

Leading the Way ... Students of the Month

**Stephane Maldonado, Samantha Bauer,
Stacey Washington, Claire Terry and Stacey Garrison**



The Student of the Month Award recognizes outstanding achievement in five categories: attitude, attendance, grades, participation, and significant accomplishments.

The Student of the Month's photograph is added to the "Wall of Fame," and he/she receives a recognition letter and certificate from the President of the College. In addition, a parking space is reserved for the student during the month of the award.

APRIL—Stephane has been the IAAP Secretary for approximately six months. In that time, she has dramatically improved the IAAP communications. Stephane is an eager and talented budding administrative professional with a phenomenal attitude. She willingly and cheerfully accomplishes detailed and complex tasks. She is a model administrative student who is an example and inspiration.

MAY—Samantha has maintained excellent academic standards while leading the night accounting students in her role as Night Director of the IMA. She is eager to learn everything she can and is always ready to discuss what she has learned with her peers. Samantha's strong work ethic, genuine interest in her field, and friendly personality endear her to her teachers and classmates alike.

JUNE—Stacey has a great sense of humor, is very genuine, and is smart as a whip. Never one to complain, she is professional, positive, and always "there" for her classmates, teachers, and the Medical Department. Always willing to volunteer in events outside the classroom, Stacey works well with a team.

JULY—Claire has achieved A+ and Net+ certifications. She is an IT Student Mentor, teacher's aide, and IT tutor. Claire has a can-do



attitude and is the ultimate team player. She always completes her assignments and consistently scores in the top 1% of her classes. Claire is a wonderful student with a big heart.

AUGUST—Stacey has a 4.0 GPA with 100% attendance and is rapidly moving through her program with admirable speed by challenging and passing several required classes. Stacey is very focused in class, asks stimulating questions, and is very

diligent about her work. In addition, she has volunteered as the Accounting Mentor for the night students. ▲

We Got The Job!

Accounting and Bookkeeping

Serena Byrd is an entry-level bookkeeper with Elite Tell, LLE.

Kathy Kelly is employed with Vineyard & Winery Management Magazine as an advertising coordinator.

2008 graduate Victoria Reyes is now a bookkeeper for Kings Tires.



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The School of Law In Brief

Moot Court Team perpetuates Empire's record of success



Congratulations to recent Law School graduates Andrew Quinn and Karin Stoeckenius for capturing Second Place in Brief Writing at the annual Roger J. Traynor Appellate Moot Court competition. The team was coached by Professor Terry Robertson. Eighteen California law schools competed including Golden Gate University, UC Hastings, McGeorge, Santa Clara, UC Berkeley, USF, UCLA, and UC Davis.

Selected for 2010 by the California Academy of Appellate Attorneys, the case was based upon a real, unpublished case from the California Court of Appeal. It involved a determination of whether or not a party was determined to be the "prevailing party" for contractual attorney's fees after litigation in the state courts of California and Nevada and the California Court of Appeal when one of the parties then filed a voluntary dismissal of the action. The legal Gordian knot involved both competing statutes and case law as well as public policy issues.

The briefs were scored anonymously, and results were announced at the competition. "I am especially proud of the fact that we argued against the top placing schools for oral argument (Loyola, First, and McGeorge, Third) in the two rounds of appellate argument on Saturday," stated Professor Robertson. "Between those two schools, they

placed four of the top oralists in the competition. Our students were an equal match for their opponents, and the spirited argument before the appellate bench in each round raised the scores of both teams."

Twenty-three awarded Juris Doctor Degrees

Noted Santa Rosa attorney John F. "Jack" DeMeo delivered the commencement address at Empire College School of Law's graduation ceremony on Sunday, June 6, at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts. Juris Doctor Degrees were conferred upon 23 graduates.

Professor Heather Bussing addressed the graduating class on behalf of the School of Law's faculty. Jane Gaskell, who graduated Cum Laude, delivered the valedictory address.

Three graduates – Jane Gaskell, Karin Stoeckenius, and Sarah Lewers – were recipients of Scholastic Achievement Awards provided by four local law firms: Abbey, Weitzenberg, Warren & Emery; Anderson, Zeigler, Disharoon, Gallagher & Gray; DeMeo, DeMeo & West; and Perry, Johnson, Anderson, Miller & Moskowitz, LLP.

