

# The Empire Writes Back

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## Congratulations Students of the Month!

**Michelle Farley, Ed Carrithers, Skylar Hadley, Scott Andrus and Jennifer Dunn**



**JULY**—Michelle is enthusiastic about her new career as a business administration professional. Always in class on time and prepared to participate, Michelle is willing to share her knowledge and help her team complete assigned projects.



**AUGUST**—Ed has turned a devastating work injury into a great opportunity. With a positive outlook on life, Ed is very serious about school and committing 100% to every class he takes. He is a compassionate and caring individual who will excel in the medical field.



**SEPTEMBER**—Skylar is vice president of the Institute of Management Accountants student chapter and has secured many speakers for the general meetings. He is positive, helpful, and friendly to his peers and often acts as a tutor for his classes.

**OCTOBER**—Scott's attitude and dedication to his future career as a paralegal is outstanding. He is inquisitive, often doing research on his own time to learn more about a topic discussed in class to continue his professional development.



**NOVEMBER**—Jennifer is a very motivated and committed accounting student. She completes all assignments with diligent attention to detail, and she is not afraid to ask thoughtful questions and contribute to discussions. ▲



## WE GOT THE JOB!

### Accounting

Calder, Christopher    Accounting Clerk  
 Doran, Amelia        Bookkeeper  
 Hruby, Nancy        Bookkeeper  
 Little, Christina     Bookkeeper  
 Nelson, Darlene      Accounting Assistant  
 Sayavongsuek, Cindy Accounting Assistant

Vinquiry  
 Wattle Creek Winery  
 Virtual Jeannie Bookkeeping Service  
 Richard Horwinski  
 Pacific Coast E & S Insurance Services  
 Molkenbuhr Enterprises Inc.

### Business

Carlos, Sandra        Receptionist  
 Farley, Michelle      Gift Shop Supervisor  
 Ketelsen, Margaret   Admin. Assistant/Coordinator  
 Reyes, Eunice        Administrative Secretary

Burbank Housing  
 Graton Casino  
 PCD Inc.  
 Marin County Office of Education

### Information Technology

Bottorf, George      Jr. IT Technician  
 Coutts, Jon            Desktop IT  
 Cox, Jonathan        Field Repair Technician

Jim Frodsham  
 Authority IT  
 Caltronics



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# The School of Law In Brief

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## U.S. Department of Education Approves Master of Legal Studies for Financial Aid

Empire College School of Law began enrolling students in the new Master of Legal Studies (MLS) program beginning with the Fall semester.

Latest news...the Master's program recently received approval from the U.S. Department of Education that this program qualifies for federal financial aid eligibility. This is the first law program to earn federal funding in the Law School's 40-year history. Law students who have previously earned a Bachelor's or higher degree may concurrently enroll in the MLS program and the Juris Doctor degrees. Daniel Lanahan in Admissions is happy to answer any questions about the programs.

## California Bar Exam

Empire proudly congratulates the following people who passed the rigorous California Bar Exam. Preparations are underway for a Swearing-in Ceremony to be held on Wednesday, December 4. Our best wishes to our alumni diligently preparing for the February 2014 exam.

Matthew Brand

Matthew Brigham

Joseph Curren

Samuel Daw

Brennain Garber

Amin Kazemini

Jessalee Mills

Joseph Rozowski

Christopher Stoll

## Annual Pizza Party and Awards Ceremony

Law students gathered together on Tuesday, November 12, to socialize at the annual pizza party and to honor academic excellence among their peers – an inspiring event to kick off the holidays and the approaching and oft-dreaded exam period. Witkin awards were presented to:



**Heather Wise and Frank Antonini receive Witkin Awards from Dean Robertson.**

View the entire album at [facebook.com/EmpireCollege.SchoolofLaw](https://www.facebook.com/EmpireCollege.SchoolofLaw).

Student	Course	Term
Daniel Joseph Lanahan III	Business Organizations	Spring 2013
Heather L. Wise	Civil Procedure	Spring 2013
Irene R. Flack	Community Property	Summer 2013
Frank Antonini	Constitutional Law	Spring 2013
Jesse Wurtzel	Contracts	Spring 2013
Susan K. Cerovski	Contracts	Summer 2013
Richard L. Watson Jr.	Criminal Law	Spring 2013
Susan K. Cerovski	Criminal Law	Summer 2013
Jesse Wurtzel	Criminal Procedure	Summer 2013 – Tie
Scott J. Emerick	Criminal Procedure	Summer 2013 – Tie
Jacob M. Faircloth	Evidence	Spring 2013
Daryl J. Reese	Moot Court – Best Brief	Summer 2013
Daryl J. Reese	Moot Court – Top Oralist	Summer 2013 – Tie
Kenneth L. Mansfield	Moot Court – Top Oralist	Summer 2013 – Tie
Irene R. Flack	Professional Responsibility	Spring 2013
Claudia Hyde	Real Property	Spring 2013 – Tie
Tera Udall	Real Property	Spring 2013 – Tie
Daniel Joseph Lanahan III	Remedies	Spring 2013
Holland M. Webster	Torts	Summer 2013
Jesse Wurtzel	Torts	Spring 2013
Kenneth L. Mansfield	Wills & Trusts	Fall 2012



# Paralegal Department News

## Students Network with the Legal Community

Legal evening students attended a Redwood Empire Association of Paralegals (REAP) seminar on *Deeds and Their Consequences* held on campus in August.

