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It is my pleasure to compile and distribute the Executive Internship Program newsletter for the 2012-2013 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

**Boca Ciega
High School**

With the guidance of **Dr. Tracy McGaughey, Pharmacist, at Walgreens Pharmacy, Zhaina Bryant** got the opportunity to live the life of a pharmacist for a couple months. There are a lot of challenges that come along with this profession that Zhaina witnessed Dr. Tracy and her team of pharmacy technicians overcome. Zhaina finds the profession very interesting and has plans to continue with her interest in pharmacy. Walgreens Pharmacy has given Zhaina numerous opportunities to become mature and make herself a better individual.

While under the guidance of **Michele Frommer**, at Lakewood and Maximo Elementary, **Chrystal Lovett** experienced that being a school Occupational Therapist isn't as easy as it may seem. Dealing with delayed and children with autism comes with a whole package plus more. From one-on-one sessions to class sessions with the students can seem to be a

challenge. Depending on the day and how the students behavior is depends on the outcome of the session. Not all are pretty. Some may be calm and easy going, while others can lead to flying scissors and outrageous actions. Chrystal has observed many sessions and has learned a lot from **Michele Frommer** on how to handle the many different situations that can occur during the sessions with the students. Her experience has convinced her that a career with children is still bright, but Chrystal wants to explore other careers working with children.

Under the supervision of **Amy Rench of Big 3 Entertainment Group, Chabreia Tinson** identified that being a Project Manager is not an easy breeze. There are a lot of deadlines that need to be met when working with recording artists. **Chabreia** observed **Amy Rench and the staff** working collaboratively with the artist's ideas, publicity for the artists and managing the label. **Chabreia** found the creative process intriguing and rewarding.

Chabreia's experience has convinced her to take a career in music production into consideration.

Chabreia Tinson also successfully participated in a summer internship at **VCA Noah's Place Animal Medical Center** under the guidance of the **Veterinarians, Practice Manager and staff.**

**Clearwater
High School**

Under the direction of **Kathy Jacobs, Administrative Director of Medical Education at Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute, Kristen Elliott** has been presented the chance to take a deeper look into her upcoming future. Three days a week, Kristen comes in around lunch time and is a shadow to a variety of departments at Northside Hospital. In two week segments, she gets to shadow anyone from the department she is placed in. So far, Kristen has seen the **Emergency Medicine department (ER), every division of Radiology, the Operating Room (OR), Catheterization Lab, and**

has followed a group of **Hospitalists** around. If it weren't for the nurses, doctors, and Residents throughout the hospital, Kristen wouldn't have gotten much out of this astounding experience that has influenced Kristen's career decision. She definitely wants to attend a Florida university with a great medical school after she receives her undergraduate degree. Kristen is looking further into the Hospitalist department of medicine; she loves talking to patients and helping them get better. If it weren't for **Ms. Kathy Jacobs**, Kristen would still be in the dark about which specific field to look into.

Under the direction of **Jennifer Hopkins-Flory** at **Skycrest Elementary School**, **Paige McNeill** learned that being a Guidance Counselor isn't just talking to kids, it's so much more. It includes help in shaping a child into a smart, confident individual. **Jennifer** does class lessons in the Strong Kid book as well as lessons on how to express oneself in appropriate ways, handle emotions and bullying prevention. **Paige** has learned that these children are very important to **Jennifer** and that you

have to be able to word things appropriately for children of such young age to help them understand without saying the wrong things. **Paige's** favorite part was getting to teach all of the kindergarten classes because of her love for that specific age group. The internship for **Paige** was an amazing experience and helped her decide that she would love to get into a career helping elementary aged children.

Countryside High School

With the help of **Jason Adams, the Assistant General Manager-Ticketing, and the Clearwater Threshers, Sydney Campbell** is considering a career in baseball management. Sydney has learned that there is still much to do during the off season; this is the time to prepare for the upcoming season because once spring is here it is all baseball, all the time! The preparation includes discussing new and old promotional ideas and determining the ticket prices. Sydney wanted the overall experience of baseball management, and she likes the public relations and promotional aspect of baseball. Sydney has given the opportunity

to sit in on "creative meetings" and learn how to schedule a promotional season for a future baseball game. During one specific meeting the staff was trying to determine a promotional event that would appeal to the younger crowd. They asked for Sydney's opinion, and everyone really liked the idea and is considering it for the next season. Sydney was also given the opportunity to help plan and accomplish a promotional event that the **Clearwater Threshers** has done for many years. Everyone really appreciated the help and the new creative ideas. The overall experience for Sydney was unforgettable. She will take all of the knowledge she has learned and use it in the future when she manages her own sports team.

Through the guidance and support of **Anamari Mena, Community Planner**, along with the entire **Planning and Community Development & Engineering Department at the City of Safety Harbor, Hannah Fraccalvieri**, was introduced to new technology, resources, and best of all knowledge that have allowed her to enjoy her chosen career as an

Engineer. During her outstanding internship with **the City** she engaged herself with hands-on activities like overseeing construction sites and also learning AutoCAD, software that she mastered successfully. Her sponsors allowed her to be fully involved in any activity that they were working on. Hannah's experience has convinced her that a career in Engineering is still her ambition.

Within the direction of **Kathy Jacobs at Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute, Abigail Mills** was exposed to several areas of the hospital and how each department is structured. Whether it was watching the hectic pace in the Emergency Room, or learning about small, but fatal blockages in the Catheterization lab, she discovered that there was always something new to see and absorb. There was a lot of hard work and dedication within the hospital walls, but so many people took it upon themselves to explain their jobs and duties on a personal level. Abigail observed numerous procedures in each department, and saw how they impacted each individual. Seeing the

impact the hospital staff and procedures had on patients has further deepened Abigail's passion to pursue medicine, and she will be forever grateful for this one of a kind opportunity.

Under the overseeing of **Kathy Jacobs of Northside Hospital and Tampa Bay Heart Institute, Kalaya Morel** perceived that being an **Internist Physician** is not all about the prefix DR. in front of a name. There is a lot of responsibility held by the Internist. **Kalaya** watched and listened to **Dr. Mark Stine D.O.** and **Dr. Rebecca Bertsh D.O. PGY3**, and she learned how to take in every factor into consideration when diagnosing patients and she helped understand causes for diseases. She realized that Internal Medicine is crucial in helping people. **Kalaya's** perspective on her experience has led her to a future career in Internal Medicine.

Under the guidance of **Rebekah Mason** at the **City of Safety Harbor Marketing Department, Keaton Murray** discovered that there is a lot of hard work that goes into the signs that you always see on the streets.

There are a lot of projects and creative work that goes into marketing. **Keaton** has learned that there are many aspects to this job and you must be good at a variety of tasks to succeed. **Keaton** worked on different projects and tasks. He is still unsure on what he wants to do for a career as he gets older.

Under the guidance of **Todd Minear** at the **Performance Rehab Institute & Sports Medicine Clinic, Hollie Sterling** had the opportunity in gaining an insight look into the professional world of Physical Therapy. **Hollie** was able to work alongside with **Todd Minear** and **Courtney Labelle** assisting them with patients in completing daily clinical activities. **Hollie** was able to learn about strengthening exercises and stretches for certain injuries, the technological aspects of the modality machines, how to comprehend exercise flow sheets, file patient charts and most of all how important it is to converse and bond with the patients in a professional, and thorough manner. She found the paperwork load that comes with each patient isn't as simplistic as it seems to be. Although

Hollie's experience has not fully convinced her to pursue a career in Physical Therapy, she is so appreciative of the time that **Todd Minear** and the **PRISM** family contributed to making her internship a lovely, fascinating and knowledgeable experience and is definitely considering this field as a career option.

Dixie Hollins High School

There were no students from Dixie Hollins High School for the fall 2012 semester.

Dunedin High School

While working at **Suncoast Architecture & Engineering** under the direction of **Keith Burnett, President and CEO** and **Project Manager, Trushar Patel, Elvir Ciceklic** exposed some insights about the career he has chosen to pursue. Elvir's career choice prior to Suncoast was architecture. But as he assisted Trushar with many projects he realized that maybe architecture was not as good a career fit as he first thought. But then some opportunities were revealed to Elvir, he was able to work with

Suncoast's Head Engineer, Steve Moraga.

As he expanded his knowledge about the engineering aspect of designing through creating projects for **Steve** in the program AutoCAD, **Elvir** grew more intrigued with it. While working extremely hard at **Suncoast Architecture & Engineering**, it has motivated Elvir to lean more towards the engineering side of designing.