Faailoilo Fuimaono was recipient of the Labe Leibowitz Award acknowledging the graduate who has succeeded despite numerous challenges during their four years of education.



February 2010 Bar passers sworn in

Congratulations to the following graduates who passed the California Bar Examination in February 2010. A Swearing-In Ceremony was held June 3 in their honor with Sonoma County Superior Court Judge Cerena Wong and United States Bankruptcy Court Judge Alan Jaroslovsky presiding. Congratulations to:

Robert Steven Brown	Shannon Dean	Rachel McAllister	Andrew Stadler
Kent Bullock	Johann Hall	Natalie Soter	Heidie Trautwein

Honoring dedicated service

Congratulations to retiring Superior Court Judge Lawrence Antolini. Judge Antolini was the first Dean of Empire School of Law in 1973. He has had a distinguished and long career on the bench.

Congratulations also to Superior Court Commissioner Carla Bonilla who is retiring after 23 years on the bench. She is a 1982 graduate from Empire School of Law.



Paralegal Department News

Field trips and guest speakers enrich learning

On April 15, Ceanne Herndon, legal office administrator for O'Brien, Watters, & Davis, LLP, spoke to Grace de la Torre's Law Office Management class about dress, attendance, and the first 30 days on the job.

On June 14, the Real Property class toured the Sonoma County Recorder's Office. Students were especially fortunate to receive the tour from Steve Lehman who has been with the Recorder's Office for over 25 years and is now retiring. The students were able to ask him questions, hear about strange deeds that have been recorded and look up recorded documents of interest.

On June 23, the Family Law class toured the Sonoma County courthouse and visited the courtroom of Honorable Lawrence Antolini. Judge Antolini was the first dean of Empire Law School and has fond memories of Empire. He was very positive about the role that paralegals and legal secretaries play in supporting attorneys.



Back row: Monica Lehre, Marisa Aparicio, Katelyn Schenstrom, Deanna Martin, Meghan Hunt, Daisy Cabrera-Lugo, Judge Antolini

Middle row: Alicia Cardenas, Isis Flores, Olga Ridley, Adriana Nunez,

Front row: Christy Ching, Michelle Sittenauer, Dorothy Shaw, Deborah Cain

ELSA News



On April 19, the legal students met with Judge Daum in his courtroom. They were able to ask him questions about trial and what it's like to be a judge.

On May 19, attorney Jamie Thistlethwaite (left with Tatiana Betady) spoke to legal students about her work as a criminal defense attorney.

In June, ELSA (Empire Legal Student Association) honored their outgoing board members and gave them each personal portfolios engraved with their initials. Outgoing board members: Michelle Morris – President, Nikki Vasquez – 1st Vice President, Erick Beall – 2nd Vice President, Amy Jarvis – Secretary, and Viviana Henao – Treasurer.

Incoming ELSA board members are Deanna Martins – President, Danielle Beasley – Vice President, Autumn Gillette — Secretary, Brenda Cunningham – Treasurer. Thank you all for serving in these important board positions.

ELSA and IMA put on a carnival on June 24. We would especially like to thank instructor Gayle Smith for her willingness to be dunked and her excellent scream every time the water hit her. (Video on Empire's Facebook page.)

REAP graduation party

On June 16, REAP (Redwood Empire Association of Paralegals) had its annual Paralegal Graduation Party at the Union Hotel in Santa Rosa. Thirty-five paralegals and paralegal students attended. It was a great opportunity to have some fun and network.

Welcoming and honoring faculty

The Legal Department is pleased to announce the return of attorney Murray Cockerill as an instructor in our evening classes. We are also pleased to announce the hiring of paralegal Laura Krieg to teach in the evening. Laura has worked as a paralegal since 2005 and currently provides contract paralegal services for attorneys in the areas of criminal law, personal injury, and family law. She has a B.A. in Management from Sonoma State University and graduated from their paralegal program in 2006.

Congratulations to Laura Rosenthal who has been selected to serve as a commissioner on the Sonoma County Juvenile Justice Commission, commencing September 22, 2010.

Monica Lehre honored as Empire's "Educator of the Year" nominee

Empire College was pleased to nominate Monica Lehre, Paralegal Department Head, for the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce's annual Excellence in Education Award in the two-year college category.