Legal students attended a Women in Law mixer at Benovia Winery in Santa Rosa.

In August, Jennifer Applegate, a family law attorney spoke to Family Law students. Sharon DeBenedetti, who graduated from our paralegal program and just completed her JD, spoke to Probate and Estate Planning students about her work with Council on Aging on elder abuse cases.

REAP held an all-day workshop at Empire College in August. The first part of the day was on Estate Planning and the last half covered 100 days before trial. Our evening instructor Grace De La Torre, along with Mark Gladden, Esq., a partner at Grace's law firm, Passalacqua, Mazzoni, Gladden, Lopez & Maraviglia, LLP, taught the estate planning portion of the workshop. Thank you evening legal student Remy Berger for volunteering to help at the workshop!

Legal students volunteered to help Sonoma County Legal Aid with its Golf Classic, an annual fundraiser. They worked alongside paralegals from REAP.

ELSA had a luncheon at Joey's pizza and honored our LEX paralegal honor society students. Congratulations graduates Ann Bullard, Olivia Clark, Amber Ross, and Jarrette Ascher for being inducted into this honor society.

In September, paralegal David Godot was a guest speaker for the Discovery I class and spoke about preparing interrogatories and how to handle document production.

With the help of Lori Lafranchi (court reporter for Redwood Reporting) and Jon Lehre (who played our deponent) Discovery students were able to participate in a mock deposition and experience what it is like for attorneys and their clients when they have every word taken down and put into a transcript to be used at trial. This was a great learning experience.

Legal Writing students attended a two-hour legal writing workshop at the Sonoma County Bar Association.

ELSA Day raised over \$100 with a coffee and donut fundraiser. The proceeds will go to the Adopt a Family program.

ELSA Evening has raised enough money to give checks for \$200 each to the Council on Aging Services for Seniors and the Sonoma County Family Justice Center. They will be presenting the checks in December.

## Paralegal Student Receives Pro Bono Award

Congratulations to Guadalupe Olan Perez who was recognized for her work in the Small Claims Advisory. The annual Sonoma County Bar Association awards luncheon was held November 22, 2013. (See photo, page 10)

## Faculty News

Instructor Grace De La Torre has been elected vice president of REAP for 2014, and recent graduate and LEX honor student Ann Bullard was elected treasurer. Legal department head Monica Lehre will continue to chair the marketing committee for REAP for 2014. Deborah Cain, CP who graduated from Empire's paralegal program in 2011, will serve as REAP president for 2014. ▲

*Right Top: Nick Hayes and Joanna Montes at the ELSA Day fundraiser.*

*Far Right Bottom: Audrey Rea, Joanna Montes, and Crystal Weinper – part of the ELSA students who raised over \$100 for the Adopt a Family Program.*

*Right: Maria MacQuarrie and Guadalupe Olan Perez collect school supplies for children in need.*



*Top: Scott Andrus, Haley Burns, and Audrey Rea at the ELSA Luncheon*

*Middle: Monica Lehre (middle) and Nancy Clark (right) at the Legal Aid booth*

*Above: REAP honored Empire's LEX paralegal students Ann Bullard, Olivia Clark, Jarrette Ascher, and Amber Ross (who are flanked by their greatest supporters: instructor Laura Rosenthal and legal department head Monica Lehre)*

# Information Technology Department News

## Guest Speakers Share On-the-Job Wisdom

**JAVIER ORTIZ** was a guest speaker for the Empire College IT Department on October 2, 2013. Javier is a former student of Empire who now has a job as a Help Desk Assistant at Redwood Toxicology in Santa Rosa. Javier came to Empire College straight out of high school and graduated in the IT security program. Javier stressed that there is a big learning curve on the job and that his classes here at Empire College helped prepare him tremendously, especially the concepts in computer hardware and Network+ classes. One of the biggest challenges of his job is dealing with people. When calls come into the help desk, many times people are upset and are in a hurry to get their problem solved quickly. Javier must use his people skills to address the situation in a professional manner, making the users feel at ease. This at times can be very stressful.