During his time interning at **The State Attorney's Office Jonathan Dos Santos** learned many new things. From the first trial he viewed to the last trial he viewed there was always something new that caught his attention and made him want to pursue law even more. His favorite memory is that of meeting and shaking hands with **Judge Paul Levine** who was shocked to find out he was only a high school intern, not a college intern. Along with **Judge Paul Levine, Jonathan** met many other judges such as; **Judge John Carballo** and **Judge Susan Bedinghaus**. We are all sure that Jonathan will never forget the once in a lifetime experience he had when he interned at **The State Attorney's**

Office and he plans to pursue a law career.

Under the direction of **Melody Konrad of Florida Hospital North Pinellas, Nguyen Luu** discovered that working in a hospital was not as hectic as it seemed. While some days are fast and busy, many are more routine days. **Nguyen** experienced several departments, including the **Operating Room, the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, the Pharmacy, Physical Therapy, and Radiology**. He was able to shadow people such as **Amy Brenner** and **Dr. Louis Astra** and to observe physical therapy as well as live surgery. **Nguyen** was able to examine x-rays, CT scans and MRI's as well. He found that he actually was not a match for some areas, but also that the medical field was as fascinating as he had previously thought. **Nguyen's** experience has persuaded him that career in the medical field is truly his ambition.

With **Phyllis Kolianos, Manager, and Libby Carnahan of the Weedon Island Preserve Cultural and Natural History Center** and archaeologist, as his sponsor **Sean McGowan** learned that the

field of archaeology is not at all like an Indiana Jones movie. He saw that archaeology was in fact a thorough, detail-oriented field, and was not quite as fast paced as some of the Indiana Jones movies, everything from the research, investigating, and processing the findings required utmost precision and accuracy. As an intern at **Weedon Island Preserve**, **Sean McGowan** worked primarily on researching, and constructing a historically accurate diorama about the shelter used by the ancient people of Weedon Island. He also assisted with sorting the findings from a dig and helped in the preservation of a 1,100 year old dugout canoe which was found on the Island back in 2007. It was exciting for him to assist in the process that creates and records history. After interning at Weedon Island Preserve, Sean decided that he may want to become an archaeologist or something related in the range of social sciences.

East Lake High School

Through her great learning experience, **Jordan Botsch** found herself challenged at the **State Attorney's Office** under

the supervision of **Erin Isdell. Jordan** got to experience first-hand how difficult it is to be a state attorney, and how much time is needed. **Jordan** was able to help with evidence and got the chance to watch trials take place. **Jordan** was able to determine the differences between the trials and different charges. **Jordan** even got to help with a theft trial! She found the process being intriguing and would like to continue pursuing this career.

Jordan also successfully completed a summer 2012 internship with the **Tarpon Springs Police Department**, under the supervision of **Captain Barbara Templeton**.

Under the guidance and encouragement of **Jasmine Palacio** at the **Lockheed Martin** manufacturing facility, **Shane Chavez** realized how much work goes into the manufacturing of products. Hours of hard work is put in, to keep things running efficiently, safely, and timely. **Shane** was taught very well how to use multiple computer programs like Solumnia, Ease, and DesTip/Map, by **Cindy Osario**, and **Nathan Brown**. He became very proficient at

filing under the instruction of **Brenda Ramos**. **Shane** was intrigued when he got to see the actual manufacturing take place. **Shane's** experiences helped make his decision that engineering is still a potential career for him but he will explore other types of engineering other than industrial engineering.

Through the wonderful guidance and knowledge of **Dr. Stephanie Van Zandt, Marisa Hammond** discovered that **OB/GYN's** have a lot more on their plate than what one would assume. They also give up a lot more time and energy than one might think they would. **OB/GYN'S** always have to be ready to go because they don't only have the task of seeing patients at an office like most doctors do. This is because when on call, **OB/GYNs** have to be prepared at any hour of the day to deliver babies. **Dr. Stephanie Van Zandt** says this is an important aspect to think about before choosing obstetrics and gynecology as a career, because babies don't take appointments and it can be a very tiring career. However, Marisa found that if you are passionate about what you do, like **Dr. Stephanie Van Zandt**, then it will be

more rewarding than anything. Watching women give birth was the most amazing thing she had ever seen. Overall, Marisa's experience with **Dr. Stephanie Van Zandt** was nothing but amazing. It was completely eye opening and convinced her that a career in medicine will definitely be in her future.

Under the watch of **Dr. Kristin and Dr. David Burch at Ridgemoor Dental Arts, Taylor Henry** has learned that there's a lot more to your dentists visit than you think. With the help of the assistants **Renee Elie**, and **Heather Mabee**, she has learned how their position is just as important as the dentists to complete a successful procedure. With the help of **Kay Carazola, Melody Dixon, and Lisa Paprocki**, Taylor learned the hard work that goes into the scheduling of patients, insurance claims, billing, and keeping the office running. She has learned all about crown, fillings, implants, and veneer procedures. She has progressed very well in her studies over all in the dental office. Taylor has discovered just how badly she wants to pursue her future in the dental field.

Under the direction of **Melody Konrad at Florida Hospital North Pinellas, James Hickman** discovered that Hospitals are not what they seem on TV. There are many phone calls to be made to schedule patients. Friendly transporters such as **Stan Revell** transport patients from their room to the CT scan room, MRI suite, and many other places across the Hospital. In the OR, **James Hickman** observed many procedures and learned a lot from the teachings and observation of surgeons **Paul Arnold** in urology and **Louis Astra** a cardiothoracic and vascular surgeon as well as a general surgeon. Watching a surgery was an exhilarating and extraordinary learning experience for **James Hickman**. His experiences at **Florida Hospital North Pinellas** have convinced him that a career in the medical field is exactly what he wants to do.

Tiffany Lyp will always be grateful for **Brenda Baughman and Marilyn Waldorf from the Wildlife Haven Rehab** for giving her the opportunity to work with the wildlife animals such as raccoons, deer, horses, ducks, donkeys, goats. Tiffany learned about the animals'

injuries and the process to get them back in the wild and what we can do to help them thrive in nature instead of injuring these precious animals. Tiffany Lyp said "my sponsors change their lifestyle for the animals as they work during the day and take care of the animals at night or they sleep all day to stay up all night feeding the animals. How many other people willingly would change their lifestyles for that? Not many." Tiffany watched firsthand how busy these women are with telephones ringing 24/7, feeding babies every few hours, bathing the other animals and cleaning their cages. Tiffany was able to name some of the babies, cuddle, and play and feed the raccoons. She definitely respects **Brenda, her husband, John and Marilyn** and what they do. All of Tiffany's life she always wanted to make a difference and this internship helped her fulfill that goal. Tiffany loved working with the animals one-on-one and learning from the phenomenal people just exactly what they do in their everyday lives. **Wildlife Haven Rehab** will always hold a special place in Tiffany's heart because of the mission statement from **Wildlife Haven Rehab**

(Rescue, Rehab, and Release) and for all the special memories she will have. This was definitely a once in a lifetime experience for Tiffany that she will keep forever. Tiffany wants to thank Brenda and Marilyn for taking time out of their busy schedules to teach her, for allowing her to help at the internship and for the Executive Internship Program for this incredible experience.”

Under the support and guidance of **Nicole Wetzel, Lauren Dellert, and Erica Clark** (Summer, 2012), **Tiffany Lyp** learned of the different animals, their stories, injuries, and prevention of the injuries at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**. She gained knowledge about the marine animals and the touch tank animals; she loved telling guests about these incredible species and saw their reactions as they touch a sea urchin or learn about how a lightning whelk reproduces through an egg sac. Tiffany enjoyed going on the Sea Life Safari boat in which she participated in a net pull to catch fish and other sea creatures for research for the Florida Fish and Wildlife as they kept a tally of what species they

caught. She is also thankful to the volunteers who mentored her: **Bobbie Crouch, Brittany Slingsby, Ashley Kusklis, Lizzie Garcia** along with **Nicole Wetzel, Erica Clark, and Lauren Dellert** for helping her along the way by completing goals that taught her about the organization and the animals living there.