Monica's commitment to her students and their success has yielded more internships and has contributed to the paralegal program's exceptional employer satisfaction rating of 100 percent. Monica has fostered a positive and beneficial relationship for her students with REAP, Redwood Empire Association of Paralegals, resulting in the formation of a student chapter. Through her connection with Legal Aid of Sonoma County, Monica served as volunteer chair for the 2010 *Lawyers with Heart* event at which she and 30 student and 20 adult volunteers helped raise \$27,000 for child abuse prevention. ▲



Semi-annual graduation a *Celebration of Success*

Semiannual Commencement Exercises were held for 190 graduates of the Business School at the Wells Fargo Center for the Arts on Monday evening, July 26, 2010.

Redwood Credit Union CEO Brett Martinez delivered the commencement address; Laura Rosenthal offered remarks on behalf of the faculty; and information technology major Aaron Elrod spoke on behalf of the graduates. In addition, IT major Michael Harris personalized the occasion with his rendition of the national anthem.

Six students were presented awards from Empire College, and another twelve graduates received awards from publishers and professional organizations. In addition, award winners received certificates of recognition from the State Assembly Member who represents their district and from State Senator Pat Wiggins. ▲

In the movie Star Wars, a Jedi Master named Yoda said, "Do. Or do not. There is no try." Have you ever known anyone to receive a prize or a medal or any recognition for TRYING to do anything? Success has never come to anyone who has tried to write a book, or who has tried to pass a test, or who has tried to finish a race. So whatever you are aiming for next, my suggestion to you is this, don't say you'll try to do it – say "I'll do it."

~Laura Rosenthal



EMPIRE COLLEGE OUTSTANDING GRADUATE AWARDS

Accounting

April Jurasin

Information Technology

Clayton Gray

Legal

Ashley Shippey

Medical

Cynthia Kowalski

Office Administration

Lea Smith

Tourism, Hospitality and Wine

Betty Howard

PUBLISHER AND ORGANIZATION AWARDS

California Medical Assistants Association Award for Medical Assisting
Rose Reyes

Cengage Learning Accounting Award
Melynda Canepa

Cengage Learning Information Technology Award
Glenn Steve

Kaiser Permanente Medical Student Achievement Award
Rosemarie Traversi

Institute of Management Accountants Award
Samantha Bauer

Lippincott Health Sciences Award
Aaron Ambrose and Crystal Fuentes Lopez

McGraw-Hill Publishing Company Outstanding Student Award
April Jurasin

Pearson Education Spirit Award
Aaron Ambrose and Jessica Cornwell

Redwood Empire Association of Paralegals Award
Michelle Morris



Aaron Elrod

NEXT GRADUATION:

Monday, January 17 – 7 p.m. @ Wells Fargo Center

ELIGIBLE GRADUATES:

Students completing their programs between August 1, 2010, and January 31, 2011, as well as medical majors who will be completing their externships by March 4, 2011.

WE GOT THE JOB! (continued)

Information Technology

Ryan Claire is a computer support technician with Polestar Computers.

Ken Minor is employed with Dry Creek Gaming Commission as a regulatory agent.

David Nichols is an IT instructor at Empire College.

1997 graduate Jerry Riley is now a systems engineer for Connections IT, Inc.

Eddie Samuels is employed with Norcal Computers as a computer technician.

Legal Office Administration

Rosa Flores is employed as a paralegal for Wallace Francis, Attorney at Law.

Ember Hagemann is working for the U.S. Census Bureau as a census taker.

Rachel Huertas is a legal receptionist for Jeffrey Parks, Attorney at Law.

Julie Humphreys is employed as a paralegal for Barbara Stagg, Attorney at Law.

Tisha Jones is working for Stephen Turer, Attorney at Law, as a paralegal.

Suzanne Murphy is a paralegal with Green & Green Law Office.

Chelsie Runnings is working for Steve Manning Construction as a secretary.

Leslie Winter is a paralegal with Carl Voss, Attorney at Law.

Medical Careers

Deborah Allen is employed as a front office assistant with Richard Wong, DC.

Amy Blue is a back office medical assistant with Sutter Medical Family Practice.

Alicia Brophy is a medical assistant with Firas Husein, DDS.

Liz Cooper is employed as a phlebotomist for DRL Labs in Texarkana, Texas.

