he, as an emergency medicine specialist, has to deal with on a daily basis. This experience has given her more insight into her chosen career field which is to one day become a pediatrician. It has only encouraged her even more to work harder in order to accomplish this goal and she is determined to build

herself up and become a greater help to children.

Katherine also interned at All Star Pediatrics during the summer 2011 semester.

Osceola Fundamental High School

Nathaniel Callaway is extremely thankful for **Ms. Lauren Dellert at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium**. Lauren Dellert has done so much to help Nathaniel learn and explore the world of marine biology. Since the first day Nathaniel felt accepted into the Clearwater Marine Aquarium (CMA) family. Nathaniel has since learned about all kinds of animals: dolphins, otters, and sea turtles, as well as probably a hundred different fish indigenous to the bay area. Nathaniel is tremendously grateful to Lauren Dellert, as well as to the rest of the CMA family, for giving him an awesome and truly one-of-a-kind experience.

Jakob Fritz had a fantastic experience at **the Saint Petersburg/Clearwater Convention of Visitors Bureau** under the Guidance of **Rhonda Sanborn and Deborah Holland**. Jakob was able

to acquire lots of knowledge from his experience by assisting in the different areas of the bureau. He was able to participate in multiple projects that taught him about what exactly marketers and the bureau. By doing these different projects, he learned that being a marketer was a little different than what he originally thought. He never realized all the traveling they do and how many conventions and conferences they must go to, trying to get people to come to Pinellas County. Jakob was able meet great coworkers and is very grateful for his chance to intern at the St. Petersburg/Clearwater Convention of Visitors Bureau so he could learn what exactly a marketer does.

Thanks to **Paige Brett, Director of Patient Relations at Largo Medical Center, Marissa Lazo** was able to see what it is really like in the world of medicine. On her rotation she was able to experience three different areas of the hospital including **Pharmacy, the Ambulatory Surgical**

Unit, and the Main Operating Room.

Working with patients was incredible and she learned that people in the medical field work extremely hard at their jobs. She found that while medicine can be tough and stressful at times it is certainly a rewarding career field. Her favorite part was being able to see inside the human body, something incredibly complex, and watch what was happening at that exact moment. The Executive Internship Program has reassured Marissa that she will gladly pursue a career in medicine.

With the help of sponsor **Diana Dumais, Lower School Principal at Keswick Christian School, Jacqueline Roller** has learned about a new and exciting career option. Diana put Jacqueline under the guidance of a fourth grade teacher, **Angela Loughhead**. With Angela's help, she has gotten to observe many different grade levels and even teach in a few of them. She has done projects/crafts for **Melodie Martell, Eleanor Baumner, Cynthia Abbott, and Angela Loughhead**. Jacqueline learned that as a teacher one needs to be willing to

adapt to any situation. Teachers' must be quick on their feet when it comes to the students' safety and well-being. Also they need to be there for the student not just academically, but spiritually as well. Jacqueline has already made long-lasting relationships with teachers' and students' and is excited to become a teacher (at a Christian School) in the not too distant future.

Under the guiding hand of **Kathy Jacobs, Administrative Director of Medical Education of Northside Hospital, Philip Russo** has been exposed to all the factors of which are crucial to the success of a hospital. This deemed to be an eye opener as much tedious work and coordination have to be implemented at all times. Philip was exposed to many areas in the hospital and witnessed numerous procedures. Each procedure in every area Philip was rotated into deemed to be significant as each dealt with different issues. The operating room proved to grasp Philip's interest significantly as much operations were observed. He found the process of which a surgeon must undergo very fascinating. Philip's extraordinary experience at

Northside Hospital has shaped his ultimate goal to be a surgeon as his career of choice.

Under the supervision of **Aruna Jagdeo and Barbra Fisher, Kaitlyn Sferrazza**, was given a once in a lifetime opportunity to intern at **All Children's Hospital in St. Petersburg, Florida**. At first Kaitlyn envisioned herself as a pediatrician, but after spending time in both **Radiology**, and the **ER**, Kaitlyn has realized that medicine is not for her. Thankfully though, Kaitlyn met some amazing techs, and nurses, who talked with her about other career options. The one that stuck with the most was a career in Pediatric Speech Pathology. Kaitlyn will make this dream become a reality when she majors in Communication Science and Disorders, and minors in Early Childhood Development, this summer at the University of Central Florida, in Orlando.

By working with **Tina Suleiman and her kindergarten class at Starkey Elementary, Brittany Surls** discovered that teaching is exhausting but very rewarding when you see how much each child improves throughout

the year. Brittany has been able to participate in a variety of activities such as reading stories aloud, conducting informal assessments, art and cooking projects, planting pumpkin plants and was even given the opportunity to sit in on a parent teacher conference. From seeing many different aspects of teaching, Brittany is determined to pursue a career in Elementary Education.

Palm Harbor University High School

With the careful organization and guidance from **Alicia Harding, Westlake Animal Hospital Office Manager, Emma Jones** was given the opportunity to see what her dream job of becoming a veterinarian is really all about. From observing the five experienced veterinarians at the hospital and gaining knowledge from **Laurie Walton, Head Technician**, Emma was able to learn firsthand how to care for animals of all types, personalities, and with varying illnesses. From working so closely with the skilled veterinary technicians at the animal hospital, Emma learned how to set up heart worm

and fecal tests along with skills such as holding off a vein for blood to be pulled. Often she was able to hold animals while technicians completed their tasks requested for each specific appointment. The many surgeries she observed sparked her interest and encouraged her to learn more about the anatomy of animals. She discovered that the rewards of helping animals outweighs any sad aspects of the job, which was a huge consideration when deciding her career path. Every aspect of the animal hospital became intriguing to Emma and gave her the foundation she needed to finalize her decision to study veterinary medicine in her upcoming years in college.