Being new in IT, he has run into many problems which he has not seen before. Luckily for Javier, there is a great database of documentation logging problems on the network. Many times he can access this database and find the solutions to the problems at hand. If not, he can ask for help from senior staff. After every case ticket is closed, he must document the problems and their solutions. Five minutes of documentation now can save him hours of work in the future.

Javier was referred to Redwood Toxicology by one of his IT instructors and is now going through a temp agency for this position. Once he is finished with his probationary period, they can pick him up full time. So far, Javier enjoys his job and is learning new things each day. He stressed acting professional, using good customer services skills (remember this in Human Relations class, IT students!) and trust in yourself as nobody knows everything in IT and you can find the solution to every problem by using the right resources.



On October 30, 2013, **BRANDON REED** from Rocket Science Consulting came onto campus to speak with the IT students of Empire College. Brandon spoke about his life experiences in the IT field, what to expect in the work-place now and in the future, as well as gave great advice.

Brandon started his career in IT while in high school by getting training in computer hardware and Windows NT 4 server. While attending UC Santa Cruz he worked in the college's IT department while also going to a trade school to get certified in A+, Net+ and 2003 Microsoft Certified Professional courses. He then moved north and got a position as an IT manager for a civil engineering firm and then, a network architect for what later became everywine.com. He later became a Sr. Network Engineer at KLH consulting. Before working at KLH, Brandon went through the interview process at Rocket Science Consulting, and while this did not get him a position immediately, they remembered him from two years ago and recruited him. They made him an offer he couldn't refuse and he took the position at Rocket Science as a "Technical Flight Leader."

Rocket Science IT is an IT consulting firm with offices in Portland, Los Angeles, San Francisco and New York, with clients large and small. Brandon really enjoys working there as the unique management style empowers their employees. His schedule is very flexible, and he spends quite a bit of his time telecommuting from his home in Santa Rosa while commuting to the city twice a week.

Brandon has enhanced his skill set throughout the years. He stressed that IT has lots of different paths, and it's very important to continue to update and grow your skills. Clustering, scripting (especially with Powershell), IaaS (Infrastructure as a Service), Virtualization, and VOIP are all important skills. In the future, cloud computing, telecommuting, compliance, database administration, and security experts will all see huge growth. Brandon also recommends becoming a cross industry specialist; don't just focus on one area of IT, expand your skills, and learn new things. People skills are a must and selling yourself in the interview process is crucial for landing a job. Also, networking in the community through clubs such as the 20/30 Club will get your name out there and lead to many opportunities. LinkedIn is a great resume platform; constantly update your resume with each new skill learned. Another great thing students can do is participate in sites such as Stack Overflow ( a site where people ask for help with IT related questions). Showing that you can help people that are having problems can set you apart as an employee.

## Certification Update

Congratulations to the IT majors who passed certification exams during August-October 2013 (listed at left).



Core

Craig Brior  
Andrew Wilcox



Practical/OS

Alejandro Lara Lopez  
Andrew Wilcox



James Porter, Jr.



Interconnecting Cisco  
Networking Devices

Ryan Hanners  
Alvin Joe

# Accounting Department News

## Certification News

Congratulations to the following accounting students who have passed certification exams during August-October.

Bookkeeping: Darlene Nelson, G. Marie Van Der Beek

Excel: Danielle Butterworth, Skylar Hadley, Colletta Lobendahn-Joe

Payroll: Skylar Hadley, Coletta Lobendahn-Joe, Daniel Mora, Susan Suiter

## Empire Students Celebrate International Accounting Day

International Accounting Day is celebrated on November 10 each year, the day a book titled *Everything About Arithmetic, Geometry and Proportion* was published in Venice (to be factually correct, its title is *Arithmetica, Geometria, Proportioni et Proportionalita*). It included the first printed essay on double-entry bookkeeping, called the "Method of Venice."

The author of the book was Italian mathematician and Franciscan friar Luca Bartolomeo de Pacioli. Although double-entry bookkeeping had been around for centuries, Pacioli's 27-page treatise on the subject has earned him the title "The Father of Modern Accounting." The system he published included most of the accounting cycle as we know it today. He described the use of journals and ledgers, and warned that a person should not go to sleep at night until the debits equalled the credits – a tenet that Empire accounting department head Carol Reinke fully endorses!

