1951 Bachelor’s

Alexander Van Dyke updates, “I retired from medicine eight years ago when my wife passed away. I was a Prof. of Peds at USC and a boarded emergency physician. I worked 25 years at a trauma center in Los Angeles and also Bethesda, Pendleton, and other naval hospitals. I had contact with M.G. Duane Stubbs.”

(Submitted 1/9/14)

1952 Bachelor’s

Alan Gorg writes, My wife Gwyn and I met in the civil rights movement in the 1960s and continued to be activists after marriage, joining the Committee for Traditional Indian Land and Life (TILL) and traveling to the lands of the Hopi, Diné, and Havasupai in Arizona to support resistance to oil and mining exploitation, a plague on the lands of indigenous peoples around the Third World. Our first effort to draw public attention was our feature film Earth Spirit, Neptune Award winner at the MoonDance International Film Festival presenting the horrific effects of oil and mining on indigenous peoples. Next was our educational video Prophecy & Pollution, honored at the GreenScreen, Al Jazeera, and ThirdWorld Film Festivals, presenting the horrific effects of oil and mining on indigenous peoples. DVDs for both films are available on Amazon. Currently we publish an Indigenous Exploitation Newsfeed. The horrific effects of oil and mining on indigenous peoples continue without end all around the Third World. In a lighter vein, we have made a film with music by the late, legendary Sam Taylor: Living the Blues, winner of the FilmTrax Award at the International Festival of Music in Film and finalist in the American Film Institute Video Awards. We may not make any more films. We are just trying to relax some but keep up the good work as much as we can. Peace, joy, aloha.”

(Submitted 12/21/13)
1954 Bachelor’s

Harold Blaisch shares, “After undergraduate, I was drafted and, luckily, was sent to the Army Audit Agency which was almost like being a civilian. After the Army became assistant comptroller of a mid-size defense firm which I left to go to law school. I specialized in criminal defense for 35 years. I am a past president to the San Fernando Valley Criminal Bar Association. I now do mostly workers’ comp and personal injury cases with a few criminal cases.”

(Submitted 1/8/14)

1955 Bachelor’s

Jeanne Laye shares, “I still have a small CPA practice here in Orinda, California. This year found me getting a new hip (which works as advertised), traveling to the big island of Hawaii for my birthday, and on the TCM Classic Movie cruise in December along with Robert Wagner, Jane Powell, Margaret O’Brien, and Alex Trebeck. I spent ChristmasholidaysinaWestwood condo with my kids and grandkids. It has been a very good year. If you go to my Facebook page, you can see Alex and I.”

(Submitted 1/9/14)

1957 Bachelor’s

Paul F. Fegen aka Fantastic Fig, celebrity magician, and his cat Newton

Paul F. Fegen aka Magician Fantastic Fig, graduated with a BS in Business Administration in 1957. After practicing law for many years and founding executive suites for lawyers now known as “Fegen Suites,” he
1957 Bachelor’s (continued...)

he became a celebrity magician after being the only close-up magician sent to Las Vegas by the judges “America’s Got Talent” and was selected out of thousands of magicians to appear on a national cable commercial. Watch videos of his media appearances at www.fantasticfig.com. Some of his best shows from 2013 include: Being sent to Caesar’s Palace (Las Vegas) for John Paul Mitchell (hair product guru) to entertain 3,500 VIPs attending their new product gathering for two days; headlined five comedians at Motown Comedy Bash at Radisson Hotel; Night of 100 Stars Oscar Night party at the Beverly Hills Hotel; Red Bull party at Santa Monica Bay Women's Club; Herbalife corporate holiday party for 1,500 employees; AOL employee holiday party; and The Croods movie family-day event by AEG at Regal Cinemas at LA Live.

(Submitted 1/9/14)

1959 Bachelors

Dan Chandler relates, “We arrived on this good earth at the right time, as we missed all the wars and have had a great economy since graduation. We are blessed.”

(Submitted 12/27/13)

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1960 **Bachelor’s**

**Robert Rainey** retired in May 2003 after 43 years in retail banking. He was managing director, personal trust administration. Robert is currently a volunteer consultant in coaching nonprofit agencies with board Development, fund Development, and executive director management. *(Submitted 12/20/13)*

1961 **Bachelor’s**

**Stanley Barker** shares, “My wife Karen, also a UCLA graduate, and I met in what was once the economics building. My tutoring her in elementary economics led to marriage. We’re still together after more than 51 years and enjoy traveling the world and, in those journeys realize how fortunate we are to live in the U.S.” *(Submitted 12/20/13)*

1962 **Bachelor’s**

**Edward Poll**, principal of LawBiz® Management, recently released his latest book, *Life After Law: What Will You Do With the Next 6,000 Days?* He is a recipient of the first Lifetime Achievement Award of the California State Bar (LPMT Section). *(Submitted 12/25/13)*

1964 **Full-Time MBA**

**Jerry Cohen** is a reverse mortgage consultant at Security 1 Lending. *(Submitted 12/20/13)*

**Frank Feiler** shares, “After a 40-year career in engineering and financial management, I retired from Rockwell International in 1990. For the past 20 years, I have been a (pro-bono) consultant with the Executive Service Corps of Southern California providing management consulting services to the not-for-profit community.” *(Submitted 12/24/13)*

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1965 Full-Time MBA

Alan Horwitz is a retired partner of Ernst & Young (Real Estate Group) and is currently acquiring multi-family properties in the Salt lake area utilizing LLCs funded by Alan and accredited investors. Alan and his wife, Lisa Loeffler Horwitz (tax attorney), live in Calabasas, California and have an office and home in Park City, Utah. He has three children: 47, 44 and 17.

(Submitted 1/9/14)

1966 Bachelor’s

Nicholas Barran is CEO and chairman of the board, KDA Group Inc., a digital, print and other media advertising agency with U.S. offices in Kansas City, Louisville, Milwaukie, Pittsburgh and Los Angeles, and overseas.

(Submitted 12/22/13)

1967 Bachelor’s

Jerome Solomon informs, “Having obtained an MBA, I really only used it in applying work that I do now in the art business. Business and economics can be applied even in areas of liberal arts, such as art history and anthropology. I first graduated UCLA with a BS in 1962 and became a stockbroker eventually with Bache & Co., Beverly Hills, and then went back and received my MBA in management theory. I left the brokerage business in January 1982 and embarked on my second career—buying and selling Japanese, Southeast Asian, African, Oceanic, and Indonesian tribal arts. For all of you alumni that might not be aware, the UCLA Fowler Museum of Art is a fantastic museum and a major leader in the above mentioned areas of art, as well as many other areas of ethnographic art. Not only does the Fowler have over 180,000 pieces of ethnic and tribal art, but it also has contributed and published many important art books and catalogs which contain very carefully researched studies. Many of them have

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1967 Bachelor’s

John Wiley retired from Lockheed Martin Corporation in April 2006. John writes, “Enjoying our four children and five grandchildren. We enjoy traveling all over the world.”  

Submitted 1/10/14

1968 Bachelor’s

Danny Chan reminisces about arriving at UCLA in an interview in Chinese University Bulletin. Danny answers the question, You went to the U.S. by boat in 1968. What was that like? “I went by the President Cleveland. The trip was supposed to take two weeks, with stops in Yokohama, Hawaii and San Francisco. But typhoons prolonged it into a month-long journey. I shared the HK$1,700, least expensive cabin, with seven other students. We were stuck in that tiny space as we waited for the typhoons to pass; we were not allowed to go on deck. Everybody got seasick. At meal-times knives and forks would fly all over the place. I was very glad to finally set foot on terra firma again. From San Francisco, I took the Greyhound to LA where someone from UCLA gave me a ride to Westwood.”

1969 Master’s

Danny Chan

Danny Chan, then and now

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1971  **Master’s**
After graduation, **Robert Novell** spent the next 16 year with Peat Marwick in Los Angeles and Frankfurt, Germany in the audit department and ultimately became an audit partner. Robert writes, “My clients included entertainment and nonprofit organizations in Los Angeles, and multinational businesses in Europe. In 1987, I went to work for seven years in Los Angeles for a wealthy family to run the family office and handle investments. Since 1994, I have been in the investment business and most recently, working with three partners at Wells Fargo Advisors, where we provide services to high net worth individuals. My wife Sharon and I have two daughters and we live in Arcadia, California.”

1972  **PhD**
**Ralph Kilmann** updates, “After 30 years of being a research professor at the University of Pittsburgh’s business school and after spending the next 10 years in Newport Beach in semi-retirement, I found out that I couldn’t really retire! So in 2009, my son Chris and I started an online, e-learning business, Kilmann Diagnostics, and we’re having so much fun! Back in the 1970s, who would have thought that management education could take place online? Chris and I provide a series of recorded online courses based on the workshop materials I developed during several decades of research on conflict management and change management, making good use of the Thomas-Kilmann Conflict Mode Instrument (TKI) that was created when I was a doctoral student at UCLA. It’s good to be so close to the campus now, so I can visit a few times a year and enjoy going to some of the same eating places that I enjoyed when I was a PhD student.”

(Submitted 12/31/13)
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1974 Master’s

Kurt Motamedi inspires, “Life is good—an amazing journey. I wish you joy, laughter, and time to enjoy your loved ones. The ultimate resource is time. Spend it wisely. Cheers!”  (Submitted 12/20/13)

1974 CERT

Brian Shannon is happily retired in beautiful San Clemente and stays very active on community landscape and operations committees. Brian writes, “We are deacons in our church and members of the leadership core. I was past marketing director and board member on the San Clemente Community Theatre’s Cabrillo Playhouse.”  (Submitted 8/25/13)

1975 Full-Time MBA

Michael Nadel is busy opening a new hybrid vegetable seed joint venture and a new essential oils extraction plant. Michael happily reports, “I managed to develop a successful protocol to completely knock out a relapse esophageal cancer without surgery last year. It certainly is wonderful to start the New Year cancer free.”  (Submitted 1/8/14)

Bruce Ross updates, “My son, Matthew Ross, UCLA grad 2010, was elected chair of Young Bruin Alumni for the Westside Bruins in 2013. He has put together some of their biggest events ever and participation is still growing. He’s planning to follow in my footsteps since he has now applied to Anderson for the MBA 2014 fall program.”  (Submitted 1/8/14)

1976 Full-Time MBA

After entering the real estate field in 1976, Elizabeth Buell Leone is still working as a real estate investor and broker in Nevada, California, and Utah. Elizabeth shares, “I currently live in Saint George, Utah, and love the beautiful surroundings and relatively small-town environment. I have been involved in the court-appointed special advocate program for children in the family court system. I have adopted a beautiful son, who is now 10 years old and in Cub Scouts. I would...
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1976 Full-Time MBA