While interning at the **State Attorney's Office, Laura Sims** learned from assistant state attorney, **Ali Iglehart** that being an attorney is far from how it is portrayed on television. There are many components of a case that all have to be present in order to form the best argument possible such as viable evidence, and plausible witnesses. Laura observed **Ali Iglehart and lead trial attorney, Jason Morton**, analyze evidence and use it to question witnesses in court. She

also saw court proceedings such as violations of probation, pre-trials, and advisories. Laura assisted Ali with looking for small details in evidence videos that could be helpful to the case. She discovered that trials were interesting, and has decided that she wants to someday have a career in law.

Sponsored by **Tricia Salchert of Lockheed Martin, Kevin Wagner** learned about **Industrial Engineering**. He worked with **Brenda Gomez, Yasmin Palacio, and Jessica Dosio** to update and organize martial's related to engineering processes. He also worked in editing and writing new operations and processes. He found the experience of working in an office environment educational particularly learning the nuances of office life and culture. While Kevin decided that a career in industrial engineering was not for him he believes the experience gained will be useful for other engineering careers he is considering.

Karen Balsanek, Volunteer Manager of Mease Dunedin Hospital has given **Ona Wong** an opportunity to observe the different medical

procedures the technicians were performing. She enjoyed meeting **Patricia Cavallo** and the other **technicians** in every each department she has observed throughout the internship program. Their great advice and optimistic attitudes towards their job has influenced Ona to pursue a career in the Radiology department. The internship has given Ona a once in a lifetime experience she'll never forget and has opened up many doors for her future.

Pinellas Park High School

Karina Badillo has gotten a great deal of experience in the medical field of what it's like to be a **registered nurse** with the assistance of **Kathy Jacobs a R.R.T., Administrative Director of Medical Education.** Kathy gave her the opportunity to explore different departments through the hospital by doing rotations. During these rotations Karina came across the **Emergency Room(ER)** and the **Cath Lab** which became her favorite two departments. In the ER she met Kathryn who gave Karina the insight of everything going on.

Karina got to see for herself what it was like to be a registered nurse in action. In the cath lab, under the supervision of **Michael O'Connor,** Karina was able to witness the different procedures done for the heart. Michael not only gave her knowledge about the cath lab but also gave her knowledge about life as well. She had realized it takes hard work and dedication to be successful and is now more motivated to proceed a future in this profession.

Lisa Westberry, a Lead Pharmacy Technician, at Largo Medical Center has been a great mentor for **Emma Nicolas.** Lisa gave Emma the insight in the **Pharmacy Department.** Emma has learned all the different aspects that go on in the Pharmacy and received helpful advice about the profession. Emma enjoyed being part of the Pharmacy Department and would like to thank Lisa Westberry and Paige Brett for the help and the time she dedicated to help Emma in any possible way. Through the wonderful experience Emma has received, she now has a better understanding of what it takes to become a Pharmacist and the

dedication and hard work it takes to be successful in the profession.

St. Petersburg High School

Under the organization of **Liz Guevara, the Volunteer Coordinator at St. Anthony's Hospital,** **Katie Keefer** got to experience the different dynamics of a hospital while shadowing and observing medical staff in different areas such as **Oncology, the Cath Lab, the OR, and the Post Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU).** Katie not only learned about the atmosphere and various medical careers, but got to assist staff by preparing medical charts and discussing procedures. **Pam Peters, a physician at the Cath Lab,** taught Katie that not all medical professions have intimate contact with their patients, but still have a large role in ensuring their well-being. Katie's experiences and realizations have pushed her to further investigate a career in **Radiology,** a field that demands knowledge of equipment and science just as much as it demands the tender heart one needs to succeed in a medical profession.

Abi Keller had the privilege of working with **Physical Therapists Kerry Fox, Chris Rooney, Ryland Galmish, and Frank Rossi at Bay Pines VA Medical Center**. Abi was able to shadow the therapist's consults with patients and in doing she learned about different pain modalities, assistant walking devices, and other equipment need to aid in the rehabilitation of each patient. Abi performed a variety of tasks such as assembling walking devices, preparing hot/cold packs, and changing the sheets on the stretching tables. To better understand the journey a total knee replacement patient goes through, Abi got to view a total knee replacement surgery. Abi saw that same patient the next day to start the rehabilitation process. Abi enjoyed the internship and learned a lot and is considering studying Physical Therapy in college.

Under the direction of **Robert Danielson, the Assistant Director at the City of St. Petersburg Marketing Department, Christina Rosetti** experienced many aspects of the field. Some of the many projects she worked on included promoting the

city's many exciting destinations and advertising the Tampa Bay Rays' and FC Tampa Bay's "Push for the Playoffs". Working directly with **Nick Stees, the City's webmaster**, Christina was able to learn the tricks of the trade in web design. They worked together day in and day out to create City's new mobile webpage. Christina's interning experience was one she will always cherish. A future career in Marketing and Communications is something she will strive to attain.

Seminole High School

Amanda Citek interned with **Ekren Physical Therapy Services in Seminole, Florida** under the guidance of **Anne Gamache, Physical Therapist**. Amanda completely enjoyed every learning opportunity and is considering a career in Physical Therapy.

