

CLASS NOTES

1970s

Al Brown ('73 Industrial Administration)

retired in October 2007, after 35 years with the United States Postal Service. His final position was in the executive position of Manager, Distribution Networks for the Great Lakes Area, headquartered in Chicago. After retiring, he and his wife Cyndee moved to Seminole, Florida where they have a home on the intercoastal waterway where they enjoy sailing, biking and traveling. They have two adult children who reside in the Chicago-land area with their families. They also have two grandchildren, Payton and Emma.

1980s

Betsy Draper ('82 Management)

joined the Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service with the U.S. Department of Agriculture as its enterprise architecture program and capital planning specialist in its Information Systems and Technology Management (ISTM) Unit. She also holds an MBA from North Dakota State University and an Ed.D. from the University of South Dakota. She has more than 25 years of information and instructional technology, planning, and institutional research leadership experience in higher education.

John O'Donnell ('88 Finance) joined Marquette Financial Companies, a privately held financial service company based in Minneapolis, Minnesota, as its chief credit officer. O'Donnell will oversee the credit management team, and his duties will include credit approvals across all of Marquette's business lines.

1990s

Eric Bartel ('93 Transportation and Logistics)

married Lisa Niedermann January 2, 2009, in Owatonna, Minnesota. They reside in Toledo, Iowa.

Susan Sand Brown ('97 Transportation and Logistics)

and husband Ryan moved to Gastonia, North Carolina, in 2004. They have three daughters, Katie, six; Abbi, three; and Sara, one.

2000s

Clinton Ackerberg ('04 Finance) sat for the Series 7, Series 66, and life/accident and health exams. He started his career with American Express, formerly IDS and currently Ameriprise Financial. After a few years of learning about the industry he left and started his own business as an independent wealth manager. He now has clients all over the country and sends out a weekly wealth report to clients, potential clients, friends and family.

Kristin Cummings Russell

('04 Accounting) is currently employed with Farmers Cooperative Company in Ames as a Financial Analyst. She was married in April 2007 and is expecting her first baby (boy) on June 30.

Zoya Arora ('05 Finance)

traveled Spain the summer before starting law school at the University of Iowa in fall 2006. In her third and final year of law school, she has served as a research assistant, vice president of the Asian American Law Students Association, student writer for the *Iowa Law Review*, and chair of diversity for the

Iowa Student Bar Association. The summer of 2008, Arora was a summer associate at McDermott Will & Emery LLP, one of the top 50 most prestigious firms in the nation. Arora worked in the Chicago office, and after graduating this May will return as a first-year associate in the firm's commercial litigation practice group.

Jess Bucklin Bormann ('05 Marketing)

has been working with JT Mega in Minneapolis since 2006. She is an assistant account executive and works on marketing and advertising for Hormel Deli, Di Lusso Deli Company, Hormel Party Trays, Fresh Pantry and various Hormel brands. She has been married to Keith Bormann ('05 Materials Engineering) since 2005 and they have identical twin boys, Dylan Tyler and Carter Benjamin, that were born on October 22, 2008.

Matthew Bradner ('08 Finance & Management)

Founder and Manager of Iowa Home Consulting, is a lifelong member of the Ames community. Iowa Home Consulting works with real estate agents and homeowners to make homes more attractive for sale to prospective buyers. ■

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