Heather Estreich is a front office medical assistant with Women's OB/GYN.

Crystal Fuentes Lopez is employed at West County Health Centers, Inc. as a care team medical assistant.

Barbara Gramlich is working for Douglas Abbott, MD in temporary front office support.

Robin Gurries is working through Accountemps at Redwood Regional Medical Group in charge entry.

Lisa Gutierrez is a medical assistant with William Bowden, MD.

Cristina Hyde is a front and back office medical assistant with Prima Medical Group.

1999 graduate Kathleen Jaffee is now employed as a management services coordinator with Pacific Partners Management Services.

Gina Joske is working through Nelson Personnel Services as an office administrator.

Alexandra Llamas is employed as a back office medical assistant with Jennifer Hubert, MD.

Cindy Meyer is a caregiver/house manager for Terra Linda Christian Homes.

Isabel Paguaga is working for Concentra Medical Occupational Health as a back office medical assistant.

Tera Perrault is a medical lab instructor at Empire College.

2008 graduate Rachel Santos is now a medical assistant for Loma Linda Health Center in Missouri.

Julianne Schick is now employed through Aerotek Staffing as a medical assistant with Sutter Health.

Amanda Schroder is a patient service representative with Sutter Medical Foundation.

Christina Thomas is a medical biller for Immix Medical Management Services.

Office Administration

Corinne Boyle is employed with Aramark Sports Entertainment as an associate events supervisor.

Christy Bradford is an administrative assistant with Fire Safety Supply.

Xitlali Estrada is a front desk administrative assistant with Sonoma County Martial Arts.

Maribel Gomez is employed with Comfort Inn Hotel as a front desk receptionist.

Janelle Palm is working for Habitat for Humanity in general office support.

Lisa Richardson works in customer service for Cyrus Restaurant.

Elizabeth Rings is assistant manager of Charlie's Grill.

Lea Smith is a financial aid advisor for Empire College.

Sandra Stoddard is working as a virtual assistant for Simpac Property Management.

Jessica Stoffel is a purchasing/inventory specialist for Pini Ace Hardware.

Chelsea White is employed with Elite Tell, LLE as a customer service specialist.

Lari Youngbloom is an administrative assistant with Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County.

Tourism/Hospitality/Wine

Ashley Bolden and Ronnie Chambers are employed with Productions Plus - The Talent Shop as appliance demonstrators.

Danielle Farrington is a front desk associate at Bodega Bay Lodge.

Christina Monraz is a front desk clerk for Acqua Hotel.

Alissa Phelps is a front desk receptionist for H2 Hotel Healdsburg.

Jessie Reyes is a concierge at Mayacama Golf Club and Resort.

Veronica Salas is employed with the City of Healdsburg as a front desk receptionist. ▲

IMA general meetings and outreach promote professional growth

At the March IMA Soup Delight fund raiser, students enjoyed the camaraderie of working together while they raised money to purchase dinner tickets for Student Night at the Redwood IMA dinner meeting on April 20, which several student members attended. In addition, two Empire students won scholarships: day student, Hayley Dailey, and night student, Chrisy Martignoli (photo, right).



At the IMA night general meeting held on April 1, 2010, Kathy Kelly and Heather Gali, graduates, were presented with graduation dogs covered with autographs of accounting students. Certificates were also awarded to participants of the night Soup Delight fund raiser. Guest speaker Cathy Hamilton from Information Technology Group spoke on QuickBooks consultant opportunities, inspiring many students to ask questions beyond the end of the meeting.



Kass Von der Mehden, Empire's Bookstore Manager, was the guest speaker at the June IMA day general meeting and did a repeat performance in July for the night chapter. She talked about inventory control concepts.

At the July general meeting, the baton was passed to Hayley Dailey, the new IMA president, by Melynda Canepa, the past president (photo, left). Gay Kimmel, High School Program Director at Empire College, spoke about the IMA outreach programs, past and future, for the local high schools. Other July events included a "Hotdog Extravaganza" fund raiser.

Carnival raises \$950 for Sloan House

Lead by accounting students April Jurasin and Melynda Canepa, Empire College students embraced a goal of raising funds for Sloan House Emergency Women's Shelter through a campus-wide carnival on Saturday, June 26. Sloan House, a shelter that houses homeless women and their children, lost its funding and, as a result, may be forced to severely cut the services it provides clients or perhaps even close its doors.