With the knowledge of **Tim Closterman, Dan Eggleston, Tony Smith, and Libby Bolling, Joseph Haynes** learned the ins and outs of **TV Production at Pinellas**

County Communications. From ideas to script writing, from suggestions to set design, lighting, and to filming and master control, Joseph was introduced and took much from each aspect in the field of TV Production. With editing the weekly show "Pick A Pet," Joseph was able to learn and work in a consistent basis for a show, and learned to make changes to the structure when needed. Along with actual studio set ups and tests, Joseph learned about all of the unseen and thankless jobs that go along with creating a professional TV experience and package. He has definitely weighed he has learned from this experience into what he wants to do, favoring something along the lines of filmmaking and related fields.

Working under the supervision of **Randy Holland at the Winning Inning, Marissa Lisenbee** has gained insight into the athletic training field. From day one she has been working with patients, taking part in office activities, and learning about the newest strength program, **Art of Strength**. She has become part of the business and will continue to volunteer after the

internship is over. After being with The Winning Inning for this internship, Marissa has decided that she wants to pursue a career in sports medicine and will be studying that at the University of Tampa next year.

Working along-side the crew of **Largo Fire Rescue Station # 39** and under the direct supervision of **Lieutenant Keri Pettingil, Ryan Melander** has gained a new respect for and understanding of the **Fire and EMS service**. Ryan has become a part of the crew by participating in daily activities such as: station chores, cleaning of the fire apparatuses, restocking of the EMS supplies and responding to fire and medical emergencies. Ryan's time with Largo Fire Rescue has influenced Ryan to pursue an exciting and eventful career in the Fire and EMS service. Ryan has started his pursue already he his enrolled in Emergency Medical Technician school at Florida Medical Training Institute and is enrolled in the Fire Academy at St. Pete College for the Fall of 2012.

Tarpon Springs High School

Through working with **Pete Yauch** at **Pinellas County Public Works** **Laurel Jaeger** learned all about **Civil Engineering**. With help from **Kristin O'Meara**, Laurel was able to visit all of the main areas of Public Works. She learned about the processes of planning, survey and construction. She was also able to experience the treatment of water and sewage as well as solid waste! Through her internship Laurel realized that she would like to pursue a degree in civil and environmental engineering.

Under the assistance of **Fred Casale** of **Walgreens Pharmacy**, **Rachel Komrek** discovered what a pharmacist goes through every day. Rachel learned new drugs and how they are used and how they affect our bodies, she saw how people react if their drug was not in stock and helped the team in filling prescriptions. She learned that, with retail pharmacy, you never know what to expect each day. Rachel's experience has convinced her that retail pharmacy is a great career, but she will

continue looking at other types of pharmacy.

Under the guidance of **Melody Konrad, Education Director of Helen Ellis Memorial Hospital**, **Maria Pseftelis** has been able to experience what it would be like to work in a hospital environment. The rotation at her internship gave her the opportunity to see different areas in the hospital. However, Maria Pseftelis found the **Outpatient Care Center, and the Main Operating Room** to be her favorite. Maria indicated that being able to scrub in and observe the different surgeries being done was an amazing experience. It gave her an opportunity to be able to see if she could handle seeing surgeries, and if it's something she wants to do in the future. This experience has showed Maria, that it will not be easy and that it's going to take a lot of hard work, and studying to have a career in medicine, but in the end she says it will all be worth it!

**Boca Ciega
High School**

With the help of **David Fries and his team at USF's Ecosystems Tech Group, Cody Keenan** has been able to develop an experiment and gather data from it. Cody is working on finalizing his report on his experiment so that it can be published. He also finds it fascinating to work with an underwater robot called a SAUV that they set out on deployments from time to time. Cody's experience with the Ecosystems Tech Group has reinforced his career choice to become a mechanical engineer.

**Clearwater
High School**

There were no students from Clearwater High School during the spring semester.

**Countryside
High School**

Colleen Davis, a first grade teacher at Leila G. Davis Elementary, has

been a wonderful sponsor to **Carlyn Bell**. Carlyn has learned all of the ups and downs about being an elementary school teacher and been able to observe a lot. Since day one she has been hands on, involved in the class room and she is so thankful for that. Colleen helped her create her first lesson plans, and then handed over responsibility to Carlyn. She has gained so much experience this year and has confirmed her interest in majoring in Elementary Education in college.

Working with the **Special Events** staff at **Suncoast Hospice, Claire Bough** has learned the ins and outs of planning fundraisers for non-profit organizations. Claire learned that event planning can be very stressful and many issues are likely to occur. In order to assist the event planners, Claire had many tasks such as taking notes at meetings and inputting data to the fundraiser server. Claire thoroughly enjoyed her time at Suncoast Hospice and felt that it was an extremely valuable

opportunity from which she grew as a person. With the assistance of **Captain Barbara Templeton at Tarpon Springs Police Department, Alexis Demner**, has learned much that will further her career in forensics. She's been given the opportunity to work hands-on with the patrol officers in the field. One of these officers, **Eric Jason Mitchell**, let her observe a possible homicide case. Working closely with each individual officer has showed Demner how much dedication and hard work it takes to be a successful officer of the law. She has picked up these skills along with learning many behind the scenes procedures that the public does not know about. These skills include importance of note taking and great attention to detail. Alexis learned that working with the Tarpon Springs Police Department was definitely the right choice and will continue with this wonderful experience until she attends the University of

South Florida to further her knowledge.

With the help of **Todd S. Minear at PRISM, Lindsay Philips** has learned what being a physical therapist is all about. While interning at PRISM, she has developed both an educational, as well as professional understanding of the field of physical therapy. With Todd's guidance, this experience has aided Ms. Philips in deciding her future career as a pediatric physical therapist. As Lindsay continues onto her dream college of Florida State University, she would like to thank Todd, as well as the many others that influenced her fantastic experience.

