



***Amani Farid '04, says
Southwestern University's
Career Services helped
her realize her dream of
entering law school*** <<

student profile

Amani Farid

CLASS OF 2004

Amani Farid '04 was inspired to pursue the versatility of a law school degree through her three and a half years' internship experience at the Georgetown (TX) Police Department Victim Services Unit while a student at Southwestern University.

"I dealt with victims of crime, domestic violence and any crisis," says Farid. "I filed victim compensation applications to the Attorney General's office in Austin. I also helped victims fill out protective orders against abusers. Mainly I saw the struggles people go through – especially immigrants and people of lower income – and I realized how fortunate I was to pursue any level of education and become whatever I wanted, despite being the child of immigrants and a first-generation American. People from my family's country are born into their social strata, and there is not much of a chance to change those strata or the opportunity to pursue one's dreams."

Like Farid, most students nationwide graduate with at least one internship experience; many students choose to participate in two or more. Nearly 50 percent of Southwestern University students gain experience and "test drive" careers through internships.

After a positive "test drive," Farid graduated from Southwestern University with a major in psychology and is currently a first-year law student at The University of Chicago Law School. In addition to her internship, she was active in the University's Diversity Enrichment Committee, Alpha Xi Delta Sorority, Muslim Student Association and Psychology Honor Society. Active participation in campus life is another way to build a repertoire of skills marketable to employers and graduate and professional schools alike.

"Law school is all about receptions and lunches and events where you have to mingle," explains Farid. "AXiD helped me perfect these social skills. I also serve on the admissions/recruitment committee at the law school, focusing on minority recruitment, which relates back to helping out in the Diversity Enrichment Committee at Southwestern University as well as planning events as president of the MSA (Muslim Student Association). And I have found that psychology relates to almost every aspect of law."

Psychology ranked as one of the four majors with the largest number of graduates in 2004. Communication graduated 39 majors, Business had

35, Psychology graduated 34 and Biology rounded out the top four with 29 majors graduating.

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In addition to acquiring academic knowledge and out-of-class experience, Farid took advantage of numerous resources at Career Services to explore occupations, gain experience

and engage the professional school application process.

"Career Services helped me revise several versions of my resume for law school and gave me the opportunity to participate in practice interviews," says Farid. "I talked to the staff about their experience with other students applying to law school and used the Resource Center to research law school programs and read about the law school application process. I was able to compare schools and learn about the various specialties each school offered."

Using her academic knowledge, out-of-class experience and career search skills, Farid succeeded in securing admission to one of the top law schools in the country. She was not alone in her success – 27 percent of 2004 graduates of Southwestern University also continued their education. Of those, 19 percent (including Farid) are enrolled in law school, 55 percent in graduate school, 10 percent in medical school, eight percent in theological school and the remainder in other professional schools or completing advanced coursework. Sixty-nine percent of graduates continuing their education stayed in Texas, while 31 percent ventured out of state like Farid.

"I want to be sure I take advantage of the opportunity I've been fortunate to have in my life, and law gives me that, plus the chance to show those who come to America or have lower incomes that they too have rights and do not have to slip through our system," concludes Farid.

After earning her law degree, Farid will enter the world of work to pursue her goal of helping others. Many graduates of the class of 2004 struck out immediately upon graduation to pursue their own working goals, and 55 percent secured full-time employment. Four percent ventured as far as China, Mexico, Canada, France and England, 19 percent left for 15 states and 76 percent remained in Texas.

Networking continued to be the most powerful strategy for Southwestern University graduates searching for employment. Forty percent reported learning about their jobs through networking contacts. Contacting employers directly worked for 18 percent of job seekers and the Internet continued to be a valuable research tool, connecting 13 percent of the class of 2004 with their full-time jobs.

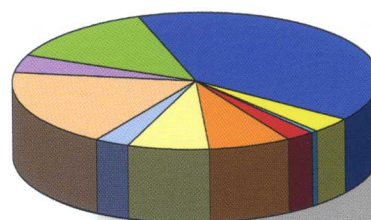
The remaining 16 percent of the class of 2004 are working part-time, volunteering and currently seeking employment. This group includes graduates who are traveling or fulfilling family obligations. Two percent of 2004 graduates did not respond to this survey.