"Several of us learned about this need through our internship work for Community Action Partnership," explains April Jurasin, who is enrolled in the associate degree program in accounting at Empire College. "As a result of our work there, we have seen the difference Sloan House makes in helping women permanently move out of homelessness."

With the support of Empire's students, faculty, administration, and their families, a total of \$950 was raised through summertime fun such as dunk and pie-in-the-face booths. (Videos on Empire's Facebook page.) ▲



Below, clockwise from top left: Heather Gali and Kathy Kelly with their "graduation dogs." Graduates Ginger Thompson, April Jurasin and Denise Thomas. Kathy Kelly receives a certificate for the Soup Delight Fund Raiser from Samantha Baur. Kendra Nelson and Victoria Nash at the Hotdog Extravaganza. Several student members attended the Redwood IMA dinner meeting. Congratulations to April Jurasin and Rachel Agostini who passed the Excel certification test.

Destroyed hard drive, who you gonna call? DriveSavers!

The IT class traveled to DriveSavers, a hard disk repair center in Novato. DriveSavers uses proprietary software and hardware to remove information off of seemingly destroyed hard drives. They not only work on enterprise level storage, but will also extract data from mp3 players, smart phones, and personal computers. Recovery is at about a 90 percent success rate.

The Empire students were treated to a tour of the facility which included the shipping room, as well as the Mac room, the Windows room, and the different levels of clean rooms, walking across sticky mats to remove any dirt that was on their shoes. The engineers in the different rooms opened up the tour so that students could ask questions. Instructor Gary DeMarco overheard one of the techs from DriveSavers comment that it was nice to be able to talk geek with people who actually understood what he was talking about.

DriveSavers stressed soft skills and customer service. Every department on the tour mentioned this. They were quick to point out all their notes from famous clients like Bruce Willis, Milla Jovovich, Adam Sandler, and many others. The Head of the Call Center mentioned the adage: "People don't care what you know, until they know how much you care."

Another thing the good people at DriveSavers wanted to get across to students is that backing up your data and doing practice restores may save them time and money in the future. DriveSavers also provided bagels and muffins for the students' refreshment and stuck around to answer questions that students had after the tour was over.

IT students raise \$1495 for Autism Speaks

On Saturday, April 17, Empire College students, faculty, and family members traveled down to Infineon Raceway for the Walk Now for Autism Speaks walkathon. The Empire Team set up a water station at the top of the first hill so that walkers would have an opportunity to quench their thirst once they got to the top of the hill. Some of the Empire College team manned the watering hole while others partook in the walk, which wound its way around the raceway.

Altogether the team of Empire students, faculty, and family raised \$1495 for the cause, while the event raised \$92,840 for the Sonoma Chapter for Autism Speaks.



Sean McDonnell is checking out an article on a destroyed iPhone. DriveSavers saved the data on the phone and returned the information to the user.

IT alumni certification update

Congratulations to the following Information Technology majors who passed certification exams from March through July:



Core Essentials

Carter Armstrong
Brandon Bast
Joshua Bearce
Thomas Byron-Bonacci
John Christmann
Robert Creighton
Justin Ewing
Darrin Force
Janelle Griggs
Jorge Hernandez
Joshua Hicks
Jeremy Kerrigan
Alexander Mallin
Mitchell Martin
Logan Peterson
Dane Phillip
Richard VanDusen
Ronald Wimsett



Operating Systems

Brandon Bast
Joshua Bearce
Thomas Byron-Bonacci
John Christmann
Robert Creighton
Justin Ewing
Janelle Griggs
Jorge Hernandez
Joshua Hicks
Logan Peterson
Richard VanDusen



Brandon Bast
Robert Creighton
Aaron Elrod
Justin Ewing
Gordon Knight
Logan Peterson



Eric Brogdon
Richard Coibion
Justin Ewing
Cory Fulchiron
Antonio Garciduenas
Jorge Hernandez
Alvin Joe
Ronald Murray
Logan Peterson
Curtis Plumley
Shawn Shelden
Glenn Steve
Richard Wismar

Medical Skills Certifications and Department News

Congratulations to medical majors who have earned skills certifications during the past quarter:

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| Gladys Acevedo: EKG | Rosa Hernandez: EKG, Injections | Theresa Revei: EKG, Injections |
| Sarah Addison: EKG, Injections | Mihntrang Huynh: EKG, Injections | Christy Revuelta: EKG |
| Iris Aguayo: EKG | Cristina Hyde: EKG | Rose Reyes: EKG, Injections |
| Lola Andrews: EKG, Injections | Cynthia Kowalski: Venipuncture | Claudia Rivera: Venipuncture |
| Jason Arnold: EKG, Injections | Kristi Lawrence: Injections | Jesus Roxas: Injections |
| Verenise Barajas: EKG | Isabel Leos: EKG, Injections | Tasha Sanchez: EKG |
| Michelle Brazis: EKG, Injections | Susan Lizarraga: EKG | Joelle Sandoval: Venipuncture |
| Llisa Burbage: Venipuncture | Sandra Lopez: EKG, Injections | Stacie Santoyo: EKG |
| Brydie Burke: EKG | Yesenia Madrigal: Venipuncture | Tina Schlaile: EKG, Injections |
| Erin Burke: Injections | Jessica Maggiolo: EKG, Injections | Lacey Stanley: EKG, Injections |
| Maria Carretero: EKG | Karen Martin: EKG | Manju Stanley: EKG, Injections |
| Katlyn Clark: EKG | Eunice Martinelli: EKG | Laurie Stirling: EKG, Injections |
| Delaina Cochran: Venipuncture | Rebecca Martinez: EKG | Destiny Taylor: EKG |
| Linda Combs: EKG, Injections | James McClymonds: EKG, Injections | Kristina Thompson: Injections |
| Patricia Cortez: EKG | Olga McRae: EKG, Injections | Devin Todd: Venipuncture |
| Chanae Corwin: Venipuncture | Brenda Miller: EKG, Injections | Rosemarie Traversi: EKG |
| Seana Davis: EKG | Elisa Moore: Venipuncture | Bobbi Turner: EKG |
| Sabrina DiTomaso: EKG, Injections | Imelda Morfin: EKG | Erica Upfold: Injections |
| Jennerfer Eldridge: Venipuncture | Sherry Nelson: EKG | Holland Van der Beek: Venipuncture |
| Julliana Ferreyra: EKG | Linda Ngaophasy: EKG | Keri Van Rees: Venipuncture |
| Crystal Fuentes Lopez: EKG | Claire Noonis: EKG, Injections | April Walling: Venipuncture |
| Yenny Garcia: EKG | Cheryl Ohlson: EKG | Stacey Washington: EKG, Injections |
| Desire Gill: Injections | Haydee Ortiz: EKG | Ashley Watier: EKG |
| Cristina Gonzalez: EKG, Injections | Amanda Parry: EKG, Injections | Jessee White: EKG |
| Delia Gutierrez: EKG | Deanna Pavlick: EKG | Chris Wilson: Injections |
| Jacinda Hazelton: Venipuncture | Maria Perez: EKG, Injections | Alexandra Wimsett: EKG ▲ |



Empire volunteers help provide medical services to 350 children at NIH 2010

Neighbors in Health 2010 (a collaboration between United Way and Kaiser Permanente) was a success with just over 350 children receiving care on Sunday, August 1. Congratulations and thank you to the Empire volunteers – more than 90 in all!

Empire students are allowed to volunteer in a hands-on capacity because of direct instructor supervision, accomplished with the amazing help of five instructors who worked from 7 a.m. until the last patient was seen:

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| Jon Johnson | Shannon Tinsley |
| Stacey Lince | Megan Van Rees ▲ |
| Tera Perrault | |



CMAA and AMT certifications



Congratulations to the following medical students who passed the CMAA certification exam(s) from March through July:

- Dawn Campbell: Basic and Clinical
- Crystal Fuentes-Lopez
- Paola Garcia: Basic
- Deborah Kegney: Basic, Clinical and Administration
- Nicole Livingstone: Basic, Clinical and Administration
- Alexandra Llamas: Basic and Clinical
- Tera Perrault: Basic, Clinical and Administration
- Laurie Pitcavage: Basic, Clinical and Administration
- Jessica Stoffel: Basic, Clinical and Administration
- Kimberly Williams: Basic, Clinical and Administration



Congratulations are also in order for Nicole Kauhi and Dana Valley, who have received their American Medical Technologist certifications as Allied Health Instructors.