Over the past year at **Florida Hospital North Pinellas**, with the help of her sponsor **Melody Konrad, Kylee Stapp** has gained experiences that will take her into her future. Under the guidance of the entire **Women's Center team**, Kylee has witnessed multiple births and Cesarean Sections. She helped the nurses with Ante partum care, including monitoring patients and helping to change their bedding. She also was a part of the deliveries and post partum

care as well. Kylee has become an integral part of the Women's Center team and feels blessed to have been able to work with such amazing people. All of the opportunities that have been given to her throughout her internship will help her to excel in the nursing program at Florida State University. Kylee's experiences at Florida Hospital has reassured her that Neonatal Nursing is in her future and she can't wait to go forth into the world and pursue her dream.

Throughout the course of the past year, **Kathryn Williams**, with the aid of her sponsor **Dave Cook, at Pinellas County Schools WPDS, Channel 14**, has learned invaluable live lessons and skills that will stay with her for years to come. Under the guidance and support of the entire WPDS crew, Kathryn has met the various political figures, interviewed various types of people in different settings, and experience the fast paced nature of the journalism career. She not only stood on the sidelines of football games in the freezing cold, but also interviewed the governor and was part of a press conference with the First Lady. It was not all serious work though.

Under **Mike Roy's** supervision, Kathryn was able to film animals in need of a home and a boutique of prom dresses for the teens special day. With the amazing lessons Kathryn learned with her second family, she is bound to succeed at the University of Florida this summer and flourish in their journalism program. Kathryn's experience at WPDS more than solidified her love for creativity and for Journalism. With any luck, she'll be on TV soon making all of the crew proud.

Dixie Hollins High School

Tam Huynh, intern, discovered both professional and personal growth in himself, all thanks to the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs, Director of Medical Education Department of Northside Hospital**. During his internship at the hospital, Kathy Jacobs gave Tam opportunities to shadow with doctors and staffs in different departments around the hospital, including Pharmacy, Cath Lab, Operating Room, Emergency Room and Respiratory Therapy. With each department that he

had been to, he gained more empirical knowledge by experiencing what the staffs and doctors are experiencing. To him, Medicine is a wonderful Art. Having a strong passion toward Medicine and with the experience he gained had shaped his goal to another direction: from being a pharmacist to being a physician.

As **Jana Mrkaja** stepped in **All Children's Hospital's** door every week, **Therese Montanari, Director of Outpatient Speech Language Pathology**, was thrilled to have a very helpful student intern. Jana was there in the "old" building and helped transition into the new building. She is always excited to observe the therapists, help the speech aide, and go see the studies in Radiology. Jana wanted to be a valued intern and hoped everyone could go to her for assistance. From her experience, both the fall and spring semester, Jana plans to get her Master's in Speech Language Pathology and hopefully comes back to do her college internship at All Children's.

Dunedin High School

Under the guidance of **Julie Bernard, at Mease Countryside Hospital, Amrita Amnay** had a delightful time working at the **Pediatrics Department** with **Sharon Cesare and Heidi Hunnicutt** and in **Maternity Department** with **Linda Bando and Kelly Siegel**. Amrita has learned a great deal about taking care of the babies, kids and the mothers with the help of everyone in both departments. She learned many techniques such as preparing cribs in the Maternity and preparing the rooms in the Pediatrics. She realized how different the two departments can be and now she is not sure what she would like to do in the future because she loves both departments. She definitely knows that she would love to work with the babies and kids.

Under the supervision of **Dr. Joel Murphy, Tobi Leotta and all the technicians of the Animal & Bird Medical Center of Palm Harbor, Robert L. Arroyo** was given the opportunity to observe and learn what a veterinarian's job really is. Robert has also work hands-on with animals and helped in any

manner possible. He observed how to work with surgeries, heartworms, fecal testing, and x-rays, which will help him start his college education with experience in the veterinary field. Robert has had the experience to observe the relationship between patients and owners, which are an important factor that helps the Doctors and technicians have a better understanding of the patient behavior and medical problems. After Robert's many experiences as an intern at the Animal & Bird Medical Center, he has more confidence in pursuing his college education in the veterinarian medical field.

Under the instruction of **Mary Iglehart of the State Attorney's Office, Nicole Hall** was able to observe the legal system hard at work. She had the opportunity to sit in on numerous trials from different divisions and was able to witness the various components of a trial. Nicole has had the experience of observing: pre-trials, jury selection, and opening and closing statements. During her internship, she observed the major 2012 trial involving the St. Petersburg Police and

Nicholas Lindsey. Nicole has had the pleasure of meeting judges and assistant state attorneys, while as an intern at the courthouse. The most enlightening experiences at the internship were the trials, and learning about the behind-the-scene preparation of an assistant state attorney before an appearance in front of a judge. Nicole Hall has had an incredible and worthwhile experience as an intern at the State Attorney's Office, and now is even more confident in pursuing her law degree!

Danielle Jordan had the wonderful opportunity under **Rich White at the Clearwater Community Sailing Center** to learn and excel in the sailing world. She was provided with so many great opportunities that could not have happened without him, such as teaching her own sailing and paddle board lessons and also becoming involved in racing. She is exciting about furthering her sailing career and hopefully making the Olympic Development Sailing Team while attending the United States Military Academy at West Point in the fall. At **Dunedin Highland Middle School**, under the direction of **Mr. David**

Bruce Mason, Elizabeth McCluskey acquired much more knowledge within the field of music education. Her internship taught her life lessons ranging far beyond a music note- the compassion she developed for all the students created the inspiration for her to learn more. As Ms. McCluskey leaves for the University of Central Florida in the fall, she would like to thank everyone involved in her internship: it has helped to shape her dreams.