## IMA Meetings and Events

The IMA student chapter has held several events during the past few months:

- \* October Meet and Greet
- \* General Meetings with guest speakers George Raymond (topic: "Requirements for the CPA Profession") and Kass Von der Mehden (topic: "Inventory Control")
- \* Pulled Pork Fundraiser (to pay for student members to attend the next IMA dinners/seminars on sales tax and income tax updates)
- \* Seminar on IFRS (International Financial Reporting Standards), including a discussion of the convergence of GAAP and IASB standards
- \* VITA information meeting to gear up for tax season. ▲



*Clockwise:*

*October Meet and Greet*

*Pulled Pork Fundraiser*

*Accountants having fun: Jessica Vasquez, Skylar Hadley, and Manjit Singh.*

*Certificates of Recognition for Fundraising*

*Empire accounting students Lisa Sorensen, Coletta Lobendahn-Joe, Danielle Butterworth, and Susan Suiter participating in the VITA Information Meeting. Coletta facilitated the meeting and Jennifer O'Donnell from United Way (second from right) was there to support her.*



# Medical Department News

## Medical Students Vaccinate Hundreds Against the Flu

Hundreds of community members were vaccinated at this year's Flu Shot Saturday on November 16. Over 30 volunteers from Empire College came together in partnership with Sutter Health and the Sonoma County Public Health Department to improve the health of our community. Medical department manager Shannon Tinsley facilitated the event, and the clinical volunteers were supervised by instructor Megan Chieppa.

Seven volunteers also hosted a flu vaccine clinic at the fire station in Bodega Bay. They arrived ready to work and left with wonderful memories, feeling part of a team. And, yes, they even got to ride the fire engine and blow the horn!



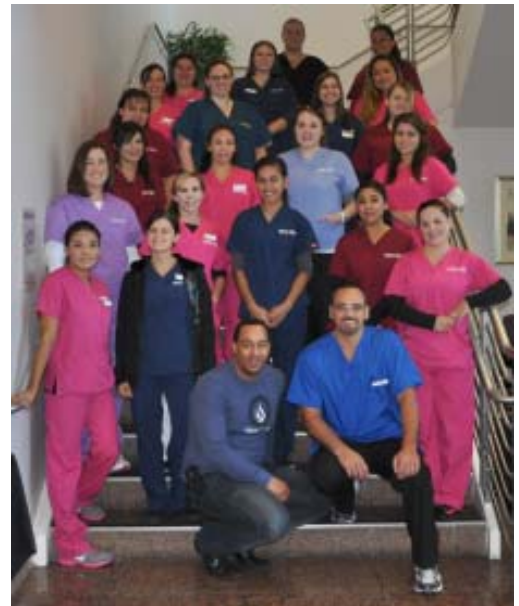
## Medical Skills Certifications

Congratulations to medical majors who have earned injection, EKG, and/or phlebotomy/urinalysis skills certifications during June-October 2013:

McKenna Abellera-Miatech  
 Brianna Antonini Spriggs  
 Kimberly Beets  
 Charity Behrend  
 Victoria Bernard  
 Laura Brewer  
 Ed Carrithers  
 Stephanie Castillo  
 Clara Ceja  
 Soun Ly Chao  
 Tamera Conzelman  
 Megan Crane  
 Lisa Cross  
 Diana Cussins  
 Gina David  
 Danna Deatherage  
 Jessica Eckerty  
 Mayra Espinoza  
 Cheri Frances  
 Samantha Gentile  
 Janella Laranjo  
 Victoria Lopez Eaton  
 Angelica Martinez Hernandez  
 Julia Matiavi  
 Brittany Mayo  
 Amelia Lopez Meza  
 Angelica Martinez Hernandez  
 Maria Morales

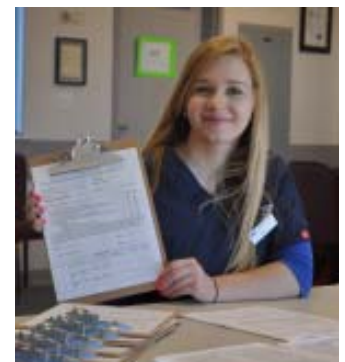


Robyn Morgan  
 Yokiesha Morgan  
 Kimberly Nordby  
 Danika O'Leary-Jackson  
 Robby Peachey  
 Amanda Pritchard  
 Ronna Puckett  
 Esmeralda Rivas  
 Kimberly Ruybal  
 Camille Shaffer  
 Angie Smith  
 Shannon Styer  
 Mandelena Tornay  
 Damayanty Torres Molina  
 Lisa Trenam



And congratulations to those who are now CCMA certified:

Cheri Frances, CCMA-AC  
 Taylor Johnson, CCMA-AC  
 Ginger Kelly, CCMA-AC  
 Melanie Klingbeil, CCMA-C  
 Kimberly Masklyne, CCMA-C  
 Bailey Nelson, CCMA-C  
 Laquesha Pierce, CCMA-AC  
 Lindsey Paquet, CCMA-C  
 Melisa Perlenfein, CCMA-AC  
 Laura Pinches, CCMA-C  
 Monica Saunders, CCMA-C  
 Esmeralda Solorio, CCMA-C  
 Jennifer Swaby, CCMA-C  
 Tanya Ward, CCMA-C ▲



# Empire Hospitality Students Want to Know: *Can You Keep a Secret?*

What do you get when you put Empire College hospitality students and non-profit organizations together? Food, fun, and fundraising! This year Empire College Tourism and Hospitality students have been keeping themselves very busy working on events and projects in their classes aimed at reaching out to local organizations and trying to make an impact in their community.