While under the command **Chief Dean O’Nale, Shane Nolan** saw the everyday life of **EMT/Paramedics at Station 54 Oldsmar Fire/Rescue**. Interning four days per week at lunch, **Shane Nolan** rode with the crew to any calls sent to **Station 54 Oldsmar Fire/Rescue dispatch**. Working day to day with the three crews led by **(A-shift) LT. Ranay Niemna (B-Shift) Capt. Jerry Gabardi (C-Shift) Lt. Tom Ott, Shane** learned vital insights about the role of an EMT and Paramedic. The administration was extremely friendly and always there to make sure that Shane’s questions were answered. Shane is seeking to go to Germany next year and will use his skills that he learned at **Station 54 Oldsmar Fire/Rescue** to hopefully

become a volunteer Fireman while there. Shane also hopes to use the skills given to him by **Station 54 Oldsmar Fire/Rescue** to help him when he joins the United States Coast Guard. If it were not for **Chief Dean O’Nale**, Shane would not have found out how level headed he can stay under pressure.

Gibbs High School

There were no students from Gibbs High School for the fall 2012 semester.

Lakewood High School

Thanks to **David Fries head of USF College of Marine Science Ecosystem Technology Group, Gage Burdick** had the chance to learn the qualifications and daily life of a scientist. It's not what everyone thinks at first, going lab coats sitting behind a lab bench all day mixing chemicals, there is actual paper work and a lot of research. He was given the opportunity to work with **Geran Barton, Gary Hendrick, and Bryan Gregson**, who showed him the daily life of an actual scientist. He helped them with research certain topics and was able to perform small experiments. **Gage**

has learned that he wants to pursue a career Environmental studies or marine science but has learned that he does not want to specialize in technology-related fields.

Largo High School

There were no students from Largo High School for the fall 2012 semester.

Northeast High School

Under the wonderful supervision of **Nilsa Holmes, Sexton Elementary and Northshore Elementary's Occupational therapist, Courtney Condon's** eyes were open to a whole new experience. Courtney was always interested in Occupational Therapy but working with **Nilsa Courtney** got a better understanding of O.T. and has been committed to the field ever since. Helping the children with tasks that their disabilities prevented them from doing was very fun to Courtney. One day **Nilsa** allowed Courtney to give fourteen kids a writing strokes test, where she tested these children on what pre-writing strokes the children could write and which ones they couldn't. She found out

that it isn't always easy working with these children but the feeling you get after helping a child couldn't be better. This internship has provided **Courtney** with just enough information to get her ready to pursue a Health Sciences Degree in college. Overall the internship has been a great experience for **Courtney** and has opened her to the pros and cons of Occupational Therapy.

Sabrina Costa was an intern at **Walgreens Pharmacy** under the supervision of **Linda Parsons, Pharmacist**. She learned all about the pharmacy and how to be a pharmacist, from finding, filling and giving the prescription to the correct patient to all the paperwork needed to document all the medications, prescriptions and daily actions. What **Sabrina** liked best about working in the pharmacy was the variety of tasks at hand. Throughout her days interning **Sabrina** helped customers drop off or receive a prescription, answer the phone calls of numerous questions customers had, she helped with the documentation of medications shipped in and out of the pharmacy, the organization of the pharmacy and medications,

and **Sabrina** also helped with daily activities such as pulling medications off the shelf for the pharmacy technician to fill, placing the prescriptions in the right order to be picked up by customers. **Sabrina's** experience has convinced her that a career as a Pharmacist is the perfect career choice for her.

With the help of the Multimedia Coordinators **Lisa Wolf** and **Wallace Patanow** at the **Pinellas County's Office of Strategic Communications, Victoria Horn** discovered that being on camera isn't at all as easy as it looks. There is a lot of behind the scenes work that occurs when off camera. **Victoria** sought assistance from the **General Manager Sean Clark** and other **Multimedia Coordinators, Dale Bottum, Ilyce Forman,** and **Elizabeth Johnson** when it came to editing, shooting, and when to being on camera. She found out that the journalism career is quite fascinating. **Victoria** realized she does not want to pursue a career in Strategic Communications, but it gave her exposure to a field of journalism which she wants to pursue.

Under the direction of **Ed Corley, Manufacturing Engineer Manager of Jabil's Defense and Aerospace Services (JDAS), Elizabeth McMaster** discovered valuable facets about engineering project management. **Elizabeth** was assigned several major projects designed to assist the engineering team and **Ed Corley, the Engineering Manager of JDAS**. These projects included research and analysis of the reasons causing production downtime, measurement of air particle concentration levels in the manufacturing floor, and locating data sheets and/or specifications, part numbers, and stock locations for approximately 400 stock items. She carries with her familiarity of SAP, a business management software package, and production line terminology and logistics gained when assisting **Ed Corley**. This experience has provided insight into both the leadership required to manage engineers, and the communication skills needed to interact with customers, expertise necessary to be an engineering project manager. **Elizabeth's**

internship at **Jabil's Defense and Aerospace Services** has reinforced her pursuance in studying engineering and her eventual career path of project management engineering.

Osceola Fundamental High School

By the courtesy of **Dustin Hapli, FM Operations Manager, Michael Basso** received the privilege of working alongside the **WUSF crew**. In his time there **Michael** discovered that there is a lot more to a radio station than the guy behind the microphone. **Michael's** everyday tasks included making sure the next few days of music was in the system, and he downloaded and input extended information about each song. The greatest lesson learned was that individuals in charge of the most important workings of the station often go un-noticed. This experience helped **Michael** to become aware of all the behind-the-scenes components of radio broadcasting. **Michael** still aspires someday to become the man behind the microphone.

Through the guidance and support of **Erica Clark**, education coordinator at

Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Kayla Bell discovered that working at the aquarium is more about educating guest than working with animals. She was a mate on the boat helping count the fish population and showing fish to the guest. She also presented three of the five presentations and answered questions from the guest. **Kayla** has had a wonderful experience interning at the aquarium, and has decided to go more in depth in studying marine biology.

Clearwater Marine Aquarium's Fintastic Photo business owner, **Jim Barbieri**, is very pleased to be announcing that they are now offering a video package for guests. For the first time ever, guests will be able to do dolphin programs, such as Wades, and Trainer-for-a-Days will now be filmed by **Kara Cole**, who specializes in **Digital Media**. She will then edit the footage to create a mini movie of the guest's experiences. With the unveiling of the new video package, **Mr. Barbieri**, is excited of the possibilities that can come from this new package, and Kara is very excited to continue in this field.

During the summer 2012 semester, **Kara Cole** also completed a successful internship with **WPDS - Ch. 14, Pinellas County Schools**.

While under the supervision of **Ericka Miller, Athletic Trainer and Teacher** at **Lakewood High school, Joseph D'Alessandro** received an excellent experience in athletic training. This work isn't easy. On many occasions **Joseph** and **Miss Miller** dealt with upset athletes because of injuries they suffered. Many athletes want to return to play as soon as possible and to rush through therapy which, in the long run, could cause more injuries. Some days in the training room it is nonstop action, and you have to process different people with different injuries at the same time and get them out to the respective sports as quickly as possible. **Joey** enjoyed this experience and found the career field a good one. This has made **Joey** rethink athletic training in a new way and he looks forward to learning more about it.

Thanks to **David Fries** head of **USF College of Marine Science**

Ecosystem Technology Group Kathryn Harring had the opportunity to learn about what it takes to be a scientist. It's not all lab coats and working hard on one project; in fact they have many projects going on at the same time! She was given the opportunity to work with **Geran Barton, Gary Hendrick, and Bryan Gregson** they showed her what it truly means to be a scientist. She helped them with research and simple projects around the lab. **Kathryn** learned that she wants to pursue marine science, and she looks forward to seeing different things she can do within that field.

Working as an intern in the shadow **Beth Rawlins and Dani Dahlberg** at **Beth Rawlins, Inc., Chloe Kamps** learned the complexities of being a political consultant. Delving into this varied field, **Chloe** was astounded to discover how important each part was to the whole of a campaign, and was fascinated with the entire process from concept to reality. There was a special feeling of victory when the Pinellas Education Referendum passed. Although **Chloe** does not intend to become a political consultant, she feels the experience was

invaluable to her pursuits. **Beth Rawlins, Inc. and Ms. Rawlins and Ms. Dahlberg** were incredible tutors and being a political consultant is an intriguing career.