Office Administration/IAAP News Updates

IAAP elects new officers

Congratulations to new IAAP officers: Rebecca Horton, President; Chelsea Treis, Vice President; and Lisa Walker, Secretary.

The IAAP held a barbecue on July 21 to raise money for educational seminars/webinars on campus for the Administrative students and guests. (See photo at right.)

IAAP workshops celebrate Administrative Professionals Week

The IAAP launched its Administrative Professionals Week celebration by hosting a Saturday workshop. Instructors Cindi Ott and Jeanette Landin presented an Outlook seminar. Topics were stationery, digital signatures, managing calendars and contacts. Jeanette also presented Office 2007 tips and tricks.

Debra Mangum, a former Office Administration graduate and employee of Accountable Solutions, presented interviewing success. She not only prepared the student for the interview, she noted how this process is started in Career Transitions. Her entertaining and informative presentation encouraged the importance of preparation and positive thinking.

Erica Andersson, a current Office Administration student and former Bobbi Brown makeup consultant for Macy's, presented the basics of makeup for an interview and discussed how important it is to consider what your clothes say about you. Her makeup application to student, Leslie Norwood, was polished and professional.

Office Administration students achieve MCAS certifications

Congratulations to the following students who achieved their MCAS certifications from March through May:

Adan Machuca: Word and PowerPoint

Stephane Maldonado: Word and PowerPoint

Lea Smith: Word, PowerPoint and Excel

Lari Youngbloom: Word



Above L-R: Cindi Ott, Yolanda Evina, Andrea Horner, and Rebecca Horton, taken with a sigh of relief after the group's presentation on travel and meeting planning.

Empire grads share insight, experience

Jon Nussbaum, Linux Systems Administrator, Disney ImageMovers Digital

After graduating from Empire, I landed my first IT job at Rotofactory, in Santa Rosa. I spent a year and a half there as head of their IT department and was then approached with an opportunity to work for Walt Disney's ImageMovers Digital, a company known for its motion capture performance recently seen in *Disney's A Christmas Carol*.

Currently there are 15 people in IMD's Information Technology department. We have a ticketing system that every artist has access to. Some of my responsibilities include answering to trouble tickets submitted by Artists, tasks from upper management that include hardware and software management and deployment, and development/troubleshooting current hardware and software issues with vendors and support groups. Our trouble ticketing system is accessible by any employee at IMD, where they state the problem that they're experiencing followed by a level of importance, and it's up to us to figure out how to solve these issues, in an according priority hierarchy. Anything from new keyboards to render blades that won't turn on, IT is on it round the clock!

Johnny Romeo, PC Technician, Simple Office Solutions

"Johnny has been gung-ho to learn and is becoming certified on Sharp copiers at Simple Office Solutions (SOS). About a year ago Johnny started coming into the store every couple of months looking for employment. He was always personable and networked effectively so that when we were ready to hire, Johnny came to mind," says Teisha Titus, office manager at SOS.

SOS has twelve employees, three of whom are Empire College graduates. They service and sell copiers, printers, computers, and fax machines, with their primary business being contracts for copier service. Along with a large number of local customers, SOS has national and statewide accounts, such as Homeland Security, Caltrans, San Quentin Prison, and DMV.

"Feedback from customers about Johnny has been great," Tom says. "We are a call center for problems, and it is important to keep things light and as positive as possible." Adds Teisha, "Johnny definitely uses his own initiative and will do whatever is needed." ▲



Hospitality students host tour for Celebrate Community partners

In June, Empire's hospitality students had the opportunity to deliver a tour they had designed called "Discover Sonoma." Their VIP guests were the Press Democrat's Celebrate Community partners from Abbey, Weitzenberg, Warren & Emery; Empire College; Friedman's Home Improvement; G&G Supermarkets; Kaiser Permanente; Redwood Credit Union; Winzler & Kelly; and The Press Democrat.

Tour highlights included McEvoy Olive Oil Ranch, Achadinha Farms (producers of goat cheese - top right photo), Mark West Lodge/Charbay Vodka (bottom right photo), and Safari West. ▲



Hospitality Students Eaten by Carnivorous Plants! (left)

The Hospitality department lost two of their students during a tour of California Carnivores. Ronnie Chambers' valiant efforts to save fellow student Amy Cooper from one of the carnivorous beasts were unsuccessful. Mr. Chambers was unable to save himself as well.



