

UCI /Merage Alumni Class Notes:

1984

Jill Jacobs Forbath, '84, announces that her daughter, Tracy Diana Forbath, will graduate from UCLA with a major in Philosophy in June of 2010. She will be taking the LSAT and plans on attending law school, maybe even at UC Irvine!

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Mickey Novak, '75, is now retired and living in Costa Rica with his wife, Jody, and 5 year old son Caleb. He sold his business in 1999 and is enjoying life.

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Daniel Appleton, '78, Captain US Navy (Ret). Formerly Associate Director of UC Public Policy Research Organization (a predecessor to Merage) under Director Ken Kraemer. Today, Daniel is continuing independent research to help people in US Navy ships perform expertly under extreme conditions.

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Christopher Blank, '81, continues to practice law in the areas of business litigation and business bankruptcy. He just returned from the Family Nature Summit which was held at Lake George, New York, and is looking forward to the next gathering at the Granlibakken Resort in Lake Tahoe. He is a founding member, and has served as President of Family Summits, Inc., since 2006. Learn more at www.familysummits.org.

Christopher Lawson, '81, recently released his new book, "Snappy Interviews: 100 Questions to Ask Oracle DBAs." Chris is currently a performance consultant at Wells Fargo Bank, San Francisco.

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Bill Owen, '82, joined Hunter Wise Financial Group in January of 2009. Hunter Wise is a specialized investment banking firm providing the highest quality level of institutional financing, merger and acquisition, divestiture and advisory services for middle market, privately-held companies, as well as small to medium-sized public businesses.

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Jeff Hathaway, '83, has retired as a rear admiral in the U.S. Coast Guard and is now vice president of federal programs for L-1 Identity Solutions, a premier provider of biometric and secure credentialing solutions.

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James Ko, '89, and his wife, Elizabeth, welcomed their first baby boy, Jasper James Ko, into the world on February 7, 2009. James is currently a Senior Business Analyst at LiveNation.

Matt Mitchell, '89, has been elected Board Chairman of Greater DC Cares, Washington DC's largest volunteer non-profit. Matt had the opportunity to sit with First Lady Michele Obama to discuss the Administration's push to serve in our communities.

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Reza Ganjavi, '90, is a senior project manager for a large swiss organization. He is also managing and performing in a new band, Rezangela (www.rezangela.com) and is maintaining an online journal (www.rezajournal.com).

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James Haskin, '91, was promoted to Senior Vice President on July 18, 2008 and he is the Chief Information Officer for Websense in San Diego.

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Tim Bremer, '92, recently returned to Los Angeles to lead the National Aerospace & Defense Audit and Enterprise Risk Services practice for Deloitte.

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Philippe Tusler, '93, has been honored to move from Wamu Home Loans to the Retail Bank Incentives Management group, where he working as a Sr. BSA with the business and the developers to keep incentives plans refined and current.

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Glen Kauffman, '94, and the rest of the Kauffman family welcomed Abby to the household a little over 2 years ago. She is the sparkle in daddy's eye.

Glen Kauffman, '94, took a leap this year into new field. He joined Northwestern Mutual Financial Network. Glen has the privilege of helping provide financial security for people personally and in their business. He is able to leverage his background in corporate finance to make a difference in peoples' lives. It is a perfect match of the things that are most important to him.

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Kent Byers, '95, has partnered with the founder of Golden Wellness, Inc. They are an early stage startup that is manufacturing universal-use fitness equipment that is designed for people with disabilities or physical limitations.

Toby Greene, '95, is the Marketing Director of Provident Financial Mexico. Toby has been based in Puebla, Mexico since July 2008.

Ariela Tannenbaum, '95, lives in Newport Coast and is a Senior Vice President, Finance, for Allianz Global Investors. Her husband, Zvi, founded Advanced Cluster Systems, LLC, a high-tech company that specializes in supercomputing technologies.

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Diane Lohman, '96, reports that her company Seed offers eclectic items including: jewelry, t-shirts and stationery. Seed's hand drawn design and haiku offer a thought provoking message. Diane studied at both The School of Visual Arts and the FIT in NYC. She has a Masters in Business.

www.seeddesignshop.com.

1997

Robert Lenzini, '97, was appointed to Administrative Law Judge of the California Unemployment Appeals Board (CUIAB), on of April 6, 2009.

Karyn Womach, '97, recently became the Finance Systems Training Manager for Qualcomm Incorporated. She is responsible for overall Systems Training Strategy, Content Development and Delivery.

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Heather Krause, '98, married Joe Kelsen on May 18, 2008. They reside in Irvine.