Through the guidance of veterinary technician and hospital manager **Debbie Walker** at the **Avian and Animal Hospital, Kate Kaufman** learned that being a veterinarian is a challenging job. The combination of emotional stress and the hardships that come with being in the veterinary field also make it one of the most gratifying careers. She shadowed **Dr. Nichole Zellner** along with veterinary technicians **Carissa Adams** and **Emma Howard** through the fascinating day-to-day encounters of a veterinary technician. **Kate** learned how to restrain animals, perform blood draws, and interact with clients. **Kate's** experience has reassured her that the veterinary path is what she wants to accomplish in her future.

Supervised by **Kristen O'Meara** at **Pinellas County Department of Environment and Infrastructure, Ashly Murray** discovered that engineering is a lot of

work. She learned that there are many aspects of engineering that overlap such as math, science, and on top of that working in the public eye. **Ashly** spent the most time with **Nancy Lamangna in Stormwater Management** learning about creeks and ponds, and how they need to be maintained in order to prevent conflict with the public. What influenced **Ashly** the most in her career decision was the many mentors she met, who really enjoyed their work, making the experience worthwhile for the student. **Ashly** barely scraped the surface of this career field, but she is eager to continue learning.

Through the guidance and support of **Brent Orchard of Raymond James Financial, Brett Simons** learned more about programming than he ever could have imagined when first starting his internship. Though coming into the internship **Brett** knew a lot of the basics, he quickly learned that his knowledge barely scratched the surface of the chasm that is computer programming. Like other languages, computer languages consist of rules for everything from syntax to grammar in order to maintain working code that

is also easy to read and understand. But by learning more, the code produced can become more efficient and effective. Thanks to the great leadership and knowledge extended to **Brett** from both his manager **Brent** and his co-worker **Rahul Gupta, Brett's** knowledge of programming in the language C# has broadened exponentially allowing him to help in the development of much more advanced and complicated applications than he ever could have participated in before. **Brett's** experience at Raymond James has, at the very least, helped to reinforce his decision to stay in the field of computer programming.

Palm Harbor University High School

Under the supervision of **everyone, especially Laurie Walton, at Westlake Animal Hospital, Alex Cook** learned more than she thought she would. Before working here, **Alex** was sure she wanted to be an aquatic animal veterinarian. However, through her experiences, she is now considering becoming a veterinary technician or a small

animal veterinarian. **Alex** had a wonderful time at **Westlake**; she learned how to perform fecal and heartworm tests, as well as how to hold animals for various procedures. **Alex** is very grateful for the opportunity to intern at **Westlake Animal Hospital**, and also for the experience of learning about a small animal practice.

Under the instruction of **Joy Johnson, at AJ Orthodontics, Madelin Ghomshe** discovered that the field of orthodontics is fascinating but may not be the career field for her. The process of braces and everything else related is truly amazing and has such a wonderful impact. **Madelin** saw **Dr. Alex Johnson** and his assistants **Lisa, Robin, and Nicole** change people's lives one smile at a time. **Madelin** respects what they do and understands that each patient will have different circumstances. **Madelin's** overall experience was a success because she was able to find out early on that this career does not suit her. She is also very appreciative of everyone she encountered at **AJ Orthodontics**; they played a key part in her important decision making and she

will always remember her internship.

The endless opportunities at **All Children's Outpatient Center** under the guidance of **Phyllis Montali, Terri Graffeo,** and **Marijcke van der Merwe,** helped **Claire Hamilton** gain an inside view on the day in the life of a **Physical Therapist.** **Claire** was given the chance to not only observe the therapy session, but also to participate. Through her time spent there, she discovered that even though physical therapy was hard work, it was what she wanted to do with her life. She watched patients progress in so many ways, to take their first steps, to be able to complete tasks. **Claire** found interest in the variety of diagnosis and saw that every day brought something new. All these factors mixed together created the want for **Claire** to one day become a Physical Therapist.

Under the watch of **Joe Oliveri** at **Oliveri Architects,** **Tyler Holmquist** learned more about architecture than he thought possible. With the tremendous help from **Luis Hernandez, Dave Millisor, Sean Harrison,** and **Gustavo Trujillio,**

Tyler observed and gained a lot of information on what it is like to be an architect. **Tyler** progressed well and learned how to run CAD systems more efficiently, as well as setting up his own project in the firms standards. **Tyler** discovered just how much he enjoyed learning about architecture and has decided to continue to pursue the degree in years to come.

Through the sponsorship of **Dr. Joel Murphy,** DVM at the **Animal & Bird Medical Center of Palm Harbor,** **Elena Iacono** was able to experience veterinary medicine in its entirety. **Elena** shadowed appointments, performed tests, learned how to work as a technician assistant, and even observed and aided in surgery. All of the technician assistants and veterinary technicians, especially **Tobi Leotta,** were incredibly helpful in instructing **Elena** and in making sure she had a complete learning experience. The time **Elena** had at the **Animal & Bird Medical Center** solidified her desire to work with animals as a career. Before her internship, **Elena** was not sure that small animal medicine would be her

field of choice, but now, because of this experience, she has come to love this branch of veterinary medicine, and would like to thank the **Animal & Bird Medical Center of Palm Harbor** for giving her that love! A career as a small animal veterinarian may be in **Elena's** future.

With the generous support of **Dr. Donald J. Turner** at **Turner Orthodontics,** **Katlyn Klinske** was given the opportunity to dive head first into what being an orthodontist is all about. She was able to observe and participate in a variety of tasks important to the field during daily operations and soon realized that it was not such easy work. By having shadowed **Dr. Turner** and assistants, **Pam Schwartz** and **Crystal Mobley,** **Katlyn** witnessed and became familiar with different procedures such as wire adjustments, reshaping of the teeth, placement of braces, and retainer checkups. She lent a hand where she could to **Christen Blair** during the process of patient records which included impressions, x-rays, and pictures. **Cheryl Bull** did not hesitate to take **Katlyn** under her wing by guiding her along the way. Along with the help of **Diana**

Earls and **Linda Turner**, the three taught **Katlyn** that what happens in the front office is equally as important as what happens in the back office in order to create one team. **Katlyn** was first unsure exactly what being in the orthodontics field entailed, but by having had this experience she is looking forward to the high possibility of pursuing a career in orthodontics and would like to extend her appreciation to everyone for their time and support.

Lauren Leonard's fascination with the medical field was heightened due to **Melody Konrad of Florida Hospital North Pinellas**. Through **Melody's** connections, **Lauren** was able to observe many departments of the hospital such as: the obstetric unit, the operating room, the radiology unit, the cardiac catheterization lab and the physical therapy unit. She met many professionals such as **Dr. Louis Astra**, a cardiothoracic, vascular, and general surgeon, whom taught her anatomy and different procedures. **Lauren** figured out the importance of flexibility in regards to being a successful employee. After she spent hours and weeks at the internship site

Lauren Leonard confirmed that a career in medicine was perfect for her.

Under the assistance of **Susan Adams** as a first grade teacher at **Lake Saint George Elementary School**, **Torey Scott** discovered that teachers are more than what the public makes them out to be. Long hours before school, trainings, teachings, and guidance, are some of the hidden secrets about teaching that most people do not know about. **Torey** observed and learned many things by watching **Mrs. Adams**. She noticed that a teacher must appeal to kinetic, visual and auditory learners. She must learn how to correctly speak to a student and to be aware of the views and opinions they pass on to a student. **Torey** also gathered knowledge on creating a daily schedule and the difficulty figuring out how to fit all the activities into only a short period of time. **Torey** had many ups to her experience at **Lake Saint George** but her favorite was just being with the kids. They always kept her on her toes and always made her day a little more enjoyable. **Torey** benefited from her encounters with all the teachers, faulty

members and kids and is certain that teaching is the right job for her.

From the teachings of **Takisha Penix**, **Jesse Strumpfler** has been able to see the work that goes into fixing a problem at **Lockheed Martin's MS2** facility in Oldsmar, Florida. From the time of realizing the problem in the process of a product, to going into the Solumina Process management software and correcting it for future products. He has become very proficient in using the software after completing over 4000 process updates, and exceeding time expectations. **Jesse** was very proud to see his updates in use every day on the manufacturing floor. **Jesse's** experiences at the factory has made him realize that, while he is still interested in engineering he has decided he wants to get out of the office cubicle and look into other types of engineering like civil engineering or land surveying.