The School of Law – In Brief (continued)

Empire College School of Law congratulates Professor Kadin Blonski, recipient of the 2010 Excellence in Education Award (four-year college category) sponsored by the Santa Rosa Chamber of Commerce Education and Business Partnership. Professor Blonski has been a faculty member at the Law School since 2007, and his energy and passion are significant reasons for the success of the Small Claims Advisory.



Welcome new faculty and administration members

The Law School is happy to welcome back Professor Louise Belle, Esq. who is teaching Introduction to Law and to welcome the newest faculty member Paul Lozada, Esq. teaching Legal Research and Writing.

We are pleased to welcome Tracy Chodora as Assistant to the Dean/Registrar. Tracy is a dedicated, self-motivated administrative professional with extensive experience in banking services, marketing communications, and human resources.

Professor Koehlert accepted to Legal Writing Institute's Scholars Workshop

Professor Cathren Koehlert has been accepted to the Legal Writing Institute's Scholars Workshop this summer. Koehlert is active in the Legal Writing Institute, a nationwide organization of legal writing, research, and skills professors. She will present her article on Using Fiction Point of View Techniques in Legal Writing at the workshop and will exchange critiques with other professors who are working on articles.

LSAT

The next Law School Admissions Test will be held at Empire College on Saturday, October 9, 2010.

Informational Law Seminar

The next Informational Law Seminar will be held Wednesday, September 22, from 6:30-8 p.m. The keynote speaker will be Jennifer Obergfell, Chief Child Support Attorney, County of Mendocino (Class of 1998) with the alumni speaker being Rayburn Killion, Deputy District Attorney, County of Mendocino (Class of 2002). ▲

Students listed below have achieved President's, Dean's, and/or 100% Attendance Honors as of March 20, 2010. Those who have finished their first two quarters are denoted with a ☺ and will receive an Honors Pin and Letter of Recognition. Students who are on the Honor Roll after more than four modules are denoted with a ✪.

PRESIDENT'S HONORS: 3.85-4.0 cumulative GPA & no Incomplete or F grades
DEAN'S HONORS: 3.45-3.84 cumulative GPA, no I or F grades

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 Christine Aguilar ✪
 Frankie Alviso
 Luann Ballachey
 Jeannie Bartholdy
 Kristen Bauer ✪
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 Cheryl Bigham ✪
 JoAnn Bonamico ☺
 Diane Bottini-Grant
 Diana Boykin
 Alicia Brophy ✪
 Lisa Brower
 Mary Builder ✪
 Brydie Burke
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 Megan Cromwell ✪
 Kristen Cross
 Hayley Dailey ✪
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 Valerie Domenichelli ✪
 Cheira Dotson
 Michael Downing
 Jazmin Duran ✪
 Mandi Emery-Flynn ✪
 Justin Ewing ✪
 Courtney Fisher
 Brianna Fonseca
 Kelly Fox ✪
 Jaimie Gardner ✪
 Jenni Garloff ✪
 Stacey Garrison ✪
 Paulina Godinez ✪
 Amanda Gomez ✪
 Maura Gomez ✪
 Clayton Gray ✪
 Rebeka Gray ☺
 Melissa Gudino
 Kristina Haynes
 Abigail Heidbreder
 Viviana Henao ✪
 Jorge Hernandez ✪
 Yesenia Hernandez
 Ashley Higgins ✪
 Lauren Holman
 Rebecca Horton ✪
 Meghan Hunt ✪
 Minhtrang Huynh ✪
 Gina Jacino
 Dane Jackson ☺

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 Benita Jeppson
 Cynthia Kowalski ✪
 Jennifer Laden ✪
 Ashley Leahy
 Denisse Ledezma ✪
 Edward Letasi
 Victoria Litchfield
 Alan Martin ✪
 Deanna Martin ✪
 Karen Martin
 Guillermo Martinez
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 Caitlin McAllister ✪
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 Melissa McDowell ☺
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 Nicole Melanson ✪
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 Marti Meyer ✪
 Irene Molina ✪
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 Tanya Munoz ✪
 Ronald Murray ✪
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 Donna Caron ✪
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 Michael Clausen ✪
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