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Steve Acterman, '99 has joined Alliance HealthCare Services in Newport Beach as the new Director, IT Infrastructure. Steve is an active Merage alum, previously serving on the GSM Alumni Network Board and currently assisting the 2009 Reunion Committee.

Fritz Heirich, '99, was named Chief Executive Officer at the Schools Excess Liability Fund (SELF) in September 2008. SELF is a Joint Powers Authority and is the leading provider of catastrophic liability insurance to California public schools and colleges.

Lorel Roehl, '99, is now the Senior Regional Director, Human Resources – West, Hawaii and Mexico at Starwood Hotels & Resorts, Inc.

Brian Rowe, '99, After ten years with Weyerhaeuser Realty Investors, Brian recently left to start his own company to purchase, manage and liquidate non-performing portfolios of debt and equity investments in real estate. His first acquisition target is his past employer!

Brian Rowe, '99, and his wife, Deborah, are expecting their two year old son, Ezekiel, to become a big brother to Anika on August 21st in Seattle, WA.

David Schultz, '99, was named 2009 San Diego Business Journal CFO of the year.

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Philip Allega, '00, is honored to have received from Patrimony the Freedom of the City of London. He is a Freeman in the Information Technologists' Company (see <http://www.wcit.org.uk/>), a City of London Livery Company. He exercised his new rights as a Freeman when he drove sheep over London Bridge on September 19, 2008 with the Worshipful Company of World Traders and other Freeman.

Philip Allega, '00, after 5+ years in Europe, Philip has been officially relocated to San Antonio, TX. He will be traveling back and forth for the foreseeable future during this transition back to the States.

David Barclay, '00 announces the arrival of his twins, Valerie and Kathryn, who arrived in September 2008. Big sister Jillian is thrilled, although still adjusting to her new post-only-child role.

Anjali Batra-Bonfante, '00 welcomed identical twin girls, Jasmine and Maya Bonfante on July 24th, 2009.

James Cummiskey, '00, Cosworth announced the appointment of Jim Cummiskey as the Group's Senior Vice President, Americas, effective as of June 1st, 2009. Mr. Cummiskey brings extensive technical and leadership experience gained from posts in leading aerospace and Silicon Valley technology companies and a successful career in the US Marine Corps.

Scott Dunagan, '00, has formed DMIdeas.com, LLC, to provide online marketing services to clients in the Orange County Metro area. The "mantra" of DMIdeas is to create innovative and engaging digital marketing for their client-partners. Taking a new approach to the client-agency relationship, DMIdeas examines each potential opportunity as an opportunity to partner for growth.

Jimin Kumamoto, '00, and Kris Kumamoto welcomed daughter Allison on August 14, 2008.

Susan Moe, '00, has been living abroad in Oslo, Norway the past year. Check out her blog at <http://moefamily.wordpress.com/>.

Jennifer Risner, '00, recently accepted a position as Director of Admission for St. Mary and All Angels School in Aliso Viejo, where she resides with her husband, Mark.

Suna Taymaz, '00, Senior Manager in Deloitte & Touche LLP's Security and Privacy Practice is a proud holder of a world record she set last year for the longest transcontinental limousine journey, from Las Vegas, Nevada, USA to Timbuktu, Mali in Africa. Details can be found on The Universal Record Database at <http://www.urdb.org/Content/RecordDetail.aspx?id=657&attempt=904> . She looks forward to setting more records on an upcoming trip to Uganda's Bwindi Impenetrable Forest.

Erin Thomas, '00, is now an Associate Professor at MiraCosta College in the Business Department. She is bringing knowledge gained at the Merage School to teaching Small Business Management. She looks forward to helping develop and mentor the next generation of entrepreneurs.

Jorge Velarde, '00, was promoted to the position of Vice President of Business Development at Illumina. In this new role Jorge will continue to provide direct leadership to Illumina's Business Development organization but will also provide leadership to the company's Alliance Management team as well.

Dina Young, '00, started with Hasbro, Inc. as HR Director for Corporate Services in March 2009.

Dina Young, '00, and William Young welcomed their first child, Zachary Todd Young, into the world on June 19, 2009. He was born 9 pounds, 13 ounces and 22 inches long. The family is doing well and adjusting to life with their new addition.

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Carmen Bamert Mason, '01, and her husband recently welcomed the newest addition to their family, Timothy, born in September 2007. Carmen is enjoying every second of motherhood!

John Blake, '01, recently moved to the 787 program. John reports that it's very fast-paced and a lot of fun. He is really looking forward to a successful first flight!