Pinellas Park High School

With the help of **Erin Isdell** of the **State Attorney's Office**, **Alexus Davenport** was able to see many days in the life of an

actual attorney. **Alexus** was able to sit in on multiple trials both felony and misdemeanor trials. **Alexus** was also able to see how challenging it is to be an attorney first hand. **Alexus** was able to help the attorney's gather evidence in felony trials and look over different case files. **Alexus'** experience at the showed her that being an attorney is something she really wanted to do for it was very interesting to her.

St. Petersburg High School

Through the guidance and support of **Erica Clark, Education Coordinator at the Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Haley Burrichter** discovered that working at an aquarium is not always about the care and keeping of the animals. There are a lot of other departments that funnel into running an aquarium. Working in the education department has helped **Haley** become more comfortable speaking in front of large groups of people. **Haley** went on the boat to collect specimens for counting, she helped to answer guest's questions, and she participated in two presentations at the aquarium. Even though the experience **Haley** had at

the aquarium was a fantastic one, she has learned that she would prefer to focus more on the research aspect of marine biology, rather than education.

Savannah Carr has greatly benefited from her time at **Weedon Island Preserve**, thanks to all of the friendly staff, especially **Libby Carnahan. Ms. Carnahan** provided **Savannah** with a variety of experiences, including field work, writing for a newsletter, teaching an environmental program, and giving a presentation. Of all these experiences, Savannah best enjoyed giving a presentation, which was about interesting species of spiders in Florida. Of all of her published work, the pieces she has written for **Weedon** are her favorites as they are the most interesting and meaningful as they were intended to supplement environmental education and raise environmental awareness. **Savannah** has always valued the environment, and **Weedon** gave her the opportunity to learn even more about it and truly be inspired by its universal significance, functionality, and beauty. Although **Savannah** is unsure

whether she will be pursuing an environmental field, she is certainly considering it, and will definitely be pursuing English.

Savannah Carr also completed a successful summer 2012 internship with **Martha Margolis, Home and Garden Editor at Tampa Bay Magazine.**

Under the guidance of **Hilary Watson of the Life Help and Diabetes Center at St. Anthony's Hospital, Courtney Clark** realized that being a nutritionist requires not only hard work and organization, but also patience. **Courtney** sat in on many meetings between patients and the nutritionist and discovered that when doing this job, the patients often do not know a lot about nutrition and dieting. She learned that when meeting with a patient you have to start from the very beginning when explaining concepts and giving directions. **Courtney** also helped out at the front desk by putting charts and packets of information together and assisting the receptionist with other tasks needed. She found the process of calculating how many calories and carbohydrates a person should eat very interesting.

This experience has convinced **Courtney** that she wants to pursue a career as a nutritionist.

Following in the footsteps of **Christine Stuckey of Nina Harris, Courtney Clark** found the joys and triumphs of teaching disabled children. She learned that while it is an extremely satisfying job, it is also difficult and sometimes overwhelming. Courtney observed **Suzan Anderson, Pre-K Teacher**, gracefully teaching multiple disabled students, **Dan Turner, Teacher**, teaching and assisting small elementary school children while feeding them lunch, and **Christie Vaughan, Teacher**, teaching and transporting children in and out of their wheel chairs to play after lunch. **Courtney** played with the kids as much as she could, talked to them, and assisted the teachers in getting the kids to their classes in the afternoon. The most rewarding part of this experience for **Courtney** was when the children would smile at her and attempt to communicate. Through this internship, **Courtney** has realized that, although teaching may not be the right fit for her, she would

like to continue to help disabled children.

Under the guidance of **Dr. Kyle Schaneville at Select Physical Therapy, Jacqueline Meyer** discovered the benefits of a physical therapy clinic. Learning everything from conducting an evaluation on a patient, to learning how to make progress and discharge notes. It is truly a hard job, but it comes with a lot of rewarding aspects. **Jacqueline** was able to observe numerous work outs to increase range of motion, assisted in helping create at home workouts, learned about electrical stimulation, and was able to help with a medical presentation. She found every aspect of physical therapy fascinating. From witnessing patients not be able to walk without a brace or cane, to enduring hard workouts, with the reward of being able to walk on their own without any help is a true miracle. **Jacqueline's** experience has convinced her that a career as a physical therapist is her goal.

Under the guidance of **Lori Elvira, Jennifer Cubito, Melissa Kidwell, Javier Dones, Melissa Cunningham, Dawn Lynch, Martha White,**

Peter Guastella, Lanett Montoya, and Tiffanie Williams at St. Anthony's Outpatient Rehab Center, Erin Waterman discovered the challenges and the rewards of a physical therapy center. From insurance, billing, and scheduling to actual therapy, there is a lot of hard work in between each step. It is a team effort that involves everyone in the office constantly communicating and staying organized. **Erin** observed all steps to find the final product of everyone's contributions was far worth it. Miracles occurred as people that could not walk before stood up and walked. **Erin's** experience has convinced her that a career as a physical therapist is her goal.

Seminole High School

Under the guidance of **Dr. Rafael Palaganas of Your Smile Studio, Alexis Marsilio** discovered that being a Dentist is all that she imagined it to be. There is a lot of hard work in fixing a tooth from start to finish. **Alexis** saw assistants, **Heather Polk** and **Stephanie Webb**, assist in the office. She was even able to assist **Dr. Bellinger** in a root canal

procedure performed on her sister, **Dana Marsilio**. **Alexis** found being an assist interesting, but she realized she wants to be the head dentist.

gain invaluable experience in the Accounting field.

Tarpon Springs High School

Under the guidance of **Cindy Flanagan, Nana Lontakos, Sandra Ehrhardt, Milanka Sorak, Pat Douglas, Myonitra Faulk, Andrea Mittener, Donna Drouse and Lori Kalman of Innisbrook Resort and Golf Club, Victor Perez** was introduced to Accounting, his career to follow in later years. There is a lot of responsibility and energy invested into this kind of job. Victor saw all the different sections Accounting is divided into, and also learned how Accounting works on a resort. He assisted most of his instructors in order to

**Boca Ciega
High School**

With the leadership of **Barbara Rowland** at **Palms of Pasadena Hospital**, **Zhaina Bryant** has been in the **Emergency Room and Pharmacy Department** observing and determining what career is best for her. **Zhaina**, with the help of **Barbara Rowland**, has decided that she would like to take on the role of becoming a hospital pharmacist and maybe someday a chemist.

While under the guidance of **Cameshia Ware of Bay Point Elementary**, **Chrystal Lovett** has noticed that being a guidance counselor consist of many different jobs tied into one. Chrystal had the opportunity to gain insight on the professionalism of a guidance counselor. Chrystal has been introduced to the concepts of elementary bullying and students with personal problems at home as well as behavioral problems in school. Chrystal realized that a career in guidance counseling would be something she could one day pursue.

Chabreia Tinson, while under the supervision of **Amy Rench of Big 3 Entertainment Group**, noticed that finding the right artist can be challenging. There is hard work involved in signing the right artist. Chabreia observed as producer **Jason Pennock** scouted for talent and tried to find the perfect triple threat to sign. Chabreia had the opportunity to become involved in this process by critiquing the potential artists and giving her opinion of what the younger generation would lean more toward. Chabreia felt good about helping more by giving him tips and advice, and she believes this is a career field she considers playing a part in her future.

**Clearwater
High School**

Under the direction of **Mrs. Paige Brett and Ms. Deborah Barber at Largo Medical Center**, **Kristen Elliott** is slowly but surely discovering her direction for her future. There are many parts of the medical field as Kristen is finding; she has found interest in

the Economics portion of the hospital. Kristen meets new doctors and nurses every day as she shadows in a variety of departments. She has seen the radiology department, endoscopy, catheterization lab, emergency department and physical therapy. So far, Endoscopy and Radiology are Kristen's favorite departments in the hospital. She finds this hospital an inviting and obviously helpful place for learning. Kristen will be pursuing the medical field, but not in the way she first thought she'd be involved as she will pursue learning more about hospital economics.

Under the guidance of **Stephanie Kolanko, Occupational Therapist at McMullen Booth Elementary**, **Paige McNeill** has realized that being an **Occupational Therapist** requires a lot of patience and knowledge. **Paige** got to see so many kids for therapy, and she loves the ASD program. She got to assist with projects and her favorite part was helping with the therapy sessions. From her experience with **Stephanie Kolanko, Paige**

determined she will choose the OT career path specializing in Pediatrics. **Paige** also thinks she will work with ASD children because it is such an interesting and rewarding field to be in to see all the improvements the kids make.