Dan Freeman writes, "Sold our travel business in 2013 (after 14 years of ownership) and am now back to management consulting (which I did for 23 years with Ernst & Young). This past year also saw us traveling to Dubai, Germany, South Africa (on safari), and Mexico (plus U.S. trips as well!). Our daughters both landed ‘dream’ jobs—one as a marketing director for a large private school and the other with a major design house in New York."  
(Submitted 12/29/13)

David Jamieson writes, "After my degree, I spent 40 years in organizational consulting, in partnership and then independently. For many years I taught at about five different schools as an adjunct and in 2010, I moved to Minneapolis to become department chair of organization learning and development at the University of St Thomas and lead a Masters and Doctoral program. Recently was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Organization Development Network. I served as national president of ASTD; chair, Management Consulting Division of the Academy of Management and currently as chair of the Organization Development Education Association. Divorced years ago with two grown, successful sons."  
(Submitted 1/10/14)
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1977 Full-Time MBA

Dawson Tang is in funds management for institutions and family offices and is consulting in corporate finance and mergers/acquisitions. (Submitted 11/19/13)

Robert Edwards updates, “I have a wife of 36 years and two kids—a daughter (32) who gave up working at a hedge fund to become a farrier and a son (29) now at Kellogg likely to follow a traditional marketing career. I live in Napa Valley but work in San Francisco so half my nights are out in the country and the other half in the city. I’m the COO/CFO for a large insurance broker named SelectQuote. If you’re familiar with the tag line “We Shop. You Save.” you’ve seen our somewhat cheesy ads. Hey, how about giving us a call someday to buy some life, auto, home, or, soon, Medicare insurance. We’re lonely.” (Submitted 1/6/14)

1978 Full-Time MBA

Jacquelyn Copple has been living in Menlo Park, California, since 1980. Jacquelyn reports, “Came here for a financial planning job when the industry was young. Got married, had a son, Jon, now age 25. Working full time as a residential realtor since 1989.” (Submitted 9/10/13)

Tom Craig has just sold the 132-year-old family business and is retiring. Tom writes, “I have been running Sparks Home Furnishings in Vancouver, Washington, since graduation in 1978. Active in the community, but my biggest life accomplishment has been getting all four of my kids through college!” (Submitted 1/6/14)

Sadly, Paul Dodwell’s wife of nearly 40 years, Ivy, passed away at their home in March 2012. (Submitted 1/7/14)

1978 Full-Time MBA

Saul Roe became a regular member of the Pasadena Tournament of Roses. (Submitted 8/28/13)
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1979 Full-Time MBA

Martha Baker has moved to Santa Fe, New Mexico from Berkeley, California. She remains active with Harris Gabel Associates, providing qualitative market research consultation (focus groups, etc.) and plans to volunteer with the Santa Fe Opera and other local nonprofits. (Submitted 12/20/13)

Hajime Endo updates, “Retiring from the education ministry in 2011, I have been working for a private university named Bunka Gakuen University as chief administrator and member of the board. The campus is located within a seven-minute walk from the Shinjuku station, the busiest station in Japan. Please drop in while in Japan.” (Submitted 1/7/14)

Lynn Jones shares, “During 2013, I joined the University of Texas faculty as a senior lecturer and am now teaching auditing, cost management, and financial accounting in the UT Dallas Jindal School of Management.” (Submitted 1/8/14)

John Keating updates, “I just completed an exit transaction for BridgeWave Communications, a Silicon Valley-based manufacturer of wireless communications equipment for cellular backhaul networks, where I have been CFO for the last six months. I plan to catch up on some blue-water sailing and put in more time with my neglected blues band before moving on to the next business adventure. Both sons are gainfully employed (yay!), one in biotech and the other in math education online game platforms. My wife is winding down her leadership work at Stanford University’s Online High School Program and transitioning to consulting work in the K-12 online education space.” (Submitted 12/20/13)

Stephen Sellery writes, “Healthcare transformation in England. PhD in management in healthcare services in Poland.” (Submitted 1/9/14)

Diane Siegel happily reports, “Very exciting year! My daughter Janet married Eric Brown in Chicago in April and they recently bought a house in Bucktown. Son Mark and wife Tamara both changed jobs: Mark is now president of Emerald Health Services and Tamara is director of licensing for Quiksilver. I’ve been retired for one year—and having a wonderful time!” (Submitted 1/9/14)
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**1980 Full-Time MBA**

**Charlotte Clark** writes, “Hello, fellow classmates! As 2014 begins, my life has changed. I moved to Oregon in September and am now buying a house in the Salem area. Looking for my next adventure, I am still consulting in the biotech industry, but considering branching out. Have a wonderful New Year and please plan on attending our 35th reunion to be held in May 2015!”

*(Submitted 12/27/13)*

**Edmund Gonzales** reports, “After 14 months of unemployment, I landed a job totally unrelated to my MBA or any of my previous experience. I am working as a funeral arranger until I find something more in line with my experience writing proposals and negotiating contracts for research and development, aerospace, utility, and environmental projects. I wish all my fellow alumni a happy and prosperous 2014.”

*(Submitted 12/27/13)*

**Janet Richmond** shares, “I have been working in the metaphysical self-help arena for the last four years. I just finished writing my second book, *Soul Psychology: Our Journey Through the Human Kingdom Universe*. It may be out of the box for a UCLA MBA graduate but my business background has been invaluable. My website is [http://janetrichmond.com](http://janetrichmond.com).*

*(Submitted 1/8/14)*

**Julie Simon** is a psychotherapist and life coach specializing in overcoming overeating. She is author of a best-seller, *The Emotional Eater’s Repair Manual: A Practical Mind, Body, Spirit Guide For Putting an End to Overeating and Dieting.*

*(Submitted 1/9/14)*

**Barry Topol** is managing partner of Assessment Solutions Group.

*(Submitted 1/8/14)*

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1981 Full-Time MBA

CHOC Children’s Hospital in Orange County has appointed seasoned health care leader Matthew S. Gerlach to the position of executive vice president and chief operating officer. In his new role, he assumes responsibility for overall hospital operations for the regional pediatric healthcare system, which includes a 279-bed main hospital in Orange, a 54-bed “hospital within a hospital” in Mission Viejo, several primary and specialty care clinics, and four centers of excellence: The CHOC Children’s Heart, Neuroscience, Orthopaedic, and Hyundai Cancer Institutes.

2013 was another busy year for Alum Harvey Moore and The Moore Law Group (TMLG), one of the preeminent collection law firms in California. TMLG celebrated its five-year anniversary in 2013 while continuing to experience solid growth in California. TMLG made the leap in July 2013, to become a regional firm, opening offices in both New Mexico and Colorado. As current MBA students are learning, growth has its perils and its great rewards, we are proud to announce that TMLG was more than capable of stick handling all the challenges it had to face. Stay tuned for future class notes as they look to continue to expand their geographical footprint.

Hock Tjoa has retired and published his third book, The Chinese Spymaster. It is available on Amazon. See his blog about writing and much more. www.hockgtjoa.blogspot.com.

Hock Tjoa’s latest novel, The Chinese Spymaster (Vol. I)

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1982 Full-Time MBA

William Gillespie sends greetings from Down Under: “Hello from Oz! I retired in late 2010 after 35 years full-time employment in a career spanning six opera companies, a performing arts academy, and an international touring chamber orchestra. I am enjoying life in Sydney, and doing occasional consultancy projects for the Australia Council for the Arts. No worries!”

(Submitted 1/6/14)

Jeffrey Later writes, “After a long career at Arthur Andersen and a slightly shorter one at Disney, I am now running my own tax practice, specializing in expatriate (U.S. workers abroad) and inpatriate (non-U.S. residents working in the U.S.) individual taxation.”

(Submitted 1/8/14)

Beth Gerken Logan sends her greetings: “Hello Classmates, all is well in Northern California. I continue to see and communicate with a number of our classmates: Tom Stewart, Robin Wu, Barbara Ladd, Roddy Guerra, Kevin O’Leary, and more. We had an awesome class! Tom Stewart served as our Class President at the October President’s meeting—thank you, Tom. I will be attending the April meeting and hope to have much to report. Happy New Year!”

(Submitted 1/8/14)
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1982 (continued...) Full-Time MBA

Thomas Stewart was appointed as trustee board member for Fidelity Charitable, Boston. He updates, “Son Tommy graduated from Princeton with a degree in economics in June 2013. And daughter MacKenzie earned her B.A. from UCLA in 2013. Happy Dad here!” (Submitted 1/9/14)

Esther Torrez shares, “Greetings to my fellow alumni. For brief update, I am currently working on a pilot program that integrates high school students (9th, 10th and 11th graders) with college juniors and seniors providing them with a community-based service method of learning, using entrepreneurial principles and different disciplines to problem-solve a social issue in the community in such areas as education, health care, and business in communities in need.” (Submitted 1/9/14)

Thomas Stewart celebrates! His daughter, MacKenzie Stewart (UCLA; photo 1) And his other daughter, Cortny, and son Tommy (Princeton; photo 2).

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1983 Full-Time MBA

Luther (Luke) Asbury updates, “I’m presently living in Ventura it was like moving back to the 1950s, complete with hot rods running around town. I am enjoying it very much.” (Submitted 1/8/14)

Happily married for over 20 years, Rick San Vicente has two healthy teenagers one in high school and one at University of Arizona. Rick writes, “I’m running the Northern California salesteam for SIL (reverse mortgage lender). I’m still not very good at tennis or golf.” (Submitted 1/8/14)

1984 Full-Time MBA

Steve Cadenhead left the west coast in 1990 for New York City “just for a few years. Sigh. . . .” He updates, “Got remarried, have two wonderful kids in high school. I’ve been indulging my fantasy that I can actually perform music by playing in a band. My family enjoys playing Gilligan on summer weekends at our off-the-grid cottage on an island in the Long Island sound, but I still miss the left coast.” (Submitted 1/9/14)

Steve Cadenhead and family, August 2013

A photo of Rick San Vicente from a few years back “so that no grey hairs show-up yet!” (Submitted 1/8/14)
Keith Cernak writes, “There is a desperate need to innovatively create and frame the human value proposition of health and sustainability for corporate involvement in emerging markets. On the world scene, with safe water being a scarcity to more than a billion people across this earth, it is an absolute and visceral priority to bring lifesaving water to the poor. Several years ago I set out to create the “Global Solar Safe Initiative” as there exists an incredible value-added intersection between the need for safe water and the ability for clean energy to provide it. Solar is a transformative and disruptive technology that can provide safe water while achieving both a small carbon footprint and energy payback time to generate electricity with no air emissions. It can also reach the poorest of the poor throughout the world who are off the grid. The solar safe water demonstration project established in India is a success and there are now requests to expand it within India and to replicate it in Africa. The foundation for the “Global Solar Safe Water Initiative” has been established. With this I would like to hear from any alumni with connections to solar companies which are leaving a small carbon footprint but also can partner with us to create a highly visible and global social footprint.”

