

# NETWORK

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS  
ALUMNI RELATIONS

## WELCOME TO *YOUR* ALUMNI NETWORK

The **Merage School Alumni Network** is a regional, national, and global network of graduates from The Paul Merage School of Business

- 95% of Merage School Alumni are located in the United States
- 80% of Merage School Alumni are in California
- 5 % of Merage School Alumni are located in 36 other countries

### OUR MISSION

The Merage School Alumni Relations Office strives to serve and engage all of its alumni from the classes of 1968 to the present. Our mission is to facilitate relationships between alumni and key business leaders, faculty, and current students for the purposes of building commitment, creating networks, and providing lifelong access to The Paul Merage School of Business. While the majority of Merage School Alumni are located in Orange County, we recognize that many of our alumni are well-represented throughout California, across the United States, and in over 36 countries around the world. Because of this, we are committed to serving **all alumni** and encourage participation at many different levels.

**Your participation in the Alumni Network enables you to:**

- Enhance the value of your business degree
- Strengthen the image of The Paul Merage School of Business
- Cultivate life-long relationships and network with fellow alumni, academics, and the business community
- Support your alma mater by volunteering time, knowledge, expertise, connections, and resources.

**Lifetime Membership in the Merage School Alumni Network is automatic and free!**

*Automatic* membership is granted to all alumni who maintain current and complete profiles in the password protected Alumni database. You control who can see what information in your account.

## ALUMNI DATABASE

To access the Alumni database visit: [merage.uci.edu/go/alumni](http://merage.uci.edu/go/alumni)

*Updating your profile allows you to leverage the opportunities available from this invaluable network by staying connected!*

- Find alumni by industry, city, state, or program field of expertise
- Post a Class Notes: Information to be included in Alumni e-Newsletter
- Update your interests and join regional and special topic e-mail mailing lists as well as share your knowledge with students and alumni
- Gain access to select e-library resources and materials
- Lifetime E-mail Forwarding Address

## BENEFITS

Some of the many benefits of The Merage School Alumni Network include:

### Networking

#### Among the Orange County Opportunities:

- Monthly Networking Luncheons in Orange County: 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Alumni Network Luncheon; 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Alumni Network Luncheon;

**Kyle van Hoften (MBA 1997), 1<sup>st</sup> Friday Alumni Lunch Rep:** *Alumni have made friends, professional connections, and even play dates for their kids. We've seen jobs offered, jobs enhanced and jobs changed through connections made at these luncheons.*

**Darren Whissen (MBA 2002), 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Alumni Lunch Rep:** *Whether someone is looking for a career change, new business opportunity, or something completely off-the-wall, our alumni always seem willing to go that extra mile help out a fellow alumni.*

- Bi-Monthly Networking Luncheon in North Orange County

**Steve Acterman (EMBA 1999), North OC Alumni Lunch Rep:** *Join me and fellow alumni for tasty fare, simulating conversation, and plenty of networking are all on the menu."*

- Quarterly Speaker Series Luncheon: Held quarterly on campus and features a faculty member or other professional guest lecturer
- Quarterly Evening Mixers: Held at Taleo Grill in Irvine
- Distinguished Speaker Series: A post-program reception allows all guests to network with many high-level executives

## **Regional Opportunities:**

- Regional Alumni Network events taking place quarterly in San Diego, Los Angeles, and the San Francisco Bay Area

In addition to the regional opportunities in California, the Alumni Team is available to assist with alumni outreach throughout the United States and abroad. Contact the Alumni Relations Office at: [meragealum@merage.uci.edu](mailto:meragealum@merage.uci.edu) or **949.824.7167**.

## **Reunions**

Held annually, classes in five-year increments celebrate together. For example, in 2008 all classes ending in 4s and 8s celebrated their reunion. In 2009, all classes ending in 5s and 9s will celebrate their reunion. Please contact the Alumni Relations Office if you are interested in being a class agent and assisting with the planning.

## **Continuing Education**

- Lifetime Class Auditing Privileges in current Merage School electives courses (when space is available)
- Discounted rates to Executive Education Programs such as MBA Updates and Distinguished Speaker Series
- Access to Online Resources through the UCI Library Tools

## **News and Communications**

- Monthly e-Newsletter & special School-wide communications
- Post your latest update on your professional career for special features in school-wide publications
- Updates from the Dean and news about faculty members

## **Career Management**

- Links to Career Search Resources
- Online job listings which are direct postings from alumni and corporate recruiters across the country
- Bi-Weekly emails of job listings sent to your email address (must register)
- Online resume posting for corporate recruiters to view; promotion of the alumni and experienced-hire resume database to the school's corporate contacts

## GET INVOLVED!

- **Speak to our Students:** Speaking in classes or at special events such as Alumni Career Day. Please note that you can identify your area of interest in the alumni database.
- **Participate in Information Sessions:** Attend information sessions and share your experiences with prospective students
- **Mentor our Students:** Alumni are invited to share their experiences with our students!
- **MBA Career Fair:** Register your company for the MBA Career Fair
- **Centers of Excellence:**
  - Don Beall Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship
  - The Center for Global Leadership and Team Development
  - The Center for Real Estate
  - The Center for Health Care Management and Policy
  - The Center for Research on Information Technology and Organizations (CRITO)
  - The Center for Investment and Wealth Management
- **Think Merage First!**

All members of the Merage School Alumni Network are encouraged to be ambassadors of their alma mater and invited to participate in the **Think Merage First – One Name One Job** campaign.



- **Recommend at least one potential applicant** for any of our MBA programs, including our Executive and Health Care Executive MBA programs
- **Let us know about Job Opportunities at all levels in your companies (including internships).**
- Visit <http://www.meragefirst.com> to enter your recommended applicants and job opportunities.

## MERAGE SCHOOL ALUMS ARE EVERYWHERE

Merage School Alumni are experts in many industries. The following is a partial listing of some of the more widely populated industries chosen by Merage School Alumni. For a more comprehensive list, go to [merage.uci.edu/go/alumni](http://merage.uci.edu/go/alumni) and select “directory” and search by industry.

Advertising & Marketing . . . Aerospace . . . Automotive . . . Banking & Financial Services . . . Biotech & Pharmaceuticals . . . Consulting . . . Engineering/Construction . . . Food and Beverage . . . Health Care . . . High Tech and Software . . . Insurance . . . Manufacturing . . . Media and Entertainment . . . Non-Profit . . . Telecommunications . . . Real Estate . . . Start-Ups & Entrepreneurship . . .

## WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU

*It gives us great pleasure to welcome you to **YOUR Merage School Alumni Network!** The Merage School Alumni Relations Team is committed to serving and engaging all graduates from The Merage School of Business. We encourage you to attend one of our many networking events being held in Orange County, San Diego, Los Angeles, and the San Francisco Bay Area. Additionally, for those alumni located in other regions, please know that that we are also happy to facilitate networking for you remotely. Please remember that we are just a keystroke away, so you can email us and request that we put you in touch with other Merage School Alumni in your area. We continue to remind all Merage School Alumni that "It's never too early to tap into the value of The Merage School Alumni Network!" and our goal is to help you do just that!*

Warm regards,



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