Distribution of Southwestern Graduates

Full-Time Employment	55%
Continuing Education	27%
Part Time Employment	7%
Seeking	8%
Other/Not Seeking	1%
No Information	2%

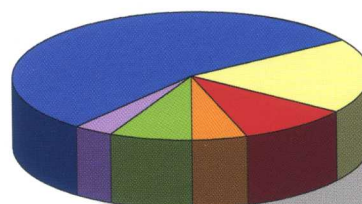
Total Number of Graduates: 300

Method of Locating Full-Time Employment

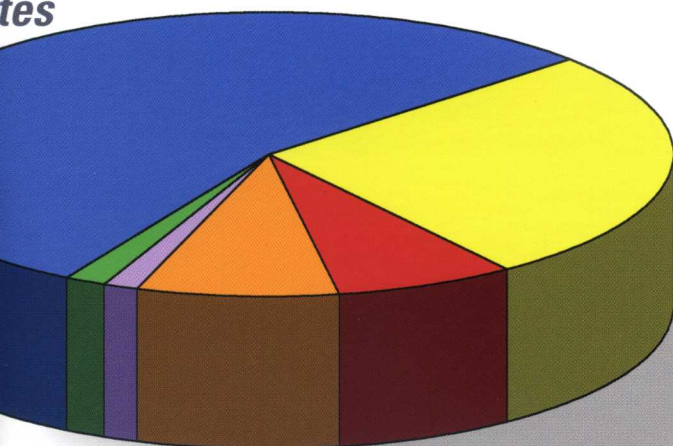


Career Services	7%
Career-related Experience/Internship	7%
Classified Ad	3%
Directly Contacted	18%
Employment Agency	4%
Internet	13%
Networking	40%
SU Professor	4%
Job Fair	1%
No Information	2%

Continuing Education



Graduate School	55%
Law School	19%
Medical School	10%
Professional School	5%
Theology School	8%
Advanced Coursework	4%



The largest percentage of graduates attributed their job search success to networking.



A Sample of Employers & Graduate / Professional Schools with 2004 SU grads

Employers:

Accenture
American Express Financial Advisors
AmeriCorps
Arts Center Enterprises, Inc.
Associated Colleges of the South Technology Center
Austin Tsutsumi & Associates, Inc.
Austin Waldorf School
Bank of America
Bank of Texas
Berkeley Repertory Theater
Bownds Consulting
Brown McCarroll LLP
California Pacific Medical Center
Central Texas Allergy and Asthma Center
Central Texas Council of Governments
Centre Realty and Development
ChevronTexaco
Cintas Corporation
Comal ISD
Computers Unlimited: 3D Design Team
CTX Mortgage
Dell Inc.
Deloitte Tax LLP
Diamond Circle Productions
DL Employment Justice Center
DOS Logistics
Dougherty Arts Center
Employee Benefit Solutions, Inc.
Enterprise Rent-A-Car
Ernst & Young
First Magnus Financial Corporation
Flieller, Kruger, & Skelton LLP
FoundationIP
Fulbright & Jaworski LLP
Georgetown ISD
Greystone Financial Services
Habitat for Humanity
Hance, Scarborough, & Wright
Harris Publishing Co., Inc.
HB Media Group Inc.
Helping Hands Home for Children
Hertz Corporation
Hilti
IMG Financial Group, Securian Financial Network
Institute for Creative Technologies
IXRF Systems, Inc.
J. Crew Group, Inc.
JCPenney Corporation, Inc.
John F. Kennedy Center for Performing Arts
Katy ISD

Kilpatrick Stockton, LLP
KNOE-TV (CBS)
Lanzhou Qiaocheng Foreign Language Services
LatCom Communications, Inc.
Legal Access Plans, LLC
London School of Marketing
McKesson Corporation
Mobius Risk Group
NACQ.com
National Hispanic Institute
National Institute of Technology
New Stage Theatre
Norfolk Public Schools
Office of the Attorney General (State of Texas)
Pearson Educational Measurement
Phenix & Phenix Literary Publicists
Pierre School District
Pifco Industries
ProPath Laboratory
Raytheon
Reliant Pharmaceuticals, LLC
Royal Masonic Benevolent Institution
Samsung Austin Semiconductor
Segal, McCambridge, Singer & Mahoney
Southern Methodist University Press
Southwest Securities Bank
Sun Harvest Farms
Sunset Direct
Teach For America
Texas A&M University Medical Center - Scott & White Hospital
Texas Cardiovascular Consultants
The Evansville Otters
The Fund for Public Interest Research
The Montessori Foundation
The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival
Time Warner Cable
Toyota of Dallas
TracyLocke
Universal Promotions Marketing
University of Texas Health Science Center
US Army
US Department of Commerce
Utah Shakespearean Festival
Velocity Electronics
Vinson & Elkins Law Firm
Waggener Edstrom
Wayport
White House Office of Management and Budget
Wyle Laboratories