East Lake High School

Through the help, knowledge, and advice of **Jeff Hartzog, Director of Operations at Ruth Eckerd Hall, Lisa Ford** participated in and saw the many aspects of public relations. Lisa worked backstage at shows, designed projects of her own, met with customers before and after shows, and worked with people from the **Marketing and Public Relations**. Lisa learned from **Katie Pedretty** about press releases and how to convince performers to put on shows at their organization. While she was not always working with the public relations

and marketing, Lisa has found many other aspects of working in a performing arts center interesting. She learned a great deal and enjoyed interning in the **Operations Department**, where she worked with customers and saw how everything is run behind the scenes. She also learned about the **Event Planning Department**, and learned how they plan weddings and the many other parties that are held at Ruth Eckerd Hall. It is through this experience that Lisa knows her goal to work in Public Relations and Marketing is one she will enjoy fulfilling.

Under the direction of **Azra Hakim at Ekren Physical Therapy Services, Allyson Frazier** learned what physical therapy is all about. From observing Azra to actually working hands-on with the patients, Allyson created a foundation for her future in this profession. Allyson was able to do everything from operating the Ultrasound/Electrical Stimulation machine, finishing gym exercises, to learning about the necessary tasks such as laundry and changing out table paper and pillow cases for the next patient to come. Allyson learned a lot but realized she has a

long way to go to master the fundamentals of physical therapy. Allyson is confident that Physical Therapy is the career path she will follow.

Under the guidance of **Shelby Nelson** and other employees of the **Toronto and Dunedin Blue Jays**, **Jonathan Glass** increased his desire to be a part of the sports world. Jonathan discovered the behind the scenes work of a baseball franchise and identified that it is the career for him. Jonathan was able to experience the day-to-day life of a franchise worker and saw that work can be fun as well as effective. He participated in such things as working as a bat boy during Spring Training and Florida State League games, he became fluent in tagging merchandise for the Jays shops, and also learned that the little tasks go a long way in the end. Jonathan learned that ultimately work does not seem like a hassle when you love what you do. He saw this daily with the way the staff carried themselves as well as the way they interacted with each other. This experience showed Jonathan that there are many jobs in sports and he surely will find one that he loves. Jonathan will continue his education at

Florida Southern and will major in Communications.

While working alongside **Audrey Ford** of **Palm Harbor Dermatology**, **Gracy Goyer** uncovered the truth about the field of dermatology that she never knew was there. She discovered that there is a lot more to dermatology than cosmetic beauty. **Gracy** had the opportunity to see a variety of patients and procedures with Audrey throughout the semester and concluded that surgery was where her passion lies. Though **Gracy** enjoyed her time at **Palm Harbor Dermatology** she decided to take her new found passion for surgery and study in the field of anesthesiology.

Under the supervision of **Len Milcowitz**, **General Manager** of **The Winning Inning**, **Ricky Logier** learned that being a general manager requires you to be able to do just about anything. GM's have to be able to do a wide variety of tasks ranging from field maintenance to setting up schedules or negotiating contracts. Ricky worked with **CEO Randy Holland**, to create a schedule for a men's baseball league. He also worked with **Len** to organize a JUCO

tournament and learned how to write a contract. Ricky found the most exciting thing that happened was finding out that he was successful in recruiting teams to play in the JUCO tournament. **Ricky's** experience has helped convince him that he wants to either be a GM or sports agent in the future.

Despina Lucas' journey through EIP since the fall semester helped her to confirm her desire to be a Gastroenterologist. During the spring semester, Despina had the privilege to intern at the **University of South Florida** with the **Ecosystems Technology Group**. Under the supervision of **David Fries**, Despina was able to work as a member of a team to help improve and develop equipment for better understanding of our ecosystem. She worked with new equipment and conducted her own experiments to help the team understand how they could put things to work for their benefit. This internship opened up her eyes to the world of engineering and its main principles. She decided to become a student at the University of South Florida to study Biomedical Engineering

before going on to Medical School.

Being a part of the **Clearwater Morton Plant Mease Hospital Witt 7 Department, Shelby Lucas** developed various insights. While working with the RNs and pediatricians on the floor she has had the opportunity of a lifetime. With the help from sponsor: **Ruth Anne Achterhof, Department Manager: Jackie Petri**, and the rest of the **Witt 7** family, Shelby was able to learn various things that will greatly help her and be a great asset to her future. I am sure that Shelby will forever be thankful and appreciative for the time spent at the Witt 7 department.

With its newly promoted **Chief, Dean O'Nale**, and his **Crew members, Oldsmar Fire Rescue Station 54** continued their training of **Executive Intern Reilly Nolan**, a native to Oldsmar and an Engineering student at East Lake High School in Tarpon Springs. Reilly was with the Station since October of 2011. Reilly loved to spend time at the station. He built a connection with the Station and its staff and never seemed to want to leave. On just about any day, Reilly could be found on

duty at the station. Under the ever so watchful eye of **Fire Fighter & Paramedic Kenney Ceron**, Reilly learned vital skills that he could not only use in a future career as a Fire fighter, but skills to help others in any field he goes into. Stress and time management are critical aspects of his internship that can be carried over into everyday life. He also learned that first aid skills are a very important skill, hopefully they are not needed to often, but these skills could make a huge difference if needed. Reilly is excited to pursue his EMT training and later pursue engineering.