Matthew Irmas shares, “I am an associate partner at Partners Trust Real Estate Brokerage and Acquisitions specializing in residential real estate on the west side of Los Angeles.

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1984 (continued...) Full-Time MBA

From Jesse Coronado, “Community service is my current calling. I am the volunteer food pantry coordinator at St. Margaret’s Center in Lennox. This provides me with a wonderful opportunity to help those less fortunate than me.” (Submitted 1/11/14)

Jesse Coronado along with a group of student volunteers visiting from Virginia Tech

Mary Eastman Hallowes reports, “After 25 years of managing real estate investments, I am retiring to spend more time with my English husband Paul and our seven grandchildren. We divide our time between London and Santa Barbara, with adventures in other lands as well.” (Submitted 1/9/14)

Marc Lowe shares, “I retired from the tech world in 2010 and have turned my ‘hobby’ into my vocation. I have been teaching at UC Davis MBA program for eight years and teaching year round since 2010. I teach new business ventures (entrepreneurship and business planning), product management (markstrat!), and advise student consulting projects (field study!!). My daughter graduated from college last June, my wife is eligible for retirement next year . . . life is GOOD! As a family, we’ve been bitten by the adventure travel bug and have journeyed to central Mexico, Tibet, Ghana, and Turkey over the past few years. Planning more adventures for the future. It would be great to catch up with GSMers. Happy 2014!” (Submitted 1/8/14)
1984 Full-Time MBA

Mark Triska is looking forward to the big 30-year reunion and reconnecting with all classmates coming up this May! He is still brokering commercial real estate with Colliers International in the San Francisco East Bay and growing merlot in the Livermore Valley. Mark is celebrating his 30-year anniversary with Maria and enjoying their six-year-old granddaughter Amelie!

(Submitted 1/8/14)

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J. Raj Dhawan and his wife are both council members of the J. Paul Getty Museum. Works from their 19th-century French realist painters are on loan to the Getty, San Francisco Museums of Fine Art, and Peabody-Essex Art Museum. Raj is engaged in consulting services in the field of advanced composites materials for the aerospace industry.

(Submitted 1/8/14)

All smiles, Ken Van Wagenen reports, “2014 is a new year of retirement and change . . . No work after spending 30 years as financial advisor in Los Angeles. Still living in Pasadena . . . Anyone free for lunch?”

Ken Van Wagenen with some free time now, asks “Who still lives in LA?”

(Submitted 1/7/14)

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### 1985 Full-Time MBA

**Brian Biro** happily reports, “My oldest daughter, Kelsey, was married this September to Michael Sanders. It was the best day ever! To celebrate her day I wrote her a book: *Loving Life Lessons for my Daughters* and had it on her bedside table on the morning of the big day. There was more excitement in the Biro home when I was named one of the top 70 Motivational Speakers in the world for 2013. Let’s make 2014 the best year yet!” *(Submitted 1/8/14)*

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**Evelyn Brown** was featured in an article about volunteerism published in *Creative Living*, a magazine of Northwest Mutual. *(Submitted 1/9/14)*

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**A Willing Heart**

*Finding meaning in volunteerism*

Evelyn Brown’s first assignment in her third career was pushing boxes around in a warehouse. After she proved competent at that task, she was allowed to pack the boxes. It wasn’t a glamorous start for someone with degrees from Smith College and UCLA, and 35 years’ experience as an economist in government and private industry. Oh, yes—and she wasn’t being paid a penny. You’d think the 60-year-old was going in the wrong direction. By her own admission, however, she loved every minute of it from the start.

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*(Submitted 1/9/14)*

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**Evelyn Brown**
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Marianne Lowenthal shares a photo, “Just having fun with my classmates!”  
(Submitted 1/8/14)

Robert McKean updates, “Just a note to tell you that Sandy Kanenaka McKean (also MBA ’85) and I are well, living in Massachusetts with our three children (now ages 17, 15, and 13), and getting gracefully older before our time.”  
(Submitted 1/8/14)

1986 Full-Time MBA

Lois Fisher is shifting her healthcare career from private to public. She is currently enrolled in the Masters of Public Health program at UC Berkeley and hopes to work on projects in, or related to, sub-Saharan Africa.  
(Submitted 12/20/13)

Karim Khan shares, “My wife Daria and I are living and working in Mumbai, India. We relocated in October, after a five and a half year assignment in Santiago, Chile. I’m still with Bechtel after 31 years!”  
(Submitted 1/8/14)
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Rodrigue Kukurudz was knighted in France’s Ordre National du Mérite (National Order of Merit) by H.E François Delattre, French Ambassador to the U.S. (Submitted 12/4/13)

French Ambassador François Delattre with Rodrigue Kukurudz.

Larry Kutcher recently joined the Board of Breakaway Education, a 501(c)(3) founded by Anderson’s own Stephen Lehtonen (2012). Its focus is to enhance students' connection to learning and school by creating leadership opportunities in after-school programs. Larry writes, “We have a great group of people and we’re excited to grow and evolve the program. For more information, please go to http://www.breakawayeducation.org/. At the end of February, I am also launching one of three national pilot programs: FastTrac for the Boomer Entrepreneur, in conjunction with TCVN, Kauffman FastTrac, and AARP. The program will be a 10-week curriculum exploring entrepreneurship and providing a solid framework to develop and launch a new venture in a facilitated peer-learning environment. Questions? Please reach out to me.” (Submitted 1/8/14)

Olivier Tardy updates, “2013 was a year with a new job for me joining my father in a mid-sized family company involved in construction (notably maritime works) and real estate. Will be looking for opportunities in North America in the near future.” (Submitted 12/20/13)

Some recent constructions from Oliver Tardy’s family business: the new La Rochelle harbor in France and the Eric Tabarly bridge in Nantes.

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1987 Full-Time MBA

News from **Eric Bernhard**: “After 15 years at CSC, I started at SuccessFactors, an SAP Company, as a cloud solutions architect, helping companies move their HR systems into the cloud and integrate with their on-premise solutions. So far, so good!”

*(Submitted 1/8/14)*

**David Burk** shares, “The last start-up I did was kicked off four years ago, building the digital practice at FleishmanHillard, one of the largest PR firms in the world. That was a great success, but the big company thing is not my favorite. So, I’m back at it. I just founded The Electron Shop, taking all of my experience and offering myself and my team as outsourced chief digital officers to help companies use digital and social technologies for profitable growth, marketing, sales, and more. Connect with me on Facebook or LinkedIn to get the updates—it’s going very well.”

*(Submitted 12/20/13)*

**Mary Faulkinberry Helenius** updates, “I’ve returned to work after six years as a stay-at-home mom and community volunteer. I joined $30B Publix Super Markets, Inc. in Lakeland, Florida, in finance as a senior business consultant. I was fortunate to land at a food and beverage company which has been on Fortune’s 100 Best Places to Work list for 16 straight years, right here in central Florida.” *(Submitted 12/21/13)*

**Trice Rainer** passed the Certified Financial Planner exam in 2011 and is now licensed as a registered representative and investment advisor representative with Protected Investors of America (PIA). PIA is an independent broker dealer and investment advisor headquartered in the financial district of San Francisco. Trice is an active member of the Northern California Financial Planning Association. Please know Trice would be happy to assist you with any financial questions or needs you might have.

*(Submitted 1/8/14)*
1988 Full-Time MBA

**Sandra Cress** is still living in Nairobi and is the director for Africa for One World Futbol Project (www.oneworldfutbol.com). She writes, “We produce, sell, distribute, and donate nearly-indestructible footballs to communities in need around the world. 2013 included travel to Monrovia, Freetown, Accra, Addis Ababa, Dar es Salaam, Marsabit, Stone Town, Bujumbura, Lubumbashi, Kigali, Cairo, Johannesburg, Bulawayo, Shanghai, Bangkok. 2014 will include a different set of equally interesting locales.”
(Submitted 1/8/14)

1988 CERT

**Michael Tung** updates, “Both my wife and I are retired as our daughter, Patty, and son, Eric, are now ably running the business.”
(Submitted 12/24/13)
1989 Full-Time MBA

Barak Lurie relates, “It’s been great connecting with so many of our classmates here in Los Angeles! I keep on bumping into good friends from our class. Our law firm, Lurie & Associates, Business and Real Estate Litigation, is now 10 years old and growing in size. And so is my family! Three kids and counting (although my wife says that there is no more “and counting” at this point!). Would love to hear more from you all!”

(Submitted 12/20/13)

Carrie McColl O’Brien shares, “I currently live in Coronado, California, where I have a residential real estate brokerage company called Flagship Properties, Inc. Also, my husband and I have a construction company called Flagg, Inc. One of the homes we are building was just selected as Coastal Living Magazine’s Showhouse 2014 and will be available for tours this summer.”

(Submitted 1/9/14)

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1990 MBA

Mike Bloom shared wine and dinner at the Napa home of classmate Rich Bouwer with fellow classmates Stephen Morgan (and his lovely wife Anna ’89) and Jim Wells to celebrate Jim’s visit from Germany.

(Submitted 1/9/14)

Daniel Smith proudly announces, “On January 14, I launched my new venture, jimmyCASE. jimmyCASE is an iPhone case with an expanding elastic pocket/wallet allowing you to carry just what you need. After graduation, I was a TV production executive at ABC Family Channel and Playboy TV. I believe there is a great opportunity to combine entertainment/content with new products and I look forward to talking with other alums working in this space.”

(Submitted 1/9/14)

1990 EMBA

Phil Tetterton joined Cox Industries as CFO in August. Cox treats lumber for residential and industrial applications at 10 plants in the eastern U.S. He works from their Orangeburg, South Carolina headquarters. Phil and Sue’s son, Phillip, graduated from UNC Charlotte in May. They continue to reside in Charlotte, NC.