As part of the Celebrate Community partnership, Empire College is always searching for ways to help students learn as well as give back to their community. The most recent student project to focus on community outreach began as a class project, but grew from classroom to community. The spring Marketing class chose to market Stag  Meals created by the Council on Aging for their Meals on Wheels program.

The Council on Aging is the senior service organization that Sonoma County families have turned to since 1966 for help in dealing with the challenges of aging. Meals on Wheels is one of their nutritional services that continues to grow despite economic cutbacks and recently began assisting seniors in Marin County as well.

Stag  meals are a creation of the nutritional program designed by Chef Charles Lindner. They are restaurant quality entrees ideal for a quick, nutritious lunch at the office, an impromptu meal for friends, family, and more.

They were not only created to help feed hungry seniors, but to benefit the community by being sold in local markets. Stag  meals are now available locally at G & G Supermarkets, Oakmont Market, and Kenwood Village Market, in order to bring in much needed funds for the ever-expanding program.

Knowing Council on Aging's advertising funds were limited, Empire College marketing students decided to put together a promotional commercial for Stag  meals as a gift and thank you to the Council on Aging for their contributions to the community. The vignette can now be found on YouTube and will hopefully be the first of a series of helpful promotional material to bring awareness to this wonderful program! ▲



Scan to watch the YouTube promotional vignette created by Empire marketing students for Council on Aging Stag  meals (or visit [youtube.com/watch?v=NRP2Vp-3Kw](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NRP2Vp-3Kw))



Did you  
get your  
flu shot?





## News from the Business Administration Department

Entrepreneurial thinking is in high demand, whether one intends to start their own business or add value to their organization. The fall Entrepreneurship class created a Facebook page, PowerPoint presentation, company logo, business cards, and letterhead for Margaret Clardy Kettelsen's real-life business, Dama Stables. The project's finale was a field trip to Dama Stables!

Located in Northwest Santa Rosa, Dama Stables boards all breeds and welcomes all riding disciplines. Activities include local trail rides and arena skill building. ▲

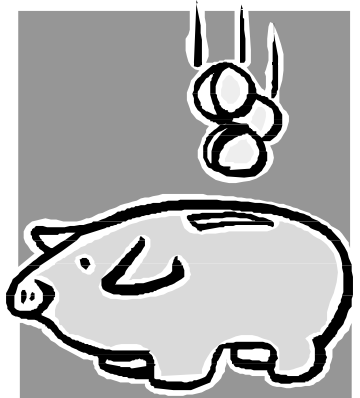
## Financial Aid Corner

### Attention Ladies!

Two scholarships are available for women who meet the following criteria.

Soroptimist Women's Opportunity Awards Program assists women who are overcoming personal difficulties and who provide the primary source of financial support for their families. Deadline: 12/15/13

PEO Scholarships are available for California residents who have a financial need, will be taking at least 12 units each semester, have an outstanding record in scholarship, and have a definite realistic goal. Deadline: 1/10/14 ▲



## Meet your Student Mentors

**Shelley Carver, Business** – I came back to school to gain confidence and skills. Although I already have my Bachelor's degree in Business/Marketing, it has been more than 20 years since I have attended school. My experiences have been in a variety of office settings—colleges, wineries, non-profits—but most of these were temporary positions. In addition to working, I also raised stepchildren and took care of elderly family members. I find myself at a point in my life where I want to launch myself into an actual career in an office environment where I can grow. Brushing up my skills at Empire College has helped me gain the confidence I need to go out and conquer the world.

**Steven Little, Information Technology** – When I started going to Empire College for Information Technology basically all I knew how to do was browse the internet, import music into my iPhone, and play video games. I'm currently in the Specialized Associate Degree program (Microsoft concentration). So far I have earned my CompTIA A+ certification and my CompTIA Network + certification. I spent about five years trying to figure out what I wanted to do after serving in the United States Marine Corps. I tried Yuba Community College, but it wasn't really what I was looking for. Empire College has been a great fit for me.

**Linda Smith, Medical** – This far into my program I have discovered a love of all things medical and will be pursuing the full degree program. The classes here at Empire teach you everything you need to know, and if you are struggling there is always someone you can turn to, to help make things a bit easier. The atmosphere here at Empire is closer to a family setting than a traditional school setting; you are important to people here, not just another body in a seat. With that in mind, make sure you take full advantage of the mentors, tutoring, and the availability of teachers and classmates to achieve your full potential.