Corbin Fowler, '01, moved to an "internal consultant" role with his corporate Supply Chain Solutions Group, based in the corporate offices in Richmond, Virginia. His role is to establish strategy and lead optimization efforts in our supply chains across the globe. He hopes alumni in this part of the USA will feel free to contact him.

Cathy Imai, '01, and her husband, Ryokei welcomed their third child, Taryn Mei-Tsong Imai, on April 23, 2009. Big brothers Brandon and Ryan are excited to have a new baby sister.

Kenneth Pierce, '01, is the principal at Pierce & Company which provides forensic accounting and litigation support services. Pierce & Company applies concepts from the fields of accounting, finance, and economics to provide objective analysis that forms the basis for credible expert testimony and successful dispute resolution.

Jessica Riester, '01, formed a new recruiting and staffing company, FlexWork Connection, focused on connecting experienced professionals with flexible work schedules in Orange County.

2002

Aditya Chauhan, '02, announces that her book on Applied Game Theory was recently published and is now available on Amazon. It can be viewed at:
[http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/363910160X/ref=olp_product_details?ie=UTF8&me=&seller=.](http://www.amazon.com/gp/product/363910160X/ref=olp_product_details?ie=UTF8&me=&seller=)

Patrick Featherston, '02, is living in Sydney, Australia. Helping US companies set up sales channels in and export to Asia, Australia and New Zealand.

Andrew Kim, '02, tied the knot in October 2007. He wasn't sure if he'd be ready, but so far, it's pretty good!

Robert Shipley, '02, moved to Columbus, OH last fall to take a position as the Director of Customer Marketing Analytics for Victoria's Secret. He and his family are enjoying their new home and are glad to be back in the Midwest.

Darleen Swaffer, '02 is currently working in Washington, DC at Commander Navy Installations Command, as a Planner developing strategic plans for the Navy's shore infrastructure.

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Ramzi Ammari, '03, is Vice President of Product Development at Universal Electronics, a consumer electronics company specializing in universal wireless control technologies, based in Southern California.

Ramzi is married to Dana (nee Borda) and they have three children; Paris (7) and twin boys Grey and Pierce (1). They live in Newport Coast, California.

Cynthia (Cindy) Beale, '03, and Steve Settimo, co-founders of Stecin Leadership Solutions, announce the release of DISC The Game(TM), a learning tool based on the DISC behavioral model used extensively in Corporate Training, Coaching, and Counseling. DISC The Game(TM) has been granted endorsements by Dr. Sivasailam Thiagarajan "Thiagi" and Ken Blanchard, PhD, and can be found on Stecin's website: www.Stecin1.com.

Bill Blackwell, '03, works for Carne Global Financial Services (UK) Ltd as a principal consultant and heads up product development and management.

Gerardo Charvel, '03, celebrated the arrival of his third daughter, Natalia Isabella, in March of 2008.

James Coleman, '03, reports TechRoom continues to "set the standard for service excellence". In March 2008 and again in May 2008, TechRoom Inc. was recognized by Apple Inc. for having achieved levels of service excellence that place TechRoom in the top 5% of all authorized service providers in North America. Contact James at (949) 764-9474 for more information.

Terry Hagen, '03, moved to DC last summer and got promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in February. He is currently working by the Pentagon at Headquarters Marine Corps Installations and Logistics branch working on future strategic level logistics concepts.

Shinji Higuchi, '03, is leaving Clear Channel Japan, Inc. where he worked as COO and eventually CEO for 3 years. He is going back to Mitsui & Co., Tokyo, Japan, a company where he worked for over 25 years.

Tim Johnson, '03, started in April as Director, Strategic Alliances at Commtouch in Sunnyvale.

Craig Julien, '03, accepted a job in February of 2009 as VP of Corporate Development at TriZetto. He is working for a member of his study group and classmate of the 2003 EMBA class.

Monty Ma, '03, recently moved from Silicon Valley to Manhattan to join Radio One's Interactive One division as Sr. Analyst, Finance and Web Analytics. He will use his topnotch skills in Web analytics, financial analysis and product management as well as extensive experiences in radio/entertainment industries to contribute to the continuous offline/online expansion of Radio One.

Steve Park, '03, asks everyone to check out his monthly humor column at www.oclifemagazine.com. It's called Ask An Asian. He invites everyone to send him questions!

M. Ann Peoples, '03, reports the U.K. Nuclear Decommissioning Authority recently announced the winner of a contract to manage, operate, and selectively decommission plutonium-producing facilities at the Sellafield nuclear site. Ann led the successful program management team, developing the strategic plan, performance-based incentives, expenditure profile management, and project controls.