(Submitted 12/28/13)
All Class Notes


1990  CERT

Michael (Mick) R. Campbell reports, “I am actively seeking an opportunity to build another successful company as CEO/GM.”  (Submitted 8/30/13)

Ari Nadelman shares, “After graduating from the program, I went on to found 3 companies, sold them, and have now founded a lower middle market investment bank, Lionfish Advisors. I am having so much fun and really love my job. We help entrepreneurs access capital markets they never knew existed. I’m now married to another UCLA grad in Finance and we live in Santa Monica with our 9 year-old son.”  (Submitted 12/20/13)

In 2013, Stephen Knight and Dorian Baroni moved their U.S. home base to Tucson, Arizona, to be closer to Dorian’s parents. She relates, “Home location isn’t yet a key concept for me as I continue to spend the majority of my time traveling, mostly in the U.S. and Europe, as my executive coaching and leadership team development engagements have expanded considerably in the past couple of years. I am also still leading the global expansion of the CIYO, a women’s leadership network and personal development program. I have joined the boards of two nonprofits, the ALIA Institute and TAI. So all in all, creatively busy, loving the work I do and the people I get to do it with, and definitely enjoying the flexibility of an entrepreneurial lifestyle.”  (Submitted 1/9/14)

Aristotle (Aris) Economon just moved to Holland for his Dutch wife Hanneke’s new position of chief commercial officer of global retailing giant Ahold (think Stop n Shop, Giant, Martin’s and Peapod in the U.S.). He updates, “Pretty exciting for the whole family, especially Hanneke, who after 21 years traveling the world for P&G, gets to return home. The short winter days and rain will take some getting used to but the people are all so friendly and the country so organized that it is a pleasure living here. Any alums traveling through, please look me up, I’ll take you for a gourmet meal in a 400-year-old windmill!”  (Submitted 12/9/13)

1991  Full-Time MBA

Tomaso Andreatta offers, “I am in Vietnam, come and visit.”  (Submitted 10/31/13)
1991 (continued...)  
**Full-Time MBA**

**Nicolette (Niki) Muñoz** has reactivated her marketing and advertising consulting practice, specializing in entertainment and tourism: www.NMunozConsulting.com  
*(Submitted 12/30/13)*

**Lyle Peters**, vice president of sales at GreenDrop Recycling, will be presenting at the U.S. Composting Council conference in Oakland, California, this January. The topic is Sports Venues and Arenas—Defining Pathways to Greater Sustainability. Mr. Peters will also be participating in Innovation Takes Root in Orlando, Florida, this February. GreenDrop Recycling will once again be a sponsor for the Green Sports Alliance conference held this year in San Jose, California. The Alliance membership is over 200 teams, venues, and leagues.  
*(Submitted 12/20/13)*

**Kent Shepherd** is currently in his 22nd year with Franklin Templeton Investments, where he is a senior vice president and lead portfolio manager of various U.S. equity portfolios. He and his wife Jennifer have three college-aged children; daughter Rosie is a senior at Notre Dame (South Bend, Indiana), son Jack is a junior at Marquette (Milwaukee, Wisconsin) and daughter Mary is a freshman at Santa Clara University (near San Jose, CA) and a member of Santa Clara’s D1 women’s volleyball team.  
*(Submitted 12/26/13)*

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1991 **EMBA**

**Benjamin Berry** shares, “Things are going well. See what my company is doing here: [http://www.airshiptg.com/inthenews.htm](http://www.airshiptg.com/inthenews.htm).” *(Submitted 1/9/14)*

![Ben Berry, CEO AirShip Technologies Group](image)

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1993 **Full-Time MBA**

**Debra Blackmore** announces, “I am a grad student again, currently studying for an MS in Geography. My research interests include water resource management, remote sensing, GIS, and small UAVs (unmanned aerial vehicles). For fun I like to hike, volunteer, and travel from my home base in green-and-gorgeous Portland, Oregon.” *(Submitted 1/9/14)*

**Ross Henderson** sends greetings from Jennings Beach in Fairfield, Connecticut. Ross relates, “I cannot believe how quickly the 13 years have passed since leaving Los Angeles. The kids like it here and the school system is exceptional (plus nearby New York City is also a great benefit) . . . so this should continue to be home for the duration. Since moving here, I continue as COO and partner at Employment Technology Solutions. We have successfully transitioned our business from primarily being a M&A employment tax consulting shop into becoming a leading provider of cloud-based HR & payroll-related administration services. Likewise, on the professional front, I was just re-elected president of the industry trade group AUTO (Association of Unemployment Tax Organizations). Personally, beyond my wife Christine and I navigating our three teenagers and one tweenager, I continue to teach (and occasionally compete) in martial arts, and I am training for my masters exam (and hell week) in later 2014 or early 2015. Keep well.” *(Submitted 1/6/14)*

2013 was a year of big moves for **Deborah Knuckey**. She writes, “I landed back in the career world with a great green-tech company, Enphase Energy, which makes microinverters, the technology behind more than half of all residential solar PV installations in the U.S. I am running the product marketing team. I’m actively recruiting a director to take over from me so I can move into a different role in the firm. Loving my job meant...”
1993  (continued...)  
**Full-Time MBA**

that I could go find a forever home, and after living in 25 or so homes each, Michael and I settled into a home in San Anselmo in Marin County. We have a gorgeous view and are a short stroll to a cute town. We are happy to be downsized empty nesters enjoying exploring the Bay Area and wine country.”  

(Submitted 12/20/13)

After 13 years at Egon Zehnder, **Siddique Salleh** will be taking a break in his career. He writes, “I look forward to reconnecting with friends and classmates all over the world.”  

(Submitted 1/9/14)

**Todd Thiemann** updates, “I took the plunge into the startup world with an early stage B2B software (data protection) startup. If you need to protect your x86 servers from bad guys, give me a buzz. The more important news—I got engaged and both of the kids are healthy and doing well.  

(Submitted 1/8/14)

**Patti Williams** is still living in Philly, teaching marketing to MBAs and Executive MBAs at Wharton, and working with a variety of interesting companies (from Penske Truck Leasing to the Estee Lauder Companies) on topics like brand planning and segmentation. She relates, “Looking forward to a visit to Los Angeles in February to speak at an event for Wharton’s San Francisco campus with executives from Honda about building emotional connections with consumers. I’ll be staying in Hermosa Beach and reminiscing about lazy grad-school afternoons spent rollerblading along the Strand.”  

(Submitted 1/8/14)
1994 **Full-Time MBA**

After operating a family charity golf business for a decade, **Kathleen Duke** has returned to practicing law in California, with a focus on estate planning, estate administration, probate, and conservatorships. Kathleen received her law degree from Harvard Law School before attending Anderson and earned an LL.M. (Master of Laws) degree in estate planning and elder law from Western New England University School of Law in early 2013. She updates “Having cared for a terminally ill parent and dealt with probate and estate administration in my own family, I’ve developed a heart for people planning for, and going through, difficult family circumstances.” Kathleen lives with her two children, JoyAnne (13) and Tim (10), in Chatsworth, California. You can connect with Kathleen on Facebook or LinkedIn.

**Christopher Jenks** shares, “I have been working with a start-up baseball company, the Hitting Jack-It, for the last two years. Our girls are growing up and the youngest is three. Crazy. Love to be in Manhattan Beach where we get to see classmates occasionally, but not enough. Still playing volleyball with some alums too. Looking forward to our 20th reunion this year.”

(Submitted 1/9/14)
1994 **FEMBA**

Francesco Nespega is enjoying life after successful sale of Switchover Media, an Italian independent broadcaster of one pay and four free-to-air TV channels, targeting kids, women and young adults, to Discovery Communications in 2013. Francesco was president and majority owner of Switchover Media which he founded in 2009 following a management buy-out of some broadcast and content assets from Disney Italy where he was channel managing director since 2001. See also [http://variety.com/2013/tv/news/discovery-buys-italy-s-switchover-media-1118064608/](http://variety.com/2013/tv/news/discovery-buys-italy-s-switchover-media-1118064608/) (Submitted 12/20/13)

1995 **Full-Time MBA**

Bettina Kaplan reminisces, “In 2013 I had great fun seeing my friends (and alums) Alex Gobbi ('95) and Lili Reasor ('96) while visiting London! I’m starting 2014 in Myanmar! Thank you to all the Bangkok alumni who gave us input on whether to visit . . . or not. Otherwise, life is pretty darn good! Best wishes!” (Submitted 1/9/14)

Alexandra Gobbi and Bettina Kaplan in front of Buckingham Palace the night Prince George was born, July 2013.
Eileen McPeake launched a new career as a financial advisor with Rebalance IRA in September. She puts clients, even those of modest means, into globally diversified portfolios comprised of low-cost exchange-traded funds (ETFs) for a reasonable advisory fee of 0.5%. Learn more at www.rebalance-ira.com.

(Submitted 1/8/14)

Gary Leibowitz is still based in London 20 years after starting at Anderson! SABMiller is the world’s 2nd largest brewer and keeps him busy with beer and deals around the world. Gary writes, “I’m now senior vice president, investor relations and internal communications, running two teams which both, in essence, continuously mine, study, and communicate insights into our business and consumers on all continents. Pretty exciting! Five kids keep me busy too!”

(Submitted 1/8/14)

Gayle Northrop updates, “I am on campus a lot these days since I’m teaching Social Entrepreneurship at Anderson and am faculty advisor for the AMR program (remember field study?!). Telling the students stories of beer busts in the old building makes me feel really old. I’m also still doing my nonprofit consulting and traveling to Africa every 3–4 months to run a management training program to help eliminate mother-to-child transmission of HIV. My husband Jason is still at Universal Music Group, playing out his midlife crisis with long hair these days. Our boys, Blake (13) and Zach (11), are a blast to be around—we love skiing, traveling and playing blackjack with them.”

(Submitted 12/20/13)

Pamela Salzman has been teaching natural foods cooking classes throughout Los Angeles and the South Bay for the last five years, along with a few restaurant consulting projects on the side. Pamela shares, “I have also just recently become certified as a holistic health counselor through The Institute of Integrative

Gayle Northrop with her sons, opening day at Mammoth Mountain, Nov 2013
1996 **Full-Time MBA**

Nutrition. My blog, www.pamelasalzman.com, spotlights my approach to cooking with whole foods, including recipes and informative articles regarding health and diet. I currently reside in Manhattan Beach with my husband Daniel and our three children, Emma (16), Anna (15), and Andrew (9).”  

(Submitted 8/2/13)

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1996 **FEMBA**

David Melnick admits, “In an act of insanity, I have resigned my partnership at Deloitte to found my fourth startup business, WebLife Balance.”  

(Submitted 12/20/13)

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Mike Solomon checks in: “Since my last update (about a lifetime ago), I have recently made a huge career and life change. I took a job at Google in New York City and moved my family from Los Angeles to Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey (about 40 minutes outside Manhattan). Slowly but surely working on seeing all the ’96 grads in the New York area, but please reach out, I would love to connect (Jack and Miko—where are you guys?).”  