**Susan Suiter, Accounting** – I have been working in the business world for over ten years; but as I was trying to find a job that had the pay, stability and benefits that I sought, I found that experience wasn't always enough. I have had good paying jobs, but I never had the satisfaction of enjoying what I was doing in my job. I had been wanting for many years to return to school, but I had always put it off. Accounting is very detail oriented, and it gives me satisfaction working with numbers and calculations. I also like to use my critical thinking and decision making skills which I can do in this field. ▲





# WE GOT THE JOB! (continued)

## Information Technology

Fitzgibbon, Samuel  
 Gracyk, Joseph  
 Hanson, Brooks  
 Hibbett, Matthew  
 Turner, Taylor

Jr. IT Technician  
 Network Operations Lead  
 Maintenance Technician  
 Desktop IT  
 Network Engineer

EIS Consulting Co.  
 MarketLive  
 KLH Consulting  
 Authority IT  
 Driverside

## Legal

Clark, Olivia  
 Dailey, Tonja  
 Foley, Eden  
 Perez Olan, Guadalupe  
 Rosales, Dominic

Legal Secretary  
 Paralegal  
 Executive Assistant  
 Bilingual Receptionist  
 Paralegal

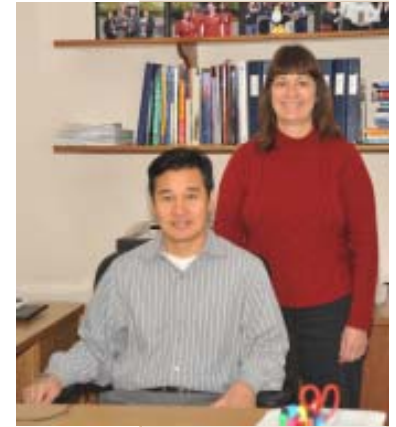
O'Brien, Waters & Davis  
 Dennis Fordham Law  
 Realm Cellars  
 Levy Carroll Law  
 Steven Taxman Law

## Medical

Adams, Raeleene  
 Becerril, Jeremy  
 Blair, Paloma  
 Busse, Amanda  
 Campbell, Jolene  
 Castorena, Michelle  
 Christensen, Anolani  
 Cruz, Cristina  
 Cunsolo, Megan  
 Cussins, Diana  
 Damian, Susana  
 Flores, Karina  
 Fossen, Charles  
 Frances, Cheri  
 Franceschi, Megan  
 Hernandez, Jackie  
 Laranjo, Janelle  
 Lerner, Randy  
 Masklyne, Kimberly  
 McHale, Stephany  
 Moran, Jonne  
 Myers-Santos, Hannah  
 Nelson, Wendy  
 Perlenfein, Melisa  
 Phillips, Rosemary  
 Pinches, Laura  
 Plancarte, Graciela  
 Ramirez-Quiroz, Alisha  
 Rudd, Elaina  
 Samaniego, Nicole  
 Silva, Cathy  
 Smith, Ashley  
 Smith, Kelsey  
 Solorio, Karen  
 Swaby, Jennifer  
 Vandaveer, Joanne

Phlebotomist-Ukiah VA Hospital  
 Bilingual Clinical Medical Assistant  
 Bilingual Medical Assistant  
 Clinical Medical Assistant  
 Medical Assistant/Phlebotomist  
 Medical Instructor's Assistant  
 Medical Office Assistant  
 Front Office Medical Assistant  
 Medical Administrative Assistant-Float  
 Clinical Medical Assistant  
 Front/Back Bilingual Medical Assistant  
 Experienced Front Desk Receptionist  
 Clinical Medical Assistant  
 Front Office Medical Assistant  
 Medical Biller  
 Front Office Medical Assistant  
 Medical Assistant  
 Customer Service Rep  
 In-Home Care Provider  
 Temp Medical Assistant  
 Medical Assistant  
 Medical Records Clerk  
 Caregiver  
 Front Office Medical Assistant  
 Front Desk Assistant  
 Medical Assistant-Float-Lake/Meno  
 Temp Medical Assistant-Pediatrics  
 Health Care Worker  
 Medical Assistant  
 Medical Data Entry Technicians  
 Front/Back Office Medical Assistant  
 Veterinary Assistant  
 Medical Assistant  
 Spanish Speaking Caregiver  
 Medical Assistant  
 Medical Assistant

Aerotek Staffing  
 Alliance Medical Center  
 Santa Rosa Community Health Centers  
 Santa Rosa Orthopaedic Medical Group  
 Redwood Coast Medical Services, Inc.  
 Boston Reed College  
 Barry Silberg, M.D.  
 Ronald J. Botelho, M.D.  
 West County Health Centers, Inc.  
 Northern California Medical Association  
 Redwood Hand Therapy  
 Marin Medical Practice Concepts  
 Raintree Pediatrics  
 Women'S OB/GYN  
 O'Neal Chiropractic Offices  
 Apollo Respiratory Services  
 Faye Lundergan, M.D.  
 ProTransport Ambulance Company  
 In Home Support Services  
 Annadel Medical Group  
 John Nhan, M.D.  
 Gordon Medical Associates  
 Home Instead Senior Care  
 Barry Silberg, M.D.  
 Western Dental  
 Northern California Medical Association  
 Blue Ribbon Personnel Services  
 Maxim Healthcare  
 John Nhan, M.D.  
 Monarch Medical Group  
 N1Health Ctr. for Functional Medicine  
 Benefield Veterinary Services in PetSmart  
 Lana Nguyen, M.D.  
 Emely Hernandez  
 Santa Rosa Orthopaedic Medical Group  
 John Nhan, M.D.