Beau Schindler, '03, and his wife, Kristin Schindler had their first child on January 24, 2008. August Schindler was born at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans during the height of Mardi Gras season. Mom and baby are happy and healthy. All is well.

Lance Smith, '03, started a small business and is expecting his first child in 3 weeks! He invites everyone to stop by and say hello at: Carlsbad-Optometry.net.

Craig Tiffany, '03, accepted a position at Citrix Systems as the Director of Sales for the Advanced Networking Group. Craig will be working with his team and customers throughout the Western United States.

Yan Wu, '03, had his first book, Partners, published in Chinese in June 2009.

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Anu Agarwal, '04, announces the birth of her son, Aayan born on May 27th, 2008.

Donald Archer, '04, started PQM, Inc. in 2006 which provides quality management, risk management and project management services to major infrastructure projects. PQM's goals are to help owners reduce construction cost overruns through improved management practices early in the project development phase. He lives in Huntington Beach, CA.

Dale Boyles, '04, recently sold Monarch Senior Living to Senior Care Management, LLC in Irvine, CA and has assumed the role of President. Senior Care Management has 18 assisted living communities throughout the West. Dale has also recently relocated to San Diego, CA.

Leon Glover, '04, announces that Lionheart Wines had its first release party on July 19, 2008! Five wines were released: 2007 The Angel's Share, white Rhone blend (Marsanne / Roussanne / Viognier), Russian River Valley; 2007 McGinley Roussane, Santa Barbara County; 2006 Syrah, Santa Barbara County; 2006 Cabernet Sauvignon, Napa Valley; 2006 Roaring Red.

Jonathan Hawkins, '04, and his wife, Shannon, are expecting their fourth child in September 2009, joining Riley, 7; Will, 5; and Finley, 3. Jonathan is the CFO of PR Construction, a commercial/residential general contractor located in Orange.

Jack London, '04, and his wife welcomed their son, Jack Tobin London, on November 11th, 2008.

Joe Longtin, '04, After trying out a start-up in Pasadena - X1 Technologies - and a legacy ERP company in Santa Barbara - QAD - Joe has very happily landed a Product Marketing role at DATAlegro, an Aliso Viejo-based data warehouse appliance vendor. It is one of the best places to work in OC and is poised for explosive growth.

Anthony Nguyen, '04, has become a SVP at Wellpoint.

Todd Sigler, '04, and his wife, Heidi Sigler announce the birth of their second child, Olivia Sigler.

Todd Sigler, '04, left LECG and has taken the position of Vice President in the financial advisory services group of AlixPartners.

Mike Vachani, '04, left the Lewis Companies last year as Land Acquisition Manager and started up his own Real Estate Investment Brokerage & Consulting Firm. He has 3 main areas of expertise (Investment/Commercial division, Residential/Multi-Family Division, and Consulting Division). He invites everyone to give him call if they need assistance.

Jennifer Wolf, '04, and **Rashad Mounneh, '04**, tied the knot in Culver City, California on July 10, 2009. The happy couple currently reside in Costa Mesa.

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David Chen, '05 joined JCB Partners, a mid-size boutique consulting firm out of Denver, as Senior Lead Consultant for the US west region. His job will require him to grow the regional practice through his intimate knowledge about the performance management/business intelligence industry.

Brad Eisenstein, '05, joined Twin Med LLC as CFO in September 2008. Twin Med LLC is a nationwide distributor of medical supplies to long-term and acute care facilities.

Marc Fawaz, '05, earned a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from Pepperdine University in Malibu and walked at graduation in June 2009. Marc has been a Professor of Business at Concordia University, Irvine for the past 3 years.

Greg Ferrell, '05, and his wife Tanya are currently living in Huntington Beach with their 18 month old son Jack. Greg works for Wyeth (soon to be Pfizer), Tanya is a hospice admissions nurse, and Jack works both parents overtime with his boundless energy.

Sarah Hine, '05, is co-founder and CEO of PharmaSecure, Inc., a social enterprise dedicated to curbing the global trade of counterfeit medicine and providing branding and security services to leading pharma manufacturers. In this capacity, Sarah lives in New Delhi and welcomes visits from Merage alums in addition to queries from alums at VC and pharma firms that want to learn more.

Scott Padelsky, '05, was promoted to Managing Consultant with IBM Global Services.

Kyle Patterson, '05, and his wife Rebecca welcomed their second son who was born January 22, 2009. Miles joins his 2 year old brother Eli! The Pattersons are doing great living in Washington, DC.