(Submitted 1/9/14)
1997 **EMBA**

**Carole (Martin) Stein** updates, “I am no longer at The Times. I’ve started my own consulting practice, Catalyst Consulting, assisting companies to create digital and social marketing programs and develop customer-retention strategies. So far, the pipeline is varied and full. On the personal side, my husband and I celebrated our 10th anniversary with a trip to Barcelona this summer. What a place! Looking forward to seeing everyone soon!”  
*(Submitted 9/14/13)*

1998 **Full-Time MBA**

**Nate Agnew** shares, “It’s been another fun and busy few months for the Agnew family. **Robb Kempken** had a flying visit to Melbourne and then I had a short 48 hours in Los Angeles which coincided with the MB fair—**Chris Slinger** and **Curt Colon** were enjoying the beer garden to the fullest and I enjoyed **Matt Peilert**’s hospitality also. We also welcomed the newest addition to our family, Oscar John Agnew, now six months old and definitely has his mother’s calm disposition. Looks like his older sister (now five) is going to be the one giving us sleepless nights in future years. Or as JP and I have agreed we can see his Jack and our Etienne in the Anderson class of 2038 running beer bust and Lit Club! Christmas and New Year was long overdue. Hoping for more work trips that bring me through Los Angeles again.”  
*(Submitted 1/7/14)*

**Daniel Balsam** writes, “Greetings, classmates. In 2013, I continued to put the smackdown on illegal spammers, but the big news for the year is that my wife Cathy and I welcomed Ryan Patrick Balsam to the world on October 3rd. We finally did the responsible adult thing by leaving San Francisco and bought a house in suburbia (i.e., Alameda) where there are good public schools. The two dogs (Roxie and Flynn) and three cats (Terrence, Philip, and Mr. Meowgi) are still adjusting to twice the living space and sunlight instead of fog.”  
*(Submitted 1/7/14)*

**Nigel Huddleston** updates, “Melissa and I are still enjoying life in the UK. We will be moving from Hertfordshire to the West Country of England soon as I was recently selected to be the conservative party parliamentary candidate for Mid Worcestershire at the next UK election (May 2015). We just put an offer on a house there that was built in 1587! I’m enjoy—

From Daniel Balsam: Yes, I realized after the fact that it should have been “exemption” and not “deduction.”
Max Ninomiya writes, “Last year my 15-year reunion in Los Angeles was followed by one in New York City, where I saw the Schwartz family, George Peng, Amir Mirza and Jeff Hoo. Anderson networking is great wherever I travel from Japan. In New York City, I participated in an English speed-reading seminar, which I’m going to start for non-native English speakers in Japan this spring. This will be my second entrepreneurship with the first one being my business development consulting. Please keep your fingers crossed for my success!” (Submitted 1/8/14)

Melissa Ninomiya making international UCLA connections in New York City

Melissa and Nigel Huddleston with Tyler and Mackenzie in Scotland, October 2013
1998  (continued...)  **Full-Time MBA**

Jim Valdes sends greetings and news: “Hello everyone! I’m in Tampa doing real estate sales. Socially, I started a 600-member social group centered around mindfulness. I practice and teach meditation including teaching kids at the Boys and Girls Club. Looking to do more in that regard. I had a chance to see Zubin Gidwani when he visited for a conference to promote his budgeting software. Also had dinner with Karmine Yu when she visited Tampa. And very honored to have been in Jay Daniel’s (’97) wedding in October! All the best!”

*(Submitted 1/9/14)*

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1998  **FEMBA**

Bob Eisler, co-inventor and awarded a patent for a Traumatic Brain Injury Biomarker Diagnostic in 2011, passed the patent bar exam in November 2012 and is now a registered U.S. Patent and Trademark Office patent practitioner. Bob also became a certified patent valuation analyst in January 2014.

*(Submitted 1/8/14)*
1999 Full-Time MBA

**Ivan Choi** greets, “G’day from Sydney. 2013 was quite an eventful year. We sold our award-winning renovated terrace house . . . only to buy another one minutes away. For work, I flew to India half a dozen times for a fashion-industry client and I spent the second half of the year reinventing aged care. Our kids Asher (4) and Isla (2) are enjoying the Australian summer boogie boarding at the beach. Life is good but busy Down Under (no time for shrimp on the barbie!)”

(Submitted 1/8/14)

From **Tiffany Chu**, “Happy New Year everyone! Hope you are all doing well. I’m still working at the Disneyland Resort in sunny California! Things are going great with the family and my husband’s business. Sabrina will be a 13 years old in January and Brandon will be 11 in February. How time flies!” (Submitted 1/8/14)

**Benjamin Sharp** reports, “2013 was an exciting transition year for me and my family. I left the wine business and accepted a role as president of a new start-up in the edtech/recruitment space called Go Beyond U. Our eldest, Cecelia, turned 4 in December and Ellie will be 2 in February—they are doing great. Also had a fabulous summer, including a mountain biking trip with Stephen Elkind in Colorado, hiking with Jen and...
1999  (continued...)  Full-Time MBA

Jason Kiefer in Sonoma, and taking in a Redskins-Cowboys game with Aaron Enrico in Dallas.”  
(Submitted 12/20/13)

Barbara Liang shares, “2014 marks the 12th year that I have worked for P&G. This year my work scope extends to cover both Taiwan and Hong Kong P&G Communications. We now run 20 brands in HKTW.”  
(Submitted 12/23/13)

Georgette Wong happily reports, “2013 was, for the most part, a fabulous year. My husband Charles Beadnall and I welcomed our second child, Lillie, on Valentine’s Day. Her big brother Emmett is now five. Luckily, they like each other and play well together. In December, I had the honor of being invited by Senator Chris Coons (D-DE) to speak to him and seven of his fellow Senators, including Senators Harry Reid, Chuck Schumer and Dick Durbin. I was one of 12 national experts invited to discuss philanthropy, specifically how the federal government could better support giving, public-private partnerships and social entrepreneurs. I am now following up to see if my proposal (which
involves reissuing guidance on ERISA—which costs no additional taxpayer money—can expand the pool of available capital towards social and environmental good from $46.9 billion to $76.6 trillion. I was thrilled to present and surprised myself by being relaxed and speaking naturally (and even telling a joke!) in front of this high-powered group. Looking forward to seeing you all at our Reunion!”

(Submitted 1/9/14)

Randall Owen

is now working in aerospace medicine at the NASA Johnson Space Center, providing medical training to ISS crewmembers.

(Submitted 12/21/13)
**All Class Notes**

**2000 Full-Time MBA**

**Martin Castrillo** reports from South America: “I am partner of a blueberry farm in Concordia, Argentina (400 km northeast of Buenos Aires). Our production is exported mainly to the United States, both to the West Coast and East Coast. We produce in October and November when the US has no local production (from March to September). I handle sales, and we supply Hurst’s Berry Farms on the West Coast and Wish Farms on the East Coast. So, if you buy any of these brands in this time period, most probably it will be mine! The rest of the year I live in Montevideo, Uruguay, with my wife Lola, and Tomas (3 years old) and Violeta (1 year old).”  
(Submitted 10/20/13)

**Nathan Cook** hasn’t provided an update in a while, so he is especially excited to announce the birth of Eden Rose Cook on November 29, 2013. She was welcomed by her three older sisters, Sydney (8), Ella (8), and Evangelina (6). Nathan also was married in May 2013 to Tanya Sodini and recently passed his 12-year mark with AlixPartners, where he is a managing director and runs the company’s restructuring practice on the West Coast.  
(Submitted 12/4/13)  

**Richard Ginn** still lives and works in Menlo Park, California. He recently caught up with **Vanessa Toy** and regularly gets out for runs with Ross Borden.  
(Submitted 1/10/14)

**John Matise** is “happy to be back in SoCal after commuting cross country every week for several years now. I am also excited to be running a consumer products company again, Hugo Naturals, an all-natural bath and body care company.”  
(Submitted 1/7/14)

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2000 Full-Time MBA

David McCloskey and family are beginning year four in Hong Kong with Intel and still loving it. David’s Asia Pacific regional role will now include Japan to add to the challenge already posed in managing Intel’s operations. He encourages alumni to drop a note if your travels bring you through Hong Kong. (Submitted 1/6/14)

Alek Orloff got a chance to hone his fly fishing skills on the Snake River during a memorable business trip to Idaho. (Submitted 1/7/14)

Todd Smith offers this upbeat account for the new year: “I hope 2014 finds everyone healthy and happy! This year I’m looking to take a cycle trip to Sarasota during spring training, run a 15K, hike across Zion Canyon and the Grand Canyon in May, and climb Mt. Kilimanjaro in October, then see the Jaguars game in London. Have to adjust my adventures now that we have 6-month-old Bayley. On the business front, in addition to continuing to consult with entrepreneurs/startups, I’m looking to launch two startups of my own this year: an online learning portal for entrepreneurs and an expeditionary travel products and services company. My potential partner on the latter is the only human being ever to be in outer space (Shuttle) and to climb Mt. Everest! Contact me if interested in either startup—I could use some help!” (Submitted 1/6/14)

Vanessa Toy hopes 2014 is off to a great start for everyone: “It should be another exciting year filled with many activities and news from all of our classmates. In 2013, many of you had some great trips, family news, and career updates. I can’t wait to hear what’s in store for 2014! For me, I’ve had some exciting changes on my end. After 11 years in the wine industry working in brand management and innovation, I decided to take a leap and listen to my inner voice to pursue my passion for natural and organic products. In fourth quarter 2013,
2000  (continued...)  Full-Time MBA

I started a new venture, Cultivate Creations, providing marketing, strategy, and innovation consulting to natural and organic product companies. I’ve also been working with a local organic farmer, networking with food entrepreneurs, doing a lot of culinary experiments in the kitchen coming up with potential food ideas for my own brand, and securing a cottage food operator permit so I can manufacture food. I’m also working with one of our Anderson classmates creating a new natural snack food brand. It’s been an exciting experience, and I can’t wait to see what’s next. In other news, I’ve recently caught up with many of our classmates: Jon EstanisIao, Ganesh Nair, Carla Frank, Brian Knitt, John Matise, Tom Mercer, Alek Orloff, Diane Sargent, Jonathan Schreter, Lilian Tham, Andrew Vu, and Andrew Young. Everyone is doing great and I look forward to seeing and hearing from many of you in the new year. In fact, we’ll be working on regional class events in San Francisco and Los Angeles in 2014 to get folks together, so please keep an eye out.”  (Submitted 1/7/14)

Yaniv Waisman was recently in Las Vegas covering CES 2014 (Consumer Electronics Show) for his blog www.TecHoy.com, which is a blog about gadgets in Spanish. While he was there, he saw Colin Sebastian, Daniel Amir, and Daniel Nestel.  (Submitted 1/10/14)

Jeremy Woods just accepted a tenure-track position teaching small business management and entrepreneurship at Cal State Bakersfield and will be moving back to California this summer.  (Submitted 1/4/14)
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2000 (continued...) Full-Time MBA

Andrew Young moved to Manhattan Beach in 2013: “Let me know if you want to go surf or get started surfing! I have extra boards you can use. If you’ve been planning to learn but haven’t gotten around to it, I’d be happy to share the sheer joy of the sport. Feel free to email me at andrew.young.2000@anderson.ucla.edu.”
(Submitted 1/7/14)

Christopher Harris earned his PhD in Informatics from the University of Iowa and is now an assistant professor with the State University of New York at Oswego, where he teaches in the Human-Computer Interaction (HCI) program.
(Submitted 1/6/14)

Robert Hess was honored in 2013 by the Los Angeles Business Journal’s health advocacy awards for his work in developing ProstateTracker, a free Internet-based prostate cancer early detection system.
(Submitted 12/24/13)
2000 **CERT**

**Archie Essien** is a proud father of three beautiful children.

(Submitted 1/9/14)

2001 **Full-Time MBA**

**Iain Corby** continues his day job leading a team of researchers supporting Conservative MPs in the UK Parliament while also advising the chairman of National Citizen Service (Stephen Greene ’01) as they seek to use the freedom of the private sector to grow an existing government program to get every 16-year-old in the country volunteering for three weeks.