Countryside High School

This spring at the **Clearwater Threshers**, **Jason Adams** has given **Sydney Campbell** a life-changing experience. Sydney has been focusing on the marketing of baseball and all that it entails. In the spring, Sydney was lucky enough to work hands-on with the **Philadelphia Phillies marketing department**; the experience was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity which Sydney thoroughly enjoyed. Sydney helped during the Spring Training games and the promotions that went along with it. One of the experiences that fascinated Sydney was helping with the silent auction during one of the biggest games of Spring Training. She said it was a very fast-paced and a fun experience. Sydney was very thankful for the opportunity, and the experience has made her want to pursue marketing

as her future career, specifically in the sports industry.

With the instruction of **Dennis Black** and the **Engineering Department** at **Bright House Networks**, **Hannah Fraccalvieri** realized that a career in civil engineering is still the path she is interested in. **Hannah** had the opportunity in gaining insight into the professional world of engineering and construction. While with **Bright House**, **Hannah** was able to work with field engineers, shadowing and learning all the hard work and dedication that is put into this job. **Hannah** will continue her dream this fall at Florida State University.

With the instruction of **David Fries and Geran Barton of the Ecosystems Technology Group of USF St. Pete's College of Marine Science**, **Jenna Luther** realized that a career in Environmental Engineering is the right path for her. Even though there was a lot of time and research put into the projects and tasks assigned to her, Jenna found her work to be very engaging. She enjoyed collaborating with David and Geran, and her internship allowed her

to synthesize information and create presentations on her findings. This opportunity solidified Jenna's goal of pursuing a degree in Environmental Engineering, which she will study at the University of Florida this fall.

Under the guidance of **Tom Mazzant** at **Florida Hospital of North Pinellas**, **Abigail Mills** experienced first-hand what it was like to be a part of a high-functioning hospital. There is a lot of hard work and dedication put into helping and healing patients at this hospital. **Abigail** observed on the two **Operating floors, the Cardiac Catheterization Lab, the Emergency Room, the Women's Center, the Pharmacy, and Radiology**. She was able to see how each department played a role to collectively help patients and provide the best care possible. **Abigail** found each department rewarding and unique in their own way. She is convinced the medical field is her passion and plans to pursue her dream.

Under the support and direction of **Kathy Jacobs** of **Northside Hospital & Tampa Bay Heart Institute**, **Kalaya Morel**

discovered that being a doctor in the medical field is a very important job. There is various schooling and learning that go into being a doctor and helping patients. Kalaya followed **Dr. Liu, a General Practice Surgeon**; she observed many surgeries and recognized the anatomy of the internal body. Kalaya found the process of medical care fascinating. Kalaya's experience has convinced her to move toward a future in medicine.

Under the guidance of **Todd Minear** at **PRISM physical therapy**, **Keaton Murray** learned all about physical therapy. He got the privilege to work alongside **Todd** and his staff as they treated patients. **Keaton** learned a lot about the human body and saw many different injuries. **Keaton** got to see many patients make awesome recoveries. Thanks to **Todd Minear**, **Keaton** is considering a future in Physical therapy.

Under the guidance of **Cyndi Raskin-Schmitt** and **Janet Recca** in the **Marketing Department at the Pinellas Suncoast Transit Authority, PSTA**, **Hollie Sterling** had the opportunity to gain an inside look into the

professional world of marketing and communications. **Hollie** was able to work alongside **Cyndi Raskin-Schmitt** and **Janet Recca** assisting them with assignments and projects involving the community of Pinellas County. **Hollie** was able to learn about the bus advertising sales programs, to learn the technological aspects of Constant Contact and Microsoft Excel, and to work with the media department in creating the official **PSTA** Hall pass poster. **Hollie** also gained insight into the upcoming developmental bus plan action through the attendance of board meetings. **Hollie's** experience has fully convinced her to pursue a career in the marketing field. **Hollie** is so appreciative and thankful for the time **Cyndi Raskin-Schmitt** and **Janet Recca** and the **PSTA** marketing department contributed to making her feel welcomed and making her internship an earnest, active, lovely and knowledgeable experience.

Under the direction of **Gina Parsonis** and **Stephanie Ebert** of the **Foundation Physical Therapy** clinic, **Kaylen Stine** learned the

importance of a physical therapist. Through observation, **Kaylen** was able to witness the typical day of a PT (physical therapist) in a clinical setting. She went through the exercises and stretches with the patients and then watched **Gina** and **Stephanie** work on patients. The part that was most fascinating was the environment of the clinic. **Gina** and **Stephanie** made it fun and welcoming to the patients so patients can relax and focus on getting better. **Kaylen's** experience made her realize that in her future she wants to work in a career with a setting just like it.

Dixie Hollins High School

There were no students from Dixie Hollins HS during the spring semester.

Dunedin High School

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East Lake High School

Through **Dr. Lance Wyble's** intelligence and enthusiasm for teaching, **Marisa Hammond** has

gained an appreciation for the field of neonatology. She has learned more than she could have ever imagined while interning at **Morton Plant's Neonatal Intensive Care Unit**. She has learned so much about neonatology and the infant through interesting texts and hands-on experiences. She was able to feed and hold babies with neonatal abstinence syndrome, observe newborn assessments, and go through many interesting textbooks with **Dr. Lance Wyble**. Thanks to **Dr. Lance Wyble's** enthusiasm and passion for what he does, he has influenced **Marisa Hammond** to become part of the neonatology field in her future.

While under the supervision of **Dr. Koco Eaton, James Hickman** learned more than he could have ever thought possible about the orthopedic field. **James Hickman** is very appreciative of the opportunity that he has had. He has enjoyed his time in the operating room observing **Dr. Koco Eaton** and his **Physician's Assistant Cara Ferrin**. James has been intrigued by the procedures he has watched and wants to go to school to become an

orthopedic surgeon. James has also learned how to assist in giving patients injections thanks to the help of medical assistant **Robin Henson**. Thanks to the wonderful staff at **Eaton Orthopaedics, James Hickman** has gained an incredible body of knowledge of his future career field, and he could not be happier.

Tiffany Lyp has been under the guidance of **Della Connolly, Brooke Kernan, Ashley Bartolucci, Chris Halkitis, and Carrie English** at the **State Attorney's Office**. Tiffany is very appreciative of their advice, this amazing opportunity and for answering her questions she has had over the time period of her internship. **Tiffany Lyp** thanks **Della Connolly** for giving her the opportunity of the internship and for putting her under the guidance of **Brooke Kernan**. Tiffany thanks **Chris Halkitis and Ashley Bartolucci** for answering her questions and for being so knowledgeable and helpful through the course of her internship. Tiffany thanks **Brooke Kernan** for always answering her questions and finding a trial Tiffany could watch. **Brooke Kernan** would explain the details of the

trials, sentencing and the verdicts which has been very helpful for **Tiffany** to realize the differences in misdemeanor and felony trials. **Tiffany** would like to thank **Carrie English** for coming to get her every day because of the security system and for always knowing what's going on in the courtrooms and where **Brooke Kernan** usually is. **Carrie English** is a very knowledgeable person. **Tiffany** was given the opportunity to see lawyers outside of court and the type of work their job entails; she even talked to a few judges as well. **Tiffany** was excited to see various trials and the trial process while learning what information is needed for court. She is very appreciative for having the opportunity to see the different trials she has attended and for the knowledge she has gained. Even though this isn't exactly what **Tiffany** plans to major in during college, she may be able to study the law field during the policy portion of her major which is Environmental Science and Policy, or she may study this for her masters considering she wants to do something with science for now. Her opportunities are endless now.

While on duty at **Oldsmar Fire/ Rescue Station 54, under the command of Fire Chief Dean O’Nale, Shane Nolan**, learned important information and skills related to the EMS field. He was exposed to both the medical and firefighting side of the EMS/ Fire field. While on medical calls, Shane learned by observing and hands-on training. He learned how to properly take a blood pressure and a blood sugar with an accu-check system. When on fire calls Shane was in charge of helping the firefighter run hose and hydrants. He would like to thank **Chief Dean O’Nale, Lt. Aaron Gonzales, Lt. Renee Nieman (B-Shift LT.), Lt. Jason Schwabe (C-Shift Lt.), Lt. Tom Ott (A-shift Lt.), and their crews**. Shane is now interested in earning his EMT and Firefighter certification. He sends special thanks to **Pat Raynor** for helping him keep track of his hours and making sure there was room for him to come into the station.

