

CLASS NOTES

1970s

Denise Essman ('73 Industrial Administration) is the president and CEO of Essman/Associates and Essman/Research. For the ninth consecutive year, Essman/Research has been recognized as a top-rated research focus facility by Impulse Research Corporation, an international research firm.

Bruce Hamilton ('73 Industrial Administration) is celebrating twenty successful years of his firm, Hamilton CPA, LLC, serving clients in Janesville, Wisconsin. Hamilton is a past director of the Iowa State University Alumni Association.

Jeanne (Payton) Eibes ('76 Industrial Administration) is director of billing operations for CSG Systems, Inc., in Omaha, Nebraska. Eibes is also president of the Carter Lake Preservation Society, a nonprofit organization she helped establish for the purpose of preserving and restoring the Oxbow Lake, located just north of downtown Omaha. The all-volunteer organization was recognized this April by Earth Day Omaha as a "Friend of the Environment" for its five years of effort in attracting attention and government funding to improve the watershed and make the lake a better place to play.

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Corey Bard ('86 Management) graduated from Dominican University in River Forest, Illinois, in May 2008 with a master in library and information science. He had worked since 2000 for the

Theosophical Society in America as assistant operations manager for its publishing house, Quest Books, and then as library assistant and librarian for the Henry S. Olcott Memorial Library, also at the Theosophical Society. Prior to his master's, he also completed a library technical assistant certificate from College of DuPage in Glen Ellyn, Illinois. He was named director of Curry Public Library in Gold Beach, Oregon, in November 2008.

Kevin Grieve ('86 Finance) is the CEO of venture-funded company Mocapay, a mobile commerce platform that provides mobile marketing and payments for issuers of merchant-branded gift and loyalty cards.

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Scott Brugh ('99 Marketing) operates his own business, Arizona Elevator Solutions in Scottsdale, Arizona. He had spent eight years working for KONE, Inc., an elevator company based in the Quad Cities.

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Stephanie DeVore Cruzen ('02 LOMIS) lives in West Des Moines, Iowa, and works for Pioneer. Prior to that, she spent six years at TMC Transportation after graduation. She married Chad Cruzen ('02 Transportation and Logistics) in 2008.

Katherine Hallenbeck ('02 Finance and Management Information Systems) completed her MBA from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois, in fall 2008.

Her coursework was focused on finance and leadership/change management.

Orion Bashkiroff ('03 Management) has recently been hired by URS Corporation as a renewable energy project manager.

Noel Friedl ('05 Finance) is currently living in Fremont, California, working as a banking analyst for Wells Fargo in fraud prevention.

Nick Dell ('06 Finance) joined MetLife in West Des Moines, Iowa, and is currently an accountant and has obtained several industry designations. In addition, he continues his part-time seasonal employment with Seven Oaks in Boone, Iowa, as a snowboard instructor and working with management for special events. Dell also started his own business organizing ski and snowboard events such as the Des Moines Rail Jam.

Michael Goellner ('06 Management Information Systems) works for UPS as a contractor through a company called TekSystems in Louisville, Kentucky. After graduation, he worked for Hy-Vee's corporate office as a programmer analyst. In October 2008 he was married to Jeniece (Bergman) Goellner ('08 Dairy Science).

Ashlee Kvidera Ellis ('07 Marketing) is working at the University of Minnesota Carlson School of Business as the assistant director of annual giving. In May 2009, she married Matthew Ellis ('06 Electrical Engineering).

Abdulaziz Alsaffar ('08 Management Information Systems) is a business analyst at the National Bank of Kuwait. He is a member of the team that manages the largest consumer credit portfolio in Kuwait, representing over 50 percent of its market share. ■