(Submitted 12/20/13)

**Kevin Newman** writes, “I was recently named the Assistant Head of School of Windward High School in Los Angeles, and I stopped into Anderson in the fall to speak with the executive director of the Harold Price Center, Elaine Hagan (’91), about modeling a high school entrepreneurship program after the Price Center. If any fellow Anderson grads feel like sharing their expertise or speaking with high school students about their industry, please contact me!”

(Submitted 1/10/14)
Chad Smith recently began work at Skandinaviska Enskilda Banken (SEB) as a vice president of foreign exchange sales. He is charged with client advisory, developing hedging strategies, and producing leveraged trading guidance to institutional clients. Additionally, he started a “paint and sip” entertainment business in Stamford, Connecticut, called Pinot’s Palette. Part of a national franchise, Pinot’s Palette provides a fun night out for patrons who come to its interactive art studio for an evening, and they are walked through how to paint a featured painting by a local artist while sipping wine and listening to great music. www.PinotsPalette.com/Stamford.

Fernando Suarez Gerard announces that “after almost eight years of founding as CFO and launching a low cost airline in Mexico, Volaris, we managed to take it public and did our IPO in both the NYSE and the Mexican Bolsa. The tickers are VLRS, and VOLAR, respectively. Thanks for the inspiration and support from all the Anderson community.” (Submitted 9/29/13)

Fernando Suarez Gerard is proud to be part of Volaris’s IPO on the NYSE.
2002  (continued...)  
**Full-Time MBA**

**Linda Lu** and **Arthur Liu** were married on Saturday, September 7, 2013, at Menlo Park Presbyterian Church. Many Anderson friends joined the celebration, which continued at the Palo Alto Hills Golf & Country Club. They send thanks to all for making it a special day.  
*(Submitted 9/22/13)*

2002  **EMBA**

**Andrew Coulter** says, “Since the UCLA program, I have been a professional money manager and advisor to individuals and small businesses. See my LinkedIn profile for my insights.”  
*(Submitted 1/8/14)*

2003  **Full-Time MBA**

**Jennifer Bauer** is pleased to announce: “We welcomed a baby girl, Faye Elisabet, on January 28, 2013.”  
*(Submitted 11/27/13)*
2003  (continued...)  Full-Time MBA

Ozeme Bonnette self-published her second book, a Proverbs 31 devotional, Rewrite Your Fairy Tale. She adds, “Excited to be on this side of the process, and looking forward to more writing and ministry opportunities in 2014!”
(Submitted 1/2/14)

Carrie Friedman, Wah Chen, Mark Kleinknecht, and Dorothy Choi recently caught up over coffee in Soho. Carrie works for the College Board in New York, Mark runs his family construction company and lives in TriBeCa, and Wah owns and operates multifamily and single-family properties in Los Angeles and the Midwest.
(Submitted 12/27/13)

Daniel Granof and his wife Catherine welcomed daughter Zoe on January 26, 2013. “We are slowly developing her love of the ocean here in Redondo Beach,” he says.
(Submitted 1/10/14)
2003  (continued...)  
**Full-Time MBA**

**Mark Harris** was promoted to captain, United States Navy, in a formal ceremony on October 1, 2013. The ceremony and oath of office was conducted in San Diego, California, and witnessed by family, friends, co-workers, and colleagues. Mark currently serves as the Commanding Officer for Defense Logistics Agency Aviation at San Diego. *(Submitted 10/23/13)*

**Monica Schaul** became Monica McClure when she married Walter McClure of Darien, Connecticut, on September 22, 2013, in New York City. In attendance from the class of 2003 were **Drew Arentowicz**, **Betsey (Tomasulo) Borunda**, **Joanna (Brown) Taitz**, and **Cecilia Manzolillo**. *(Submitted 12/4/14)*

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**Captain Mark Harris** (U.S. Navy) poses with family after his promotion ceremony.

**First dance for Monica Schaul McClure and her groom Walter (with Anderson classmates in the background).**

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Cory Cunningham offers this advice: “Life is short, seek adventure.” He is on reserve deployment in the Middle East with the Marines. Cory completed deployment to the Middle East and was happy to be back home for the holidays with family.

(Submitted 12/23/13)

Jim Pickell recounts, “2013 was an exciting year for me, my wife Ellie, and our son, Byron. We sold our interest in OpenEnglish.com, which I co-founded, now the largest online school in Latin America. Looking for the next chapter, in a fortuitous turn of fate we navigated a home exchange in Newport Beach. Not only did Ellie deliver our second child, Madison, in the exchange home, it then translated into an investment in HomeExchange.com, where I am now the COO. We’re looking forward to making HomeExchange.com the largest collaborative consumption company in the world!”

(Submitted 12/20/13)

CERT

Youngam Park has a new job as CEO of Joyrent Car, which is operated in South Korea.

(Submitted 1/8/14)
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2004 Full-Time MBA

Jim Baudino and his wife Lori celebrated the second birthday of their daughter Lyla on January 22. He jokes that he realized he never announced the birth of his daughter. (Submitted 1/9/14)

Manuel Madrazo sends best wishes for 2014. (Submitted 1/9/14)

Scott Miller writes in his first class note, “I moved north to San Jose in 2006 when eBay purchased Skype. Left Skype in the summer of 2013. Since graduation, worked at Boingo Wireless then Skype; married the wonderful Tami; born sweet, funny child Riley Rose; and worked hard and traveled a ton for work and fun. Can’t complain. Look forward to seeing you in the Valley or in Tahoe this winter.” (Submitted 1/9/14)

2004 FEMBA

Lucy Sharra has this exciting news to share: “We are opening a fast, casual Greek restaurant in Pasadena on Lake Avenue in January 2014. Check us out if you are in the area: Oregano Fresh Greek.” (Submitted 11/20/13)
Ron Naves is the founding executive director of the Center for Corporate Legal Leadership at the UC Irvine School of Law. He is developing a unique program designed to train in-house counsel to meet the needs of global businesses. *(Submitted 1/8/14)*

Aydin Alptekinoglu took a tenured position at Penn State and will be teaching a capstone class in Smeal’s highly ranked undergraduate major on supply chain management. His research on product variety and customization is ongoing. Aydin is currently developing a brand-new consumer choice model. *(Submitted 9/5/13)*

Mark Simonsen is advising MBA students at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, and is deeply involved as CEO in two student startups: a mobile app company and a private equity group, which is currently working on its first acquisition. *(Submitted 1/2/14)*

Matt Bray lives full time in Florida with his wife Susie and their three kids, Walker (6), Maisy (4), and Max (8 months). *(Submitted 1/7/14)*
2005 (continued...) Full-Time MBA

Borbala Gergely-Bunnett and her husband Bob recently relocated back to sunny Southern California (Irvine) to support Bob’s new position. Borbala continues her work at Deloitte, where she is now the consumer and industrial products industry lead for the U.S. firm’s Client Account Management (CAM) program. Borbala also continues to participate in ballroom dance competitions with her students, and runs 5–10k races. (Submitted 1/8/14)

Ben Grossman made the move from Los Angeles to the Bay Area a couple years ago with his wife and two boys and says he loves it, “but not always the weather.” He works at Twitter as head of global operations for the media division: “My team works with celebs and orgs/companies in sports, music, TV, government, and media to get them tweeting away. A couple other Anderson 05’ers (and other years) work there too, so reach out if we can help.” (Submitted 1/9/14)

Allen Gu has lived in Hong Kong with his wife and three kids since graduation from Anderson. Allen continues to lead investment and portfolio activities in China for First Reserve, a leading U.S. energy-focused private equity firm. (Submitted 1/7/14)

James Meehan and his wife Kristin welcomed their fourth (“and final!” he adds) child Claudia Jean on August 2, 2013. James has been an investment banker at Barclays in Los Angeles since 2007. (Submitted 1/8/14)

Roberto Reyes worked in Los Angeles for a year after school, then moved to the Bay Area. In 2009 he married Mae Brana. Son Ethan was born in 2011, and son Zach was born in 2012. (Submitted 8/6/13)
Ari Zainuddin and his family are newly relocated to Melbourne, Australia, to begin a new chapter in their lives. *(Submitted 1/9/14)*

Nicholas Seet reports that his new venture, SIVI.com: Activating Entrepreneurs, just closed its seed financing of $340k “and is off to the races.” He will be serving in his favorite role of CTO and “inspiring future entrepreneurs and innovators.” *(Submitted 1/9/14)*


Jeff Campbell took new position as COO leading the development of the Ultimate Fighting Championship’s health and fitness brand, UFC FIT. *(Submitted 1/8/14)*

Sonya Summerour Clemmons has moved to Atlanta, Georgia, and is currently looking for business development, educational leadership, or management consulting opportunities. Also, she is looking to make contact with the Atlanta Chapter of UCLA Anderson, so encourages fellow alumni to contact her. *(Submitted 11/7/13)*
2005  (continued...)  

**EMBA**

**David Coleman** fills us in on where he’s been and where he is now: “I’m just coming off a three-year project where I launched a new business for the big trade magazine/website company, Penton Media. It was successful and really exciting, but my work is done there. Seeking a new position where I can use the capabilities I honed in the last job—online strategy and branding, SEO, SEM, marketing automation, lead generation, content/native advertising. I’m also helping out at SoundStreak.com, a company I founded but gave over to a partner, who now runs it. SoundStreak provides a patented cloud solution for the pro-audio field.” *(Submitted 1/10/14)*

**Raj Oswal** specializes in mobile, Web, and cloud-based solutions across vertical industries. *(Submitted 1/8/14)*

**Stan Stead** was elected vice president for professional affairs of the American Society of Anesthesiologists in October 2013. Stan lives in Los Angeles and maintains his consulting practice with the Stead Health Group. *(Submitted 12/20/13)*

2006  **Full-Time MBA**

**Katie Hanson** is excited to announce, “I have a new job! I am now the director of user experience and customer support for Global Analytics in San Diego, California.” *(Submitted 1/7/14)*
**2006 (continued...) Full-Time**

Dan Henderson writes about a new change in career: “After almost 13 years of founding or working in seed/early-stage startups, I recently moved to the investment side in July 2013. I joined a seed stage fund (www.citgapfunds.com) as an investment director. We invest in VA-based technology and life science companies. So far it’s been a ton of fun and significantly less stressful than pre-revenue startups! The other big news is Bethany and I took our first vacation without kids in almost six years, spending Christmas and New Year’s in Munich and Istanbul.”

(Submitted 1/8/14)

Scott Minker joined sbe Entertainment Group to run the Global Partnerships & Sponsorships group across its portfolio of nightlife, restaurant, hotel, and casino properties.