Gibbs High School

There were no students from Gibbs HS during the spring semester.

Lakewood High School

Geran Barton, an Oceanographic Technologists at USF’s College of Marine Science, has shown Gage Burdick what it’s all about being in his position. It’s not all field work as Gage once thought; it’s actually mostly sitting behind a desk doing research. Some examples of Gage’s research assignments include spending a day discovering about Ion Thrusters and putting it into an essay for **Dr. David Fries**. An assignment Gage spent most of his time on is researching and using his own prior knowledge to give ideas on how to turn the Doc Savage comics into a great selling game. He found this line of work to be too much sitting behind a desk and is now pursuing an environmental career that is more in the field.

Largo High School

Tyler Dumesnil walked into **Largo Fire Rescue Station 41** without a clue as to what he would be doing with the firefighters who work there. **Tyler’s** nervousness was immediately pushed away

as he was introduced to **Lt. Shea**, his new sponsor. Since that first day, Tyler met many new people and was introduced to many different scenarios. He saw the job firsthand and has determined that firefighting is something he could do for the rest of his life. This internship has been such a privilege and no amount of thanks could accurately state the appreciation that Tyler feels for the firefighters who treated him like part of the team. All of the firefighters in **Shifts A, B, and C** deserve great thanks. The teaching that they provided was crucial to making the internship a successful one for Tyler. Tyler extends a special thanks to **Lt. Shea, Lt. Reamy, Lt. Sands, and Firefighter Rollo** for their great mentorship and for always ensuring that Tyler was part of the group and always seeing everything that went on. The internship was an amazing learning experience and Tyler cannot wait to be part of the action as a firefighter.

Northeast High School

Under the tutelage of **Dave Skinner at Jabil Circuit, Elizabeth McMaster** gained experience in

inventory and knowledge of board production. Elizabeth observed the production process of a circuit board both on the floor and via online flow charts. She has a better understanding of the crucial roll the stockroom plays in board development. Elizabeth is convinced that a career in engineering is in her future.

Osceola Fundamental High School

Under the watchful eye of **Len Milcowitz**, part owner of **The Winning Inning**, **Michael Basso** has learned that there is more to running a baseball complex than meets the eye. Management of a complex like **Jack Russell Stadium** requires knowledge in many diverse areas and the ability to multitask between “your different pairs of shoes” as Len likes to put it. Since starting with the organization **Michael** has, among other things, had the opportunity to help organize a tournament, accumulated information on high schools to be invited to a camp, moved equipment in the gym, and attended arbitration. On top of the physical and hands-on work, **Michael** has also

read a text on sports management and researched the top issues in the field today. **Michael's** experience has cemented in his mind that this is the career path he wants to pursue and it has opened his eyes to the many different opportunities in the field.

Under the guidance of **Erica Clark** at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Education Department**, **Kayla Bell** learned how to educate the visiting guest with information about Florida's environment. Most of Florida is surrounded by water, making it one of the top states that has Marine Biology. **Kayla** assisted **Michael White**, a **Marine Specialist**, on the **Sea Life Safari boat tour**. The boat tour took guests on a two-hour trip into the gulf. **Kayla** informed the guest on the surroundings while also helping with the net pull and showing some of Florida's fish. **Kayla** found this activity as one of her favorites. **Kayla's** experience has made her realize that she truly wants to go into a career of Marine Biology.

"**Fintastic Photo** has taught me everything I know; especially because of **Jim Barbieri's** help,"

said **Kara Cole**, an intern at **Fintastic Photo**. **Kara**, who originally started with the company as a green screen editor, now photographs dolphin interactions at the **Clearwater Marine Aquarium**. With the help of **Jim Barbieri** and **Kierstein Robinson**, she was able to learn how to photograph using manual camera settings. **Kara** also assists the trainers in keeping medical records for the marine mammals, by photographing the healing progress of animal injuries. With all of this experience, **Kara** would like to continue in the field of photography.

Under the tutelage of **Ericka Miller**, **Athletic Trainer at Lakewood High School**, **Joseph D'Alessandro** has grown and learned much about athletic training: from learning new types of tapings and being able to recognize a concussion to dealing with simple cuts, bump and bruises. The respect given to Ms. Ericka Miller by athletes is astounding and shows how much she is truly needed. Through this internship **Joseph's** drive to become an athletic trainer has been expanded.

Geran Barton, a scientist with the University of South Florida, St. Petersburg, Ecosystems Technology Group, has taken the time to show **Kathryn Harring** what being involved in marine science as a career really entails. Kathryn learned that a majority of the time is spent researching and working on projects while simultaneously diving into a new project. **Mr. David Fries** has also assigned Kathryn a few projects of her own that are in her skill set from a previous experience with graphic design: mapping interesting objects around the university's campus. Kathryn has enjoyed this project thoroughly, but throughout her college years she will learn more about a career in sustainability and ecosystem restoration.

Under the supervision of **Shelby Nelson, Director and GM**, and **Janette Donoghue, Assistant General Manager**, at the **Dunedin Blue Jays**, **Jenna Jean** realized that her dream to be a sports reporter started to become reality. With lots of encouragement from the club and staff within the organization, the learning experience became endless. Taking pictures,

editing video, working in the P.A Booth, and radio are just some of the broadcast media experiences Jenna gained from her executive internship. Jenna saw all the **Toronto Blue Jays Spring Training** game day action along with the Dunedin advanced single A affiliate. After completing her spring internship Jenna confirmed that her internship was a huge step in the right direction for her future in sports broadcast. Since the internship, Jenna accepted a job with the Tampa Yankees in game day media relations, and she thanks the Dunedin Blue Jays thoroughly for giving her the step in the right direction and the experience of a lifetime.

Working at **Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services with the Refugee Youth Program and with Refugee Resettlement**, intern **Chloe Kamps** has learned so much under the supervision of **Volunteer Coordinator, Ms. Danielle DiPietro and Program Manager, Mr. Alen Janjus**. Whether helping to create Orientation Binders for the Refugee Resettlement office with **Ms. Nicole Herman**, or helping to

tutor students at Dixie Hollins High School with the Youth Specialists, **Chloe Kamps** could only comment on what a wonderful experience the entire venture has been. She expressed such delight in being able to assist in setting up a career day and attend meetings with the local refugee assistance groups as well as with **Program Director Ms. Niki Kelly**. **Chloe Kamps** said the opportunity to intern at **Gulf Coast Jewish Family and Community Services** has been invaluable and will no doubt be priceless as she continues with her intent to enter in the Foreign Service.

With the leadership of his fantastic manager **Brett Orchard, Brett Simons** had a successful semester applying the skills learned at **Raymond James Financial** the semester before. Not only did **Brett** get to apply and reinforce what he had learned, but he also got the chance to learn more about client side scripting and was even given projects to be implemented into Raymond James' framework on which he was the sole developer. Thanks to his great manager **Brett** and co-worker **Rahul Gupta**,

Brett continued to learn through the semester, have a great time, and came to the conclusion that software development is the career path he would follow.

Palm Harbor University High School

With the knowledge and supervision from **Pam Marth, Pharmacist** and **Pharmacy Manager of Walgreens Pharmacy** in Palm Harbor, **Raquel Barbosa** has gained insight on the true reality of being a pharmacist. A substantial amount of time and energy has to be put forth daily to remain on top of the vast amount of requests placed on the pharmacist. **Raquel** had the opportunity to observe the pharmacist check prescriptions, interact with patients/customers, and solve unexpected problems. Everyday **Raquel** came into her internship, she had the daily task of filling the prescriptions that **Pam Marth** would check, and if time allowed it, she would work on taking inventory. **Raquel's** experience with the pharmacy has opened her eyes to a new career option, in which she is glad to report she will be pursuing in college.

At the **Morton Plant Mease Countryside Hospital**, under the guidance of **Julie Bernard, Lydia Buck** learned the ins and outs of the **Maternity and Pediatric units**. The insights Lydia gained while experiencing both units' environments will be instrumental to her future. Lydia was able to observe a caesarian section firsthand in the operating room, and was she able to assist the registered nurses in a skilled procedure. Lydia gained an enormous amount of knowledge that she plans to utilize while studying medicine at Florida State University.

Under the guidance of **Alicia Harding** and all the technicians at **Westlake Animal Hospital**, especially **Laurie Walton, Alex Cook** learned a lot about the veterinary field. From performing heartworm and fecal tests to learning about illnesses and medicines, Alex loved every step of the way. With her knowledge of the veterinarian career still expanding, Alex's future career choice in the veterinarian field has been further solidified.