At **Florida Hospital North Pinellas, Andrea Rosato** had the opportunity to work under the supervision of the **Educational Director, Melody Konrad**. The main area that Andrea was interested in was the OR where she had the chance to observe many different procedures, including learning how to completely scrub out before entering the operating room. She also shadowed a **PT, Amy Brenner, in the Physical Therapy Rehab Center** and watched her work with new as well as returning patients. The most exciting

thing that happened to Andrea was seeing **Dr. Arnold**, listed as second best in the nation, perform a kidney surgery using a laser to eliminate excess tissue that blocked the flow of urine. By having this internship, Andrea discovered that nursing was not for her and that she wants to focus on becoming someone who works in the OR or in physical therapy.

An experience full of growth and learning was provided this semester for **Olivia Valdez** through the Executive Internship Program. Olivia worked closely with the **Marketing Department of the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority** under the guidance of her sponsor, **Bob Lasher**. She learned marketing requires a lot of networking with businesses and homeowners. She enjoyed many informative tasks such as assisting in the start up of a new route system in North County, organizing data gathered from commuter surveys, and sitting in on various staff meetings and presentations. Olivia plans to continue her studies in marketing and is thankful for the exposure to the industry she gained under the supervision of PSTA.

Under the direction of **Dave Cook and Mike Roy at WPDS TV 14, Pinellas County Schools, Erin Wronka** learned many of the ins and outs of broadcasting. From working behind the camera to being in front of it, Erin tried out every aspect of creating a package. Some of the interesting things she reported on included prom fashion trends and the Humane Society of Pinellas County, and she also had the opportunity to learn new makeup trends. Erin knows that there is so much to learn about broadcasting, but she is hopeful her future will include it in some way.

Gibbs High School

Up and coming music mogul **Donnie Adams** is making major moves at **BIG 3 Entertainment**, with the guidance of **Amy Rench, Project Manager** and all of the other helpful **staff and technicians**. The studio intern learned how to conduct music business and had the opportunity for hands-on experience with studio software. Donnie has big plans for the future; he hopes to put out some really big acts. When asked, "How does he feel about the type of man he's becoming?", Donnie

replied, " I feel like I'm becoming an ambassador to my generation."

After shadowing **Christine Booth and Katie Knupp**, both **Resident Doctors** at the **All Children's Hospital Emergency Center, Kori Johnson** realized that the medical field was much more complicated than she thought it would be. The staff need a copious amount of hard-work and patience to keep business flowing and to keep the patients cared for and satisfied. The thing that Kori found most interesting was being able to watch the doctors perform various procedures on patients. Although it is very fast paced, Kori's experience in the emergency center had influenced her to continue pursuing a career in the medical field.

Lakewood High School

There were no students from Lakewood High School during the spring semester.

Largo High School

Thanks to **Lauren Dellert, Supervisor of Education Programs at the**

Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Lisa Rickards was able to get an idea of what really goes on in the marine biology world. Lisa witnessed sea turtle surgeries, routine check-ups with the famous "Winter" the dolphin, and daily feedings of the resident animals at CMA. She gave education presentations on the residents, was a "mate" on the Sea-Life Safari tour, and learned all about otters, dolphins, sea turtles, stingrays and various other sea life. Lisa's experience through the Executive Internship Program reinforced to her that a career in marine science is her true desire.

Northeast High School

With the support of **Jim Wilson, Fort De Soto's Park Supervisor, Monica Craig** learned what is involved in being a park manager in a coastal park. Mr. Wilson and his staff took Monica "under their wings" and allowed her to work with them on numerous projects, including helping patrons in various capacities, leading field trips, and conducting general maintenance tasks in the park. By herself, Monica

recently rescued a brown pelican that was entangled in monofilament line and had several hooks in its beak and wings after the rangers taught her the proper procedures when rescuing birds. Through her internship at Fort De Soto Park, Monica reaffirmed her desire to become a park manager after college.

Continuing at the **City of St. Petersburg Water Resources Department** under the sponsorship of **George Cassady, Andy Huynh** was continually exposed to the amount of problem solving required in the engineering world. Greatly collaborating with **Ralph Craig**, the **Hydrogeologist** for the department, and exchanging ideas with the **Division Project Manager, John Parks**, Andy used spreadsheets to compile years of operations data to find a solution to an urgently growing issue at a wastewater plant. In doing so, his ability to compile, analyze, and present data greatly improved. Andy also understood the use of the basic principles of physics in order to explain strange phenomena that are causing various issues. Andy's experience at the City of St. Petersburg

further solidified his resolve to be a chemical engineer.

Under the guidance of **Thomas Gibson at the City of St. Petersburg's Engineering and Capital Improvements Department, Connor Miles** discovered that being a civil engineer requires immense attention to detail and dedicated hard work. Connor completed many projects for **Thomas Gibson and Carlos Frey** including bridge analysis and developing customized engineering spreadsheets. Connor also went into the field with **Brejash Prayman** to view bridge construction and mast arm traffic signal installations. Connor's experience at the City of St. Petersburg has reinforced his long term goal of becoming a civil engineer.

From observing the heart to watching respiratory therapy, **Katherine Rattanachane** was able to witness amazing procedures with the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs, R.R.T., Administrative Director of Medical Education at Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute**. From experiencing the fast pace cycle of the **Emergency**

Room to simply observing **X-Rays**, Katherine was able to get more than just a feel of what real medical environments are like. This exposure allowed her to not only become familiar with what is awaiting her in the future but also taught her real life lessons that will follow her throughout her life.