(Submitted 1/7/14)

Mehran (Mike) Movassaghi has been keeping busy: “Since graduating I have gotten married to Maryam Abrishami (formerly with Viceroy Hotel Group), finished residency and fellowship in minimally invasive urology from Stanford, USC, and Cedars Sinai and had twins (Sophia and Kaden) in February 2013. Since July I began the Los Angeles Men’s Health Center in Century City (www.healthymanLA.com). If anyone is interested in healthcare or is a current MD/MBA candidate, I would love to connect.”

(Submitted 1/7/14)

Robin Nourmand and Sepideh Makabi married on November 10, 2013, at the Beverly Hills Hotel. Anderson alums Avi Hakkamanesh, Jon Delshad, Lavi Shenkman, Olivia (Svilik) Gentin, Phil Wintner (all ’06) and David Sauvage (’07) attended.

(Submitted 1/7/14)

Deirdre Owens joined Cast & Crew Entertainment Services as vice president of production incentive financing in August to launch a new division to provide tax financing to film and television productions.

(Submitted 1/7/14)
Hari Ramakrishnan and Lakshmi Hari (’07) welcomed a baby boy, Advik, on September 1. Advik is thriving under the watchful care of his 2-year-old “big sister,” Nishka.

(Submitted 1/7/14)

John Tabis exclaims, “Happy 2014! 2013 was ‘the year of the Bouq’ for us as we launched and grew our floral startup TheBouqs.com to revenue in the millions of dollars. Super excited for what comes next! Use code WELCOME20 for 20% off your first Bouq! Go Anderson!”

(Submitted 1/9/14)

Sanjay Vancheeswaran announces, “Happy 2014! Since my graduation in 2006, I have temporarily migrated to Australia, and I have started a niche project management and environmental consulting firm, supporting large mining and industrial clients. On New Year’s Eve 2013, we had an addition to our family, and we are happy to announce the birth of our son, Dhruv Sanjay.”

(Submitted 1/8/14)

Scott Porter recently relocated to the San Diego with his wife and children. He is currently vice president from Methods for Added Value and is responsible for Added Value’s marketing science practice in North America.

(Submitted 1/9/14)
2006  EMBA

Yuka Yu relates many changes since her graduation in 2006: “Stuart & I got married. We welcomed our twin daughters in 2010, and they are now 3 years old. I got a new job as vice president of supply chain operations at Sony. Don’t be shy to reach out if you want discounts on Sony TVs.”

(Submitted 1/8/14)

2007  Full-Time MBA

Benjamin Stiller sends in his first class note since 2007 and states that so much has changed: Ben and his wife, Julie, are enjoying time with their two boys (Colt, 4; Hunter, 1) in their new home (Park Ridge, Illinois, “suburbs, but with the caveat that it’s ‘the first suburb outside of the Chicago’”). Ben was recently promoted last August and is now a partner at Deloitte Consulting LLP, focusing on consumer products/strategy.

(Submitted 1/9/14)

2008  Full-Time MBA

Hunt Cairns in in his sixth year with Dimensional Fund Advisors, living in Austin, Texas. He travels almost every week for work and just got reassigned to cover Manhattan, so he’ll be setting up residence in midtown two to three weeks out of the month. “No complaints, living the dream,” he adds.

(Submitted 1/9/14)
Heather Reid Liebo from Section D married Aaron Liebo on July 27, 2013, in Minneapolis, Minnesota. They continue to reside in the polar Midwest, where Heather works in marketing at General Mills and Aaron teaches seventh-grade English. (Submitted 1/10/14)

Ann Le is happy to announce that Dear White People, an independent film that she produced, was accepted in the Dramatic Competition category at the Sundance Film Festival. (Submitted 12/20/13)

Denise Tyson is now president of Workmen’s Insurance Group. Promoted in November 2013 from the executive vice president position, her focus is on technology and adding distribution channels to expand the independent agent–based insurer’s revenue. (Submitted 1/4/14)

Mark Wilson describes how he spent the end of 2013: “I had a chance to take a break from work in Los Angeles to spend my holidays volunteering in Chicago. Su Casa Catholic Worker house is a transitional housing program for Spanish-speaking homeless families. The workers, volunteers, and families live together in
2008 (continued...)  
**EMBA**

A beautiful former monastery built in 1899. Its sister community, Frieda’s Place, is a soup kitchen providing food and outreach to the surrounding community. My volunteer project was to manage the conversion of 1,300-plus donor records and 2,300-plus gift transactions from Microsoft Excel to a specialized donor tracking software integrated with QuickBooks. In between hours on the computer, I spent time taking care of children, making runs to the local food bank to pick up supplies for the home, picking up donations, working in the soup kitchen, and sourcing Christmas donations for the home and its residents. It was a very rewarding and enriching experience.” *(Submitted 1/8/14)*

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2008  
**CERT**

Andre Leonardo De Fusco describes his current venture: “After four years of development we launched a molecular diagnostic test for cancer called ClearID and set up a federally approved testing lab in Westlake Village. ClearID identifies cancer cells that may be circulating in the bloodstream and isolates them for molecular analysis by next-gen sequencing. The mutations in those target cells tell us about the onset of cancer, its progression, and patients’ response to targeted drugs. We detect cancer much earlier than what is possible with imaging, and our hope is that ClearID will become a standard screening blood test. Most cancers can be treated successfully if detected early, so we want to deliver longer, productive lives for the patients and eliminate the collateral damage to families and communities from the needless loss of life. You can see more here: www.cynvenio.com.” *(Submitted 1/10/14)*

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Mark Wilson rewriting his winter holidays.
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2008 (continued...) CERT

Gordon Schaye just launched a premiere perfume, Midnight Promise: “A spicy, sensual, luxurious fragrance with top notes of red mandarin, heart notes of red Moroccan rose, and base notes of vanilla, vetiver, and musk. The website is www.belleganceperfumes.com.”

(Submitted 12/20/13)

2009 Full-Time MBA

Noah Hudson is working in finance in Shenzhen, China, where he lives with his daughter and wife, who is expecting again, due April 20, 2014. (Submitted 12/21/13)

Noah Hudson with wife Coco and daughter Macey.
2009 EMBA

Girish Rama Krishna joined Ernst & Young in the Global Innovations group and currently leads cloud and digital work streams, market focus, in the Middle East and North Africa.

(Submitted 11/23/13)

Matthew Minich declares, “Jen and I are happy to bring our first child into the world. Penelope Jane (PJ) Minich was born September 6, 2013. We are already preparing her to be a Bruin.”

(Submitted 1/9/14)

Shauna Watson states, “2013 was a big year for me, as I am now global managing director, finance and accounting, for Resources Global Professionals, a multinational professional services firm. Also, my husband Jim and I welcomed our daughter, Roxy, into the world in July. Can’t wait to see what 2014 brings!”

(Submitted 1/9/14)

Matthew Minich’s daughter, PJ, bundled up.

A Santa Monica winter for Shauna Watson and family.
2010 Full-Time MBA

David Bhattacharyya is currently working for Harris Williams & Co., an investment bank specializing in mergers and acquisitions, in the firm’s San Francisco office. He recently completed his sixth M&A transaction, which was the sale of Electra Bicycle Company to Trek Bicycle, on December 31, 2013. He says he is proud to be a part of a growing Anderson alumni community in the Bay Area. (Submitted 1/9/14)

Rahul Hampole moved from a product manager role at Yahoo Inc. to Yelp Inc. in San Francisco. (Submitted 1/8/14)

Michael Jirout catches us up: “In November 2013 I sold my software venture, started in 2010 while at Anderson. The acquirer is a company called World Travel Holdings, based in the Boston area. My company is C Monster Solutions, and the main product is Ship Mate. We developed apps for the iOS, Android, and web platforms. Our slogan was “let’s get shipfaced.” The product allows the user to prepare for and get excited about their upcoming cruise. Features include deck maps, ship tracking, port and vessel info, excursion bookings, and more. Users can see who they’re cruising with and start making cruise buddies months before stepping on board. At the time of acquisition, we had over 600k downloads and over 70k uses per day. We had taken a small round of funding from the Amplify LA incubator; other than that, my brother and I were the only two equity holders. There’s a short piece on the Anderson blog with more details if interested.” (Submitted 1/9/14)
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2010 (continued...) Full-Time MBA

Elizabeth Poston released her first novel, a fictionalized memoir (under the pen name elle) called *The Fall: An Autobiography of an Alter Ego*, in summer 2013. Part of the proceeds goes toward a charity she supports, and she recently began her second novel while planning the upcoming book signing tour. Her website, www.elletheauthor.com, is kept current, so stop by if you are interested in learning more. (Submitted 8/22/13)

Juan Villegas co-founded Internet startup Summer Camp Live LLC in Miami, Florida, after realizing there was a huge opportunity to bring virtual event technology to the 105-year-old summer camp industry. By hosting the world’s only Virtual Camp Fair, Summer Camp Live is revolutionizing the way parents and campers search and connect with summer camps and programs. Summer Camp Live offers a virtual experience unlike no other in the industry. Participants navigate an online exhibit hall and have a complete virtual view of each camp, which is the next best thing to actually visiting. Parents and kids watch videos of camp facilities and activities but, most importantly, conduct real-time text or video chats with camp staff and other attendees directly from their computer or handheld device. With his experience in management consulting and his background in industrial engineering, Juan has been able to contribute to the marketing, sales, and operational strategy of the company. To learn more about Juan’s new Internet venture, visit www.summercamplive.com. (Submitted 12/23/13)

Joe Ziomek and his wife Michelle announce the birth of their first child, Abraham “Bram” Clyde Ziomek, born on November 14. (Submitted 1/8/14)
Adam Collis just completed production on *Car Dogs*, a feature film starring Patrick J. Adams and featuring Nia Vardalos and George Lopez. Adam produced and directed the film. The business model is built on research findings acquired from Adam’s strategic management research (SMR) project on risk reward profiles for investments in independent films.

*(Submitted 1/8/14)*

Your classmates would love to hear from you! Send your updates to: classnotes@anderson.ucla.edu or click here to submit online.
2012 Full-Time MBA

Javaid Ansari got married on August 24, 2013.

(Submitted 12/20/14)

2012 EMBA

Deb Shea shares, “Giovanna Imbesi and I kicked off our new venture, Maven Voyages Travel, with an amazing trip to Cuba during the Jazz Festival in December. We were joined by fellow classmates Rebekah Griffiths, Paula McMahon, Greg Salter and Marc Vermut (class of ’02). Dates for our next trip are May 18 to May 25. Check us out at http://mavenvoyagestravel.com.”