*Phil Vo, Career Development Manager, and Tammy Sams, Career Placement Coordinator, are your resource for career coaching, job openings, employment news, and current trends direct from employers.*

## Interviewing Workshop

**Friday, Dec. 6**  
**11 a.m. - 1 p.m.**  
**@ Empire College**  
**(Room TBD)**

**Presented by**  
**Phil Vo,**  
**Career Development Manager**

# In Brief (continued)

## Awards Scholarship to Empire Law Student

Jacqueline Guerrero is a recipient of the Mike F. O'Donnell Memorial Scholarship and was recently notified of the good news by Scholarship Sonoma County, 10,000 Degrees. Congratulations Jackie!

## Small Claims Advisory Latest Milestone

Empire College's Small Claims Advisory Clinic has served over 17,400 community members since 2005. We congratulate all the Law students who support our community. The Clinic is being led by: Professor Mike Gordon, Assistant Clinical Supervisor Daniel Lanahan III, and Student Lead Brett Rhodes.

## 2013 Pro Bono Award Recipients

The Sonoma County Bar Association presents "Pro Bono Awards" at a luncheon honoring lawyers, law students, paralegals and legal secretaries who have volunteered their time in service to the community and to the courts during the year. On Friday, November 22, Empire honored the following recipients:

- Jacqueline "Jackie" Guerrero – Law student serving in the Immigration Law Clinic assistance
- Shirleen DeRezendes – Law student who provided Disability Law Clinic assistance
- Brett Rhodes – Lead Law student in the Small Claims Advisory Clinic assistance
- Darren Dalby – Law student volunteering in the Elder Law Clinic
- Guadalupe Perez Olan – Paralegal student who translates in the Small Claims Clinic and volunteers at Council on Aging
- Zahe Agil and Scott Emerick – Law students volunteering at Legal Aid of Sonoma County.



*Guadalupe Perez Olan, Zahe Agil, Ben DeRezendes (accepting for his mother Shirleen), Jackie Guerrero, Scott Emerick, Brett Rhodes*

## LSAT and MPRE Exams

Empire College is a test center #9538 for both the Law School Admissions Test (LSAT) exam and the Multistate Professional Responsibility Exam (MPRE).

**LSAT:** The next LSAT will be held on Saturday, December 7, 2013. Interested parties can find details and registration information at [www.lsac.org](http://www.lsac.org). (Future administration is scheduled for Saturday, February 8, 2014.)

**MPRE:** Applicants must have an NCBE Number in order to register for the MPRE. Applicants can request an NCBE number online at [www.ncbex.org/ncbe-number](http://www.ncbex.org/ncbe-number). Applicants can access the online MPRE registration through their NCBE accounts at [www.ncbex.org/ncbe-number](http://www.ncbex.org/ncbe-number). The next MPRE administration is scheduled for Saturday, March 29, 2014.

## Staff Faculty News

- Judge Allan Hardcastle has taken the helm of the 4th year Remedies class.
- Professor Viveka Rydell is teaching the 4th year Business Organizations class.
- Empire alumni Professor Mike Gordon is now the supervising attorney for the Small Claims Advisory Clinic.
- Daniel Lanahan III (Class of 2013) is the Law School's part-time Admissions Officer
- Welcome to our "new" Financial Aid team members: Mary O'Brien, Lea Smith, Judy Felciano, Jim Hopkins, and Lauri Brown. Their combined tenure in Empire College's Financial Aid Department is an impressive 49 years. ▲



*Dan Lanahan, Admissions Officer, received Witkin Awards for Business Organizations and Remedies at the annual Awards Ceremony.*