Osceola Fundamental High School

Interning at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Nathan Callaway** continued his education in the wonderful world of marine biology. With the help of his sponsor **Lauren Dellert, Supervisor of Education Programs at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium**, and the rest of the **CMA family**, Nathan learned all about the types of marine animals that he hopes to work with one day. He is excited to take what he learns with him to future steps in his life and the marine biology field. Nathan is extremely grateful for this fantastic opportunity.

Jason Adams, Assistant General Manager/Ticketing for the Philadelphia Phillies and Clearwater

Threshers Baseball Club allowed **Jakob Fritz** to see the true world of a **Sports Marketer**. Jakob learned more about Sports Marketing every time he walked into the **Ticket Office**. Being able to see what Jason did on a daily basis allowed Jakob to really learn if he wanted to major in Sports marketing in college. Because of his opportunity with the Executive Internship Program, Jakob grew as a Sports Marketer everyday he interned at **Bright House Network Field, Home of the Clearwater Threshers!**

Savannah Fuss was given the remarkable opportunity to uncover the aspects behind the marketing and entertainment industry as an intern at **Radio Disney, Tampa** alongside her supervisors **Todd Loomis, Station Manager and Florimar Galdon, Promotions Manager**. They allowed Savannah to express herself in a fun and professional environment as a part of the **Radio Disney Road Crew**. Between promotional events at elementary schools and editing station re-caps and newsletters, the experience allowed Savannah to grow as an employee, an entertainer, and a student as a whole.

Savannah will continue to explore her options in the communications field thanks to the motivation she received through Radio Disney and her fellow employees.

Under the guidance of **Paige Brett, Director of Patient relations at Largo Medical Center, Marissa Lazo** had the incredible opportunity to shadow in the **Ambulatory Surgical Unit, Operating Room, Emergency Room, Pharmacy and the Lab Department**. Over the past year, this was an especially thought-provoking experience for Marissa. She witnessed her first surgery, felt the satisfaction of working with patients, and saw that underneath the microscope there exists a whole new world. Marissa gained an even greater passion for a future career in medicine and took critical personal and professional skills from this experience.

With direction from **Doris McKinney, 1st Grade Teacher, and Diana Dumais, Lower School Principal at Keswick Christian School, Jacqueline Roller** learned the joys as well as the difficulties of being a Christian elementary school teacher. Jacqueline

worked with the students, whom she realized are the reasons for every teacher's drive to keep teaching. Jacqueline learned that when a child's face lights up because he or she finally solved a simple math problem, you realize what teaching is all about. Jacqueline got to experience that first-hand as she taught lessons, graded many papers, worked to keep students on task, and played games to keep the students' minds active. Jacqueline loved the feeling of being in front of the classroom, ready to enrich minds, even if she jumbled up a few words or dropped something. Through this experience Jacqueline discovered that teaching is definitely the career for her.

Kathy Jacobs, Director of Medical Education at Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute provided **Philip Russo** an opportunity to continue his educational journey through each department as an intern. Philip was able to grow upon his first visit to each department as his prior knowledge had been strengthened. Being able to observe various new procedures enabled Philip to broaden his horizons

and develop new interests in the medical profession. Having this opportunity to further pursue and decide his ultimate interest in the hospital environment, Philip is only further establishing his future in the medical field. Being able to be afforded this opportunity was priceless to Philip and every minute he spent at Northside Hospital was only a benefactor to his individual growth.

Under the supervision of **Tina Suleiman, Kindergarten Teacher at Starkey Elementary, Brittany Surls** realized that being a teacher is a lot harder than it looks. Brittany was able to participate in a variety of activities such as assisting with math, science, and writing lessons. She was also able to work with the students on art activities, go on a field trip, spend full days in the classroom, prepare a lesson, and attend a class on Making Sense of Phonics. Brittany discovered that teaching is very rewarding and will study Elementary Education at Southeastern University in the fall. She is thankful for the instruction given to her by Tina Suleiman and learned just what it takes to be a teacher.

Palm Harbor University High School

Ryan Carrubba was lucky to have two wonderful sponsors, **Ken Miklos and Bridget Bohnet, both teachers at Clearwater Fundamental Middle School**, teach him the realities of being a teacher. Ryan now believes that being a middle school teacher is probably one of the hardest positions in the educational system. Ryan saw the daily tasks that they repeat up to six times a day, and saw how they are able to keep their cool when dealing with a disruptive student. Ryan's tasks included working with smaller groups of students to where he eventually taught an entire class a full lesson plan. Ryan's time at Clearwater Fundamental has influenced his career choice in being teacher has moved further in a positive direction. Ryan feels that more time with Ken Miklos and Bridget Bohnet will help him in becoming a memorable teacher in the future.

Under the supervision of **Alicia Harding, Laurie Walton, and all the technicians and doctors at Westlake Animal Hospital, Emma Jones** was given the continuing

opportunity of learning what it is really like to be a veterinarian. Emma not only observed various surgeries, but she also was able to work hands-on with the animals on a regular basis. Learning from five different doctors at the hospital gave Emma many new lessons from varying perspectives. She learned many behind-the-scenes procedures in the lab such as heartworm and fecal testing, which will help her begin her education in the veterinary field with a solid background. Being able to see the relationship between veterinarian, patient, and client opened Emma's eyes to how an animal hospital is run. After Emma's many experiences as an intern at Westlake Animal Hospital, she confirmed her plan of studying veterinary medicine in her upcoming years in college.