2006

Scott Bennett, '06, and his wife Bonnie are excited to be expecting their first child this February.

Clarence Chan, '06, married Maggie Thach on July 11th, 2009, and is now living in Sunnyvale in the Bay Area.

Casey Cochran, '06, Murad's Catalog Manager was recently interviewd by Multichannel Merchant Magazine on Murad's secrets to success despite a down economy. Check out the article here:

<http://multichannelmerchant.com/crosschannel/marketing/murad-sales-strategies-0526/index.html>.
Murad's 2008 Catalog received national accolades as a finalist in the 2008 MCM Catalog Awards.

Jessica Jorgenson, '06, Graduated from University of the Pacific, McGeorge School of Law with a J.D. in May of 2009 and is awaiting the California Bar results.

Livi Kerszenbaum, '06, is working in Washington DC as Chief of Staff for Liebman & Associates, a clean energy and environmental technology advocacy and consulting firm. Skills learned at the Merage School of Business are applied daily working with the portfolio customers to secure government funding, improve project ROI, enhance corporate brand, and empower executives and employees to embrace revolutionary technologies and best practices that closely align with the clean energy and climate goals of President Obama and the U.S. Department of Energy.

Jesse Salen, '06, the VP of Sales and Technology at Online Radiology Medical Group, Inc., was the featured speaker at the AHRA 2008 Annual Meeting & Exposition held from July 27 through July 31 at the Colorado Convention Center in Denver, Colorado.

Hiren Shah, '06, has recently been promoted Director of SAP Practice at an Irvine based Consulting firm Idhasoft.

Janet Tait, '06, wanted to say thank you to the FEMBA 06 Section A for all their help and support after she lost her house in the San Diego Wildfires in October. She especially want to thank Felice Szeto-Wong for her efforts on her family's behalf. Her classmates' support is greatly appreciated.

2007

James Lee, '07, started a new job at Warner Bros. in Burbank.

Angela Manzanares, '07, the founder of Fitlosophy Inc., marks the 1-year anniversary of the fitbook (a product of many FEMBA projects)! The past year has included big wins including: landing Sport Chalet and GNC, implementing corporate wellness programs for Fortune 500 companies, and receiving national PR for this must-have fitness tool! fitlosophy is slated to release fitbook junior (for the young ones) this month. Check out her company at www.getfitbook.com

Steve Rhee, '07, Attended the Beijing Olympics Opening Ceremony on September 8, 2009, got married in 2008 and has a newborn daughter, Eileen Rhee.

Natasha Shcherbatko, '07, and her husband are excited to announce the arrival of their daughter Gianna on June 20, 2009.

2008

Marlon Borbon, '08, accepted a new position as the Director of Rehabilitation Services at Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital.

Jonathan Danao, '08, Within three months of graduation, Jonathan got married and started a new job as a Project Manager for a search engine marketing company (WebVisible Inc., in Irvine). He is now waiting to close escrow on a brand new home and expecting his first child in December!

Jeff Lawrence, '08, recently accepted the position of Vice President of Business Development with Inventory Optimization Solutions which provides web based inventory management solutions for healthcare providers, distributors and manufacturers.

Tony Martin, '08, co-founded a leadership development and training firm based in San Diego. Exemplar Leadership Development & Training helps develop a company's most important asset, their people! Tony invites you to visit them at www.ExemplarLeadership.com.

Johnny Oliva, '08, USN/MSC, has been designated as the Medical Regulating and Control Officer at NATO Joint Forces Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Gaurav Sharma, '08, joined his family business in real-estate development and successfully launched his first project this past May. 228 of the 572 condominiums in this project have already sold! Please visit the website created for this project: <http://highlandgardens.co.in/>.

2009

Amir Bagherpour, '09, will begin a PhD program in public policy at Claremont Graduate University. Amir will be conducting preliminary research in Afghanistan from June to August 2010.

Jennifer Crick, '09, will be transferring to the Denver Ernst & Young office in mid-September!

Jayson Crouch, '09, was married on July 10, 2009 to Desiree Aguirre.

Parham Javaherian, '09, has been involved in an exciting start-up of a "Virtual Accounting" company which offers state of the art technology in outsourced accounting services. At "Peak Virtual Accounting" He is responsible for Marketing strategies and Operations.

Adrienne Kimble, '09, accepted a new position as Marketing Director for Orange County-based Veros Real Estate Solutions.

Takeshi Yamamoto, '09, met **Peggy Hsieh, '09** while attending the Merage School and they were married on June 28, 2009. Bringing new meaning to the Merage School being a life-changing experience!