(Submitted 1/9/14)
After having spent twenty years working and living in Asia, Joe Bunya finally will be moving back to a permanent home in Simi Valley. Joe writes, “My wife (Joy) and I are glad that we will be living close to our families and friends—permanently. I have transferred my manufacturing operations responsibility to a new SVP since September and I’m now heading a newly created department, operations strategy, together with new product introduction (NPI). I will be based in our corporate office in Irvine, California, although I’ll be making my rounds to Asia about once a quarter. The last several months have been spent to prepare for our move back to the US. We have acquired a cabin in Mammoth, California, and renovated it (actually Joy did most of the work). Hope you all had a great holiday season like we did. May 2014 bring you and your loved ones nothing but great happiness, unyielding health, and prosperity.”

Dominic Chan shares, “Still playing the same role at PCI. Tough year for electronics manufacturing. Looking forward to a better year ahead. I was invited to Dominic Chan and family at Sophie’s graduation concert
2012 (continued...) GEMBA

Amit Chopra speak at a regional supply chain conference this year. Although I have given a few talks in the past, this was the largest platform so far. It was a good exposure and learning experience for me. I attended a neuro-linguistic programming (NLP) practitioner course recently. This course is somewhat related to my interest in coaching. Sophie graduated from kindergarten this year. Raphael will also go to preschool next year. Kicked off the new year in Jakarta with family friends. Chinese New Year was spent in Kuala Lumpur this year away from the customary family visiting. We managed to take a week off at Club Med Bintan Island last spring. The family was in Latvia during the summer, as usual.”

Matthew Festo reports, “I made it through more than one year living/working in Singapore without getting deported or caned and, of course, have enjoyed the time at PCI working for and with Dominic. Who knew our EMBA would have such a direct impact!? The position gives me the opportunity to fly back to the States for customer visits about once per quarter. Just enough time in between to really start craving some comfort food like In-n-Out, Noah’s Bagels or Jamba Juice. In February, Minny and I got married at San Francisco City Hall which was beautiful and in November we did a reception in Taiwan where I gave a five-minute speech in Chinese (not so beautiful). Fortunately there is no video evidence! We are happy to announce we are...
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2012 (continued...)

**GEMBA**

expecting a baby girl in May of 2014 . . . so our theory during EMBA is correct and there really IS something in the Singapore water. Minny still spends her time travelling all over Asia for her consulting company and is doing very well. She is starting to show her belly and her glow. Looking forward to seeing all of you at the next reunion, get together, celebration, or any other opportunity we have. Miss you guys!

**Ale, and Peter.** Terumi updates, “The biggest transformation for me was from a New Yorker to L.A Girl. I am happily living across from the beach under the sun these days. My full-time job and my side business for the Japanese government project are the same, and I added one more as the tournament director to run the “Special Olympics Malibu Winter Classic Charity Golf Tournament” living with my passion.”

**Terumi Kaibara** kicked off 2013 with an amazing trip to Colombia visiting Julie’s hometown with **Julie**, **Ale**, and **Peter**. Terumi updates, “The biggest transformation for me was from a New Yorker to L.A Girl. I am happily living across from the beach under the sun these days. My full-time job and my side business for the Japanese government project are the same, and I added one more as the tournament director to run the “Special Olympics Malibu Winter Classic Charity Golf Tournament” living with my passion.”

**Matthew Festo and wife Minny**

**Terumi Kaibara with former Olympic athlete Rafer Johnson & Special Olympics athlete Jason.**
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2012 (continued...)

GEMBA

Jason Miller writes, “I will be hitting all parts of Asia in the early New Year, so look forward to connecting with lots of you in person!”

Ian Pyrah updates, “2013 was a busy year for me at Amgen—we have lots of promising therapeutics in late-stage clinical testing with usual tight timelines and lots of work. As a direct result of completing the MBA, I was also given the responsibility to lead a major operational project looking after lab consumable supply chain and equipment purchase/maintenance. I was very grateful for the rigorous grounding in finance that Carla Hayn gave us! On a personal note, Sophie and Alex are doing well and developing into keen skiers—we had a week in Big Bear, California, this holiday season. Mary enjoyed the time in the mountains in a more peaceful way with a book and a big mug of Starbucks. We met recently with Rumi, Sanjay, and Joe in Santa Monica, along with other Anderson Alums. I am currently training for an Olympic triathlon in Hawaii in March—if I’m going to do a triathlon, there needs to be some reward! Looking forward to a rewarding 2014 and catching up with as many of you as possible.”

Sanjay Singh recounts, “My wife had a baby boy 7 months ago. Big brother is very excited and adores his baby brother, Bob. On the professional front, I have recently joined PhiSix Fashion Labs as head of products from Sandisk. We have an exciting product for virtual cloth fitting online based on Hollywood quality 3D software.”

(Submitted 1/8/14)
Antony Szafranek shares, “My daughter Chanamon Fia Szafranek is nine months old. She is easy going (like her father) but still keeps us busy most of the time. Condominium has slowly been filled to the capacity with baby apparatus—watch out for resale on ebay soon! Work continues to be busy, with lots of travel back and forth to Europe. Spain was my personal favorite. We went with the intent to conclude negotiations of a contract in a week but by the end of the first day we walked out in a huff. We then spent that night and following day enjoying the local Rioja and chorizo—heaven! Just back from a great festive break with a trip to the family home and visits to York and London. Returned to Singapore in early January and looking forward to a great 2014.”

Danny Thien updates, “I joined a new consulting firm about three months ago and am now reliving all the struggles of a startup … so it’s all toil for now and, hopefully, the spoils will arrive one day soon. On the personal front, we just had a great vacation in Melbourne and Hong Kong, and I have to say that the California Disneyland is much better. It’s just plain weird to hear Mickey speak Cantonese (and he’s pretty fluent too). Last, but not least, the obligatory plug for the firm: Anyone’s company having data issues, please contact me.”
2012 CERT

Jay Tsao relates that in between managing a busy household of two growing boys with his wife of eight years, he is growing his Los Angeles–based private equity firm and preparing the launch of his global e-commerce startup venture in China, Korea, and the United States. Jay is active in the startup community in Silicon Beach and looking forward to the festivities at Anderson’s EA Conference this coming year.

(Submitted 1/7/14)

2013 Full-Time MBA

Kelsey Doorey, Knapp competition winner and recent graduate, launched a website to rent designer bridesmaid dresses, Vow To Be Chic, www.vowtobechic.com. She invites you to check it out if you or a friend is planning a wedding.

(Submitted 1/9/14)

Fred Gambino took his talents to South Beach after graduation and joined the Miami Dolphins as a locker room ticket sales manager. He declares, “This position fulfilled my professional goals that I established prior to attending Anderson.”

(Submitted 1/10/14)

Danny Greene launched a global movement called Uprising of Love in support of LGBT Russians, www.uprisingoflove.org, which was part of his work at Proper Daley, a social impact agency. More than 50 celebrities have aligned themselves with the cause, including Madonna, Cyndi Lauper, James Franco, Edward Norton, Jim Parsons, Julianne Moore, Chris Colfer, Sean Hayes, and many more.

(Submitted 12/20/13)

Veeresha Javli, “VJ,” is positioned at the client site Rogers Communications in Toronto, Canada, for Oracle E-Business Suite R12 Upgrade delivery management and is leading the efforts for business development for Cognizant.

(Submitted 10/19/13)

Nancy Quan moved to the Bay Area and got a business partner, Oscar Medina, with whom she’s building Dsg.nr, a social collaboration platform for interior design. She adds, “Dsg.nr is Pinterest + Houzz + Polyvore. We
just released our ‘MVP’ (http://dsg.nr) and are pushing a major update January 2014. Also in 2014, we are raising a seed round to scale our venture. Seeking well-connected investors in Silicon Valley who are passionate about design and innovation. Connect with me if you have any leads, advice, or just want to say hi: nancy@dsg.nr.”

(Submitted 12/22/13)

Janet Yurasova co-wrote a chapter on the Chinese Internet in a newly published book. “This is my first published writing experience (other than translating), and I’m very thankful to the book’s authors, Jonathan Woetzel (director at McKinsey China) and Jeffrey Towson (PE investor and best-selling author), for inviting me to the process. The book has a very good reader rating on Amazon, 4.6, so if you’d like to learn different aspects of Chinese business in six short mega-trend stories, I would recommend you to look no further! (http://goo.gl/YKXhVv). ‘One hour with this book will make you an expert on business in China.’ —Dick Gephardt, Majority-Minority Leader, U.S. House of Representatives, 1989–2002.”

(Submitted 1/9/14)
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### 2013 FEMBA

Asad Sattar made a career switch from engineering into venture finance and is currently working on fund management, tracking performance of portfolio companies, developing valuation models, and secondary sales.  
*(Submitted 12/1/13)*

### 2013 EMBA

Mindi Hertzog gave birth to Noah Jackson Hertzog, 7.1 pounds, on December 25, 2013.  
*(Submitted 1/9/14)*

Giovanna Imbesi reports that she and Deb Shea (EMBA ’12) kicked off their new venture, Maven Voyages Travel, with an amazing trip to Cuba during the Jazz Festival in December. They were joined by fellow 2012 classmates Rebekah Griffiths, Paula McMahon, Greg Salter, as well as Marc Vermut (’02). Dates for the next trip are May 18–25. She encourages fellow alumni to sign up now and check them out at http://mavenvoyagestravel.com for an unforgettable journey.  
*(Submitted 1/9/14)*

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2013 (continued...)  
**EMBA**

**Chris Ochs** has started a cold-pressed juice company, Super Happy Juice. Chris promises that the 100% organic fruit and vegetable juices are as healthy as they are delicious, and they are available at www.SuperHappyJuice.com and at select retailers. “Don’t Worry, Drink Happy!” *(Submitted 12/23/13)*

2014 **EMBA**

**Rishi Verma** expresses pride in India’s maiden Mars Orbiter Mission for himself and his organization, Larsen & Toubro (L&T). L&T’s 100% owned subsidiary, L&T - Heavy Engineering, was closely involved in the project that helped India become the sixth nation—after the United States, Russia, China, Japan, and the European Union—to launch a mission to the red planet. L&T is the single largest private-sector supplier to this momentous mission. For the launch, the 44.4-meter, 316-ton PSLV-C25 was rocketed into orbit using S139 motor casings (middle segments MS111, MS113, and MS116) manufactured at L&T’s Aerospace Shop in Mumbai. IRS Type mechanisms for deployment of satellite solar panels have also been manufactured at L&T’s Mumbai facility. Electronic packages were mounted on the upper stage of PSLV-C25, and the heat shield using honeycomb deck panels manufactured at L&T’s Advanced Composite facility. The spacecraft was tracked using a Deep Space Network Antenna at ISTRAC’s tracking facility near Bangalore. This 32-meter-diameter DSN antenna was installed and commissioned by L&T’s Aerospace business, which also manufactured the antenna’s mount structure and 13-meter-diameter bull gear (made for the first time in India). PSLV-C25 was tracked by C-Band precision mono-pulse tracking radar developed indigenously by Heavy Engineering. Rishi wishes all a very happy and prosperous 2014. *(Submitted 1/10/14)*