

Editorial Preface

Placing Students into Graduate Programs

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Here in the Department of Geography and Geology at Sam Houston State University in Huntsville, Texas, our Geography Program has an applied focus with emphasis on geographic information science and technology (GIS&T). Our curriculum offers systematic, regional, and geospatial courses that provide our students with a solid and competitive background to pursue a career or continue on to graduate school. While some of our students move directly to our own graduate program that offers a Master of Science (MS) degree and a Certificate in Applied GIS, others seek advanced degrees elsewhere. Those students that venture off to other institutions to obtain graduate degrees help increase our visibility and improve our chances of placing future students. So, in recent years our students have been selected for graduate assistantships at Michigan State University, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro, Texas State University, The University of North Texas, Texas A & M University - College Station, and the University of South Carolina. While administrators often request “assessment data” showing pre- and post-course or program results, an enlightened evaluator might rather track a department’s record of placing students into graduate programs; however, I digress here on a topic for another time. So getting back to the point of this preface, I appreciate the support our students have received from geography graduate programs in and out of the region. Thanks!

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