Schools:

Auburn University
Baylor College of Medicine
Baylor Law School
Duke Divinity School
Emory University
Fuller Theological Seminary
Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary
Iowa State University
James Madison University
Mercer University School of Law
Miami University
North Carolina State University
Old Dominion University
Rice University
South Texas College of Law
Southern Methodist University Dedman School of Law
Southern Methodist University Perkins School of Theology
St. Edward's University
St. John's College
St. Mary's Law School
St. Mary's University
Texas A&M University
Texas Chiropractic College
Texas State University - San Marcos
Texas Tech University
Texas Woman's University
The University of Arizona
The University of Texas at Austin
The University of Texas at Dallas
The University of Texas at San Antonio
The University of Texas Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences at Houston
The University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston
The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio
The University of Texas Medical Branch
The University of Texas School of Law
The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas
Trinity University
Tulane University School of Law
University of California at Berkeley
University of California at San Diego
University of Chicago Law School
University of Colorado Boulder
University of Houston - Clear Lake
University of Houston Law School
University of Indiana School of Law
University of Massachusetts Amherst
University of North Texas
University of North Texas Health Science Center at Fort Worth
University of Pittsburgh
Vanderbilt University School of Medicine

Career Services at a Glance

Southwestern University Career Services' mission is to help students and alumni explore career options, gain marketable experience and engage in the search process for internships, jobs and graduate/professional school admission.

Advising

Career Services offers one-on-one advising for:

- Major and career exploration
- Self-assessment testing
- Internship development
- Resume development
- Graduate and professional school advising
- Job search strategies

Events

Special programming events throughout the year provide occupational information and teach career skills.

Examples are:

- Professional Practice Interview Day
- Etiquette Dinner
- Getting into Graduate School
- Career Connections
- Real World 101
- Careers in... series

Resources

- Career Services Resource Center (600+ publications)
- Career Services web site: southwestern.edu/careers
- Major Possibilities Guides
- Resume Writing Guide
- E-Line job and internship postings
- Alumni and parent networking contacts

MonsterTRAK

Students and alumni can register free of charge with MonsterTRAK, a web-based resume referral system, to search for jobs and internships. Registered users are eligible to participate in on-campus recruiting.

Recruiting and Career Fairs

Students can interview on campus and attend information sessions for non-profit, government, private-sector business and education employers. Career Services also provides transportation to job and internship fairs around Central Texas.

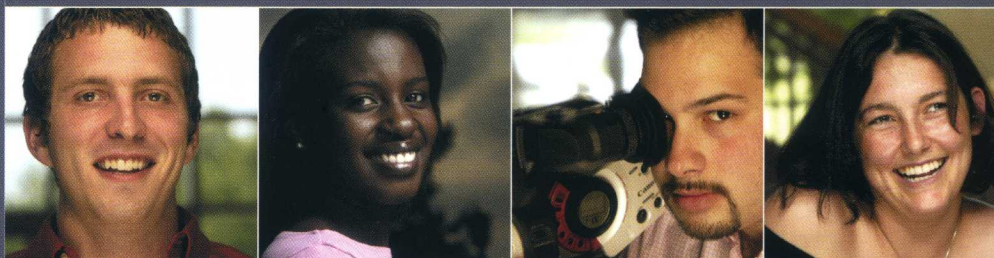
Location and Hours

Call or e-mail for an appointment or stop by the office in the McCook-Crain Building (next to the Kyle E. White Religious Activities Center). Office hours are 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. and 1–5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

First destination for 2004 graduates by major

M A J O R	First destination for 2004 graduates by major						Total Majors Graduated
	Employed Full Time	Employed Part Time	Continuing Education	Other/Not Seeking	No Information		
	Fine Arts						
	Humanities	66%	22%	9%	0%	0%	32
	Natural Sciences	47%	12%	25%	17%	0%	60
	Social Sciences	32%	4%	55%	5%	2%	56
Independent/Interdisciplinary							
	Total	57%	7%	24%	9%	2%	179
Total		78%	4%	13%	4%	0%	23
		53%	8%	27%	9%	1%	350

Percentages may not total 100 due to rounding.



Of 300 graduates, 49 students earned two or more majors in 2004.



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