Under the guidance of **Lisa Chandler, at the Barefoot Beach House, Madelin**

Ghomshe had the opportunity to learn all about managing and running a small business. Madelin enjoyed learning about the different aspects incorporated in this field like how to appeal to the public, organizing and making sure to replace the merchandise, marketing techniques (like two for \$20 versus one for \$12.99), aesthetics of the environment, how to present yourself and customer service. Madelin has enjoyed this experience and is thankful for it; however, she is still unsure about what she is going to study starting in the summer at Florida State University. Madelin also would like to thank **Lisa and Steve Chandler** along with the rest of the staff at the **Barefoot Beach House**, for making her feel welcome and allowing her to work alongside them to increase her knowledge and understanding of what all is required to maintain a small business operating well.

Under the guidance of **Phyllis Montali, Marjike Van der Wen, and Terri Graffeo**, and their willingness to teach, **Claire Hamilton** has not only fallen in love with physical therapy, but found

a passion for a profession. Through day-by-day teaching and hands-on experience Claire has learned so much about how the body works and how to treat patients. She has gained an understanding of how physical therapy works and has a head start as she goes off to college to compete for a position in physical therapy school. If it wasn't for **Mrs. Montali, Mrs. Graffeo, and Mrs. Van der Wen, Claire** would still be searching for the perfect fit for a profession; instead she is on the right track to becoming a physical therapist.

Under the direction and teaching of **Dr. Joel Murphy**, of **The Animal & Bird Medical Center of Palm Harbor**, **Elena Iacono** gained an incredible amount of experience in the field of veterinary medicine. She was able to work under **Dr. Murphy**, and the veterinary technicians, especially **Tobi Leotta**, to learn everything about being a vet tech assistant. Elena was able to assist in appointments, surgeries, x-rays, and ultrasounds and learned to perform urinalysis tests this semester. She loved working with the animals, of all shapes and sizes, and

with her wonderful coworkers. Elena now knows with absolute certainty that she wants to become a veterinarian.

Under the continued guidance of **Dr. Donald J. Turner** at **Turner Orthodontics**, **Katlyn Klinske** was given a second chance to experience the duties of an orthodontist. The days at the office were long but never dull. **Katlyn** watched as orthodontic assistants, **Pam Schwartz** and **Autumn Helms**, removed and replaced arch wires of patients day after day. She also observed them reshape teeth, deliver retainers, and keep the office stocked on all its supplies! **Katlyn** shadowed as **Christen Blair** took on the task of perfecting patient impressions and photographs to present to **Dr. Turner**. **Katlyn** found the process of creating a daily schedule on the computer to be a difficult process; however, **Cheryl Bull** was patient, as always, in explaining the system that she, **Diana Earls**, and **Linda Turner**, use on an everyday basis. **Katlyn** is very appreciative for all that the staff at **Turner Orthodontics** has done for her. **Katlyn** still has the

mindset of becoming a future orthodontist and hopes to make that dream a reality someday.

With much gratitude, **Lauren Leonard** would like to thank **Kathy Jacobs** for providing her with the opportunity to intern at **Northside Hospital**. **Kathy Jacobs** allowed **Lauren** to observe **Respiratory Therapy, the Emergency Room, and more surgeries in the Operating Room**, all of which she had never seen before. Solely due to **Kathy's** confidence in **Lauren's** ability to behave professionally, **Lauren** was able to learn more about the medical field. From this experience **Lauren Leonard** has confirmed her thoughts in pursuing a career in medicine, specifically in Pediatrics.

While interning at **Pinellas County School's Strategic Communications Department**, **Lee Nielsen** acquired many skills and information useful to her in the future. The skills she learned ranged from working behind the scenes with the video camera with associate **Wallace Patanow** to working in front of the camera with **Lisa Wolf**. Lee realized

that journalism and broadcasting is not all the glitz and glam that people may think it is. It takes hard work but pays off in the end. Under the guidance of **Sean Clark, Lee** found out that you must be versatile and ready for any situation. She found that the work she did was rewarding and exciting, which has influenced her to continue studying in this field.

Under the guidance of **Robert Marrazzo, founder and DVM of The Cat Hospital at Palm Harbor, Sami Oliveri** has discovered that she would rather work with cats than any other animal. Even though there is a lot of hard work and time that is put into this job, Sami claims that the satisfaction of helping out her fellow kitty friends is more than enough to override the very few “negatives” of this job. During her internship, **Sami** was able to see **Vet Techs Melissa Paolozzi** and **Bree Joren** do multiple things such as examine cats, set up for surgery, and assist in surgery. By seeing these things, **Sami** has learned more than she expected to throughout this internship. **Sami’s** experience at **The Cat Hospital** has convinced her that being a

Vet Tech might just be the perfect job for her.

Under the guidance of **Susan Adams** at **Lake St. George Elementary School, Torey Scott** discovered the perks of being a student-teacher. There is lots of work, scheduling, teamwork and time going into being a teacher. Torey observed and took notes on everything **Susan Adams** did around the classroom. Torey got the opportunity to teach the class on certain topics such as science and the calendar math routine as well as help the children with any questions they might have. Torey's positive and encouraging experience with the kids convinced her that being a teacher is her passion.

Pinellas Park High School

Under the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs** at **Northside Hospital & Tampa Heart Institute, Alexis Davenport** has seen the ins and outs of what working in a hospital is really about. **Alexis** has observed many things in the hospital and in different departments. **Alexis** has found that this experience in the medical field may have convinced

her that this may be a field she is interested in pursuing instead of the law field in which she interned during the first semester.

St. Petersburg High School

Under the guidance of **Susan Digman of Shore Acres Elementary School, Courtney Clark** discovered that it isn't easy being a kindergarten teacher. Courtney learned that everyday activities included: teaching the students basic math skills, reading skills, and writing skills on top of keeping them calm and on task. Courtney learned that to make a kindergarten class run efficiently, teachers have to be patient, flexible, and firm. The most exciting thing that happened to Courtney while at her internship was when she was able to work one-on-one with the students who needed help with math skills. Courtney assisted the children and witnessed them improving a little each day that she worked with them; it was a very rewarding for Courtney. Courtney's experiences at her internship have convinced her that she does want to work with kids in some way in the future.

Under the guidance of **Kyle Schanville at Select Physical Therapy, Jacqueline Meyer** realized that Physical Therapy is the right path for her. The insights she gained while experiencing the field of physical therapy will be beneficial to her future. **Jacqueline** was able to observe and assist the physical therapist and other physical therapists in their initial evaluations and clinical workouts. She found physical therapy fascinating. **Jacqueline's** experience allowed her to gain a great amount of knowledge that she plans to utilize while studying integrative health science at Stetson University to become a physical therapist.

Under the guidance of **Kathy Jacobs at Northside Hospital & Tampa Bay Heart Institute, Erin Waterman** explored and learned about the different departments of a hospital. Erin observed in the **Operating Room, Radiology, Respiratory Therapy, and Physical Therapy** to find that it involves numerous factors to make a hospital run smoothly. Erin continued to learn new things each day and is looking forward to pursuing a job in the medical field.

Seminole High School

There were no students from Seminole HS during the spring semester.

Tarpon Springs High School

Victoria Iannuzzi stepped on the scene at the **Office of the State Attorney** a few months ago ready to take on the **Criminal Justice System. Brooke Kernan** was Victoria's assigned sponsor, who demonstrated an overabundance of legal knowledge that can be carried with Victoria throughout her internship as well as her life. Brooke also introduced her to **Division F**, the department where Brooke works. Through Brooke, Victoria was introduced to **Ashley Bartolucci, Lead Trial Attorney** and **Chris Halkitis, Assistant State Attorney**. Both of these individuals provided many knowledgeable tips about trials and other skills for later on in life. The trials at the **Office of the State Attorney** were very intriguing. Many of them stunned Victoria in the intensity that can go on in court. **Carrie English**, Brooke's secretary, became the "go to" person.

Anytime Victoria needed assistance in finding Brooke or even trying to locate a trial, Carrie was there to help. Finally, Victoria wants to thank everyone who was involved with her internship. Victoria especially thanked **Brooke Kernan, Ashley Bartolucci, Carrie English and Chris Halkitis**, for making her internship something to look forward to and an exciting place to learn.