While working with **Shelby Nelson at the Dunedin Blue Jays** facilities **Austin Reed** had an opportunity that he could have never even dreamed of. He was surrounded by **Major League Baseball players from the Toronto Blue Jays** all spring long. He interned a great deal with **Vince and Nate** learning game day promotions,

during the baseball games. Austin really learned valuable knowledge in the **Sport Management** field of business. This internship really gave light to the possibilities of the Sport Management job market, and Austin believes that he will pursue a Sport Management degree at Florida State University.

Laura Sims continued to learn all she could about criminal law at **The State Attorney's Office** with the assistance and supervision from **Ali (Mary) Iglehart**. Laura observed more trials and observed new proceedings. Analyzing evidence remained a favorite action of Laura's to perform, and she learned how to write discoveries. Laura decided that she will pursue a career in criminal law, and possibly become a judge in the future.

Working under **Stefan Wagner at Do Just IT Corp, Kevin Wagner** learned about IT and the running of a small business. Kevin discovered that owning and running a business is extremely involved and requires many skills and a lot of organization. Kevin accompanied Stefan Wagner on many onsite jobs, assisting and even completing some jobs on

his own. Kevin removed viruses from computers, replaced hard drives, and helped diagnose and repair network issues. Kevin really enjoyed his time working with Stefan Wagner and believes this experience will be instrumental to his future success.

Working at **Mease Dunedin Hospital, Ona Wong** had the opportunity to work with the **Radiology and Pharmacy Department** this spring semester. Ona was surrounded by intelligent and kind technicians. She worked with an array of technicians and departments. Ona learned a lot of valuable knowledge that she will take with her into the medical field. Ona will pursue her career as a **Diagnostic Medical Sonographer** and she is so ever grateful to have had this opportunity.

Pinellas Park High School

With the help of **District Chief Robert Dixon, Karina Badillo** was given the opportunity of interning for the **Pinellas Park Fire Department at Station 34**. While under the supervision of **Lt. Dean Sheperd in C Shift,**

Karina gained a lot of knowledge about the fire department that she did not know before. She learned about fire safety and patient care. She went out on calls with the engine and fire rescue to get real hands-on experience. Throughout the semester she saw traffic accidents and many other ailments and tragedies. Karina was able to help with equipment and even with patients. Most of all Karina became a part of a team in every shift. Everyone welcomed Karina with open arms and Karina got to know them all very well. While learning a great deal at the station, Karina enjoyed herself above and beyond.

Kathy Bowman, Legal Entity Coordinator at Jabil Circuit Inc., has been a great sponsor towards **Emma Nicolas**. Through Kathy's supervision Emma was able to adapt to Jabil as an employee rather than an intern. Emma learned about Iron Mountain a database used to store original documents to an offsite facility. Emma would like to give thanks to **Kathy Bowman, Debbie Keblin**, and others who have helped her through her internship at Jabil Circuit Inc.

**St. Petersburg
High School**

Pinellas County Schools, WPDS Channel 14 and their **TV Operations Manager, David Cook**, provided **Kelsey Crawford** the opportunity to observe the many different aspects of the communications world. Kelsey had the chance to gain on-camera experience, conduct interviews, learn how to properly use filming equipment and how to edit shows. Thanks to the Channel 14 crew, Kelsey enjoyed her time at WPDS very much. While her exact career path is undecided, her internship helped Kelsey in deciding to double major in communications and marketing at the University of Central Florida.

Katie Keefer has done some fun and interesting things at **Blanton Elementary School!** Alongside her sponsor and mentor **Debra Holland, Guidance Counselor**, Katie had the incredible opportunity to improve the education and lives of some fabulous elementary school children. Katie learned the problems that children face daily and learned as well as taught how to cope with life's

problems through running group and individual counseling sessions, leading classroom guidance, and implementing improvement plans. Katie explored her interest in child psychology and she plans to continue this exploration throughout her college experience!

Continuing to work with **Kerry Fox at Bay Pines Medical VA, Abigail Keller** was able to increase her knowledge of **Physical Therapy**. Transporting patients to various points in the hospital, Abigail was able to observe medical aspects outside of the Physical Therapy department. Abigail also observed and worked with **Chris Rooney, Frank Rossi, and Ryland Galmish, Physical Therapists at Bay Pines**. Abigail assisted the therapists in any way possible with tasks such as preparing hot and cold packs, assembling walkers, and changing the table sheets. Abigail was influenced by the total knee replacement surgery she viewed and is now interested in pursuing a career in nursing.

Working directly with **Jeffrey Kamis at the Tampa Bay Rowdies**,

Christina Rosetti experienced many new and exciting things. Christina was able to work numerous Rowdies games and meet most of the professional soccer team players. She had also been given the privilege of composing several articles for the team website. Christina is excited to further her learning in the field of advertising and public relations and is happy to have the experience she gained with the **Tampa Bay Rowdies**.

Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute and their Director of Medical Education, Kathy Jacobs, provided **Kira Schmitz** the opportunity to observe different departments in the hospital every two weeks. While finding the various procedures performed in each department exciting to witness, Kira realized they became routine to the professionals performing the procedure on a daily basis. Kira enjoyed applying what she was learning in Anatomy and Physiology class to real medical cases. After experiencing what working in a hospital is really like, Kira has a great respect for healthcare professionals, but has decided not to

pursue a career in
medicine.

**Seminole
High School**

There were no students
from Seminole High
School during the spring
semester.

**Tarpon Springs
High School**

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from Tarpon Springs High
School during the spring
semester.