# Students listed below have achieved President's or Dean's Honors as of November 15.

*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*

## President's Honors

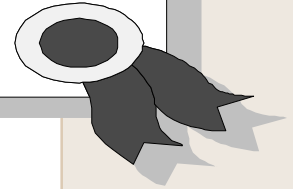
Abiera, Jeniebel  
 Albrecht, Tina  
 Alfaro, Janine  
 Anchondo, Nori  
 Ancic, Cydney  
 Anderson, Karissa  
 Aquino, Neil Karen  
 Basili, Michelle  
 Bozzo, Erin  
 Brennan, Lynda  
 Bustillos-Calvillo, Tiffany  
 Butterworth, Danielle  
 Calderon, Samantha  
 Carrithers, Ed  
 Carver, Shelley  
 Casillas, Jocelyn  
 Clark, Nancy  
 Conley, Juli  
 Conzelman, Rebecca  
 Cook, Eileen  
 Cronin, Susan  
 Curtis, Shawnee  
 Diener, Candy  
 Dorrity, Seth  
 Dunn, Jennifer  
 Eger, Renee  
 Figueroa, Edelmira  
 Galatoire, Jo  
 Garrison, Jessica  
 Gentile, Samantha  
 Hadley, Skylar  
 Hallock, Jessica  
 Helstrom, Sarah  
 Herron, Kristin  
 Hiatt, Laura  
 Hipschman, Jillian  
 Jose, Mary  
 Kruse, Matthew

Leno, Maya  
 Lobendahn-Joe, Coletta  
 Martinez Hernandez, Angelica  
 McMahon, Marcus  
 McMath, Kimberlee  
 Medvin, Cheyenne  
 Medvin, Oceana  
 Mendoza Martinez, Horacio  
 Menendez, Jaimee  
 Mora, Daniel  
 Mosiurchak, Kristina  
 Mott, Cheryl  
 Nerius, Sara  
 Nommsen Miller, Rebecca  
 Patterson, Michael  
 Porciuncula, Karen  
 Porter, James  
 Reep, Kami  
 Rhodes, Tara  
 Rios, Vicki  
 Ruybal, Kimberly  
 Sanchez, Maribel  
 Santa, Angela  
 Smith, Linda  
 Sorensen, Lisa  
 Stevens, Nickoline  
 Suiter, Susan  
 Thomas, Katherine  
 Trogdlen, Justine  
 Vadon, Tiffany  
 VanderBeek, Gladys Marie  
 Velasquez, Rebeca  
 Veno, Joshua  
 Weinper, Crystal  
 Wershiner, Paula

## Dean's Honors

Allen, Brianna  
 August, Sarah  
 Bauman, Megan  
 Beach, Sheila  
 Behrend, Charity  
 Berger, Remy  
 Bogue, Lynette  
 Cabrera, Nadya  
 Collard, Kimberly  
 Contreras, Marisol  
 Craft, Kayla  
 Currie, Jacob  
 DaCosta, Krista  
 Duruwaqa, Emori  
 Esquivel Sanchez, Julio  
 Fuller, Megan  
 Garrison, Clint  
 Gonzalez Ibarra, Ana  
 Green, Cassandra  
 Herron, Justin  
 Hubbell, Mida  
 Humphrey, Samantha  
 Laines, Manuel  
 Lara Lopez, Alejandro  
 Madrigal, Samantha  
 Mathias, Helen  
 McLaughlin, Stephanie  
 Moore, Kelsey  
 Moss, Ashley  
 Pace, Thomas  
 Ponce, Jessica  
 Quimson, Julie  
 Ramirez, Jose  
 Robbins, Daniel  
 Rodriguez Gutierrez, Maria  
 Ruiz, Shannon  
 Sanchez Arreaga, Micheas

# Honor Roll



Sapien, Jennifer  
 Scheiern, Kirsten  
 Sepulveda, Taylor  
 Shaffer, Camille  
 Sheperd, Roland  
 Slape, Kirsty  
 Stedman, Angela  
 Tolentino, Jose  
 Torres Molina, Damayanty  
 Torres, Andrea  
 Tucker, Kelsey  
 Washington, Lucas  
 Wolf, Nichole  
 Yax Rodas, Jacqueline

*Below:*

*In September, career development manager Phil Vo arranged a field trip to Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa. It was attended by students and faculty from the accounting, business, IT, and hospitality programs.*

## WE GOT THE JOB! (continued)

### Medical

Vaughn, Christina	Certified Back/Front Office Medical Asst.	Patrick Devlin, M.D.
Waldner, Faith	Front Office Assistant	North Bay Eye Associates



### Tourism & Hospitality

Betts, Sara	Guest Service Associate	Worldmark by Windsor
Boitano, Brittany	Receptionist	Advanced Tech Collision Center
Hamilton, Paula	Office Lead	ReStyle Marketplace
McNair, Lloyd	Guest Service Associate	Worldmark by Windsor
Oakley, Lacie	Front Desk Agent	Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa
Rojas, Andrea	Customer Service Rep.	Fred Loya Insurance
Ryzkhov, Slava	Guest Service Associate	Worldmark by Windsor
Wertz, Bonnie	Slots Marketing Rep	Graton Casino ▲





### 2012 & 2013

Among 671 colleges and universities in the United States named to the 2013 Honor Roll, Empire College was honored in the Top 19!



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