Alumni Class Notes

Antonette Aragon (MA, 1993), Associate Professor in the School of Education at Colorado State University, was recognized by the CSU Alumni Association as a Best Teacher of 2014 for the positive impact she has had on the lives of her students.

Kate (Rizzuto) Baker (BA, 2004) is marketing manager for Brinkman Partners in Fort Collins, where she is responsible for the company’s overall marketing and oversees branding, property collateral, advertising, website development, internal and external presentations, and media relations. She has her master’s degree in Advertising Management from the University of Denver and has worked one of the nations’ largest commercial real estate firms, Denver’s largest independently-owned advertising agency, and the Colorado State University Media Relations department.

Justin Bell (BA, 1998) is screening his documentary “Seven Shades of Green” around the country. “Seven Shades” looks at Irish identity, culture, and storytelling through the lives of seven people and their friends via a journey from the U.S. to Ireland. You can find out more at www.sevenshadesofgreen.net, and check out his work as a non-fiction storyteller on Twitter @ajustbell.

W. Chase Cameron (BA, 2010) is a professional research assistant for Dermatology and Outcomes Research at the University of Colorado. He completed his Master of Public Health at Oregon State University in 2013, during which time he contributed research for a grant proposal in simulation-based neonatal resuscitation training.

Jenny Cavnar (BA, 2004) works for the Colorado Rockies broadcast team with Root Sports, hosting the Rockies Pregame and Toyota Postgame Show. Prior to returning home to Denver, she worked in San Diego and Los Angeles for ESPN and CBS College Sports and hosted the San Diego Padres pregame and postgame shows.

Brian DeVeney (BA, 1999) is employment and training manager at Omaha Stakes in Omaha, Neb. He still has family in Fort Collins and gets back here a couple of times a year to visit.

Eric Farone (BA, 1987) is co-owner and artistic producer of the Bovine Metropolis Theater in Denver, an improv organization that performs theatrical improvisation and trains individuals and corporations in the skills it can impart.

Courtney Fullmer (MA, 1988) is senior lecturer in communication arts at Western State Colorado University, where she has been teaching rhetoric, mass media, and strategic communication courses for the past 12 years. She says the quality of life in Gunnison is as essential to happiness as any other element!

Monica Kerber (BA, 2002) is the owner of Kerber Consulting LLC in Denver. Based on her experience as a recruiter and director for Northwestern Mutual, she coaches, develops, and motivationally speaks to recruiters and field leaders about attracting talent for a career as a financial representative.
Shelley Kerr (MA, 1994) works as the training manager for Partners in Food Solutions, a non-profit organization which links technical and business expertise to small and growing mills and food processors in the developing world. She creates technical and business-related trainings for in-country volunteers to deliver to the food processors in Africa.

Ray Lindstrom (BA, 1960) retired from a career as an FBI agent to owning a horse ranch in rural, northern California with his wife, also a CSU grad. His granddaughter is now a student here!

Marilyn (Roucis) Manning (BA, 1989) and husband own Payroll Vault, a payroll company headquartered in Littleton with 22 offices nationwide and growing. Marilyn helps oversee public relations, sales, marketing, and franchisee training—never a dull moment, she says!

Michael McKee (BA, 1977) is the economics editor for Bloomberg Television and Bloomberg Radio, covering market and political developments, economic trends, and central banks in the U.S. and around the globe. He returned to campus as a Monfort Professor in Residence this past academic year.

Peter Mindock (BA, 1972) is senior portfolio management director at Morgan Stanley in Greenwood Village, Colo. Prior to becoming a financial advisor, he taught in the public schools in Aurora and was a sports reporter for the Denver Post. He also serves on the board of directors of Colorado UpLift, a nonprofit whose programming teaches character, leadership, and life skills to urban youth in Denver, empowering them to lead successful lives.

Emily Moreland (MA, 2011) teaches public speaking and AP language and composition at the American School of Kuwait in Kuwait City. She writes that, in any given class, she has students from Egypt, Lebanon, Palestine, Korea, Kuwait, Venezuela, the U.S., and on and on. She finds it “incredibly challenging but rewarding to witness all of these cultures finding a place in the classroom community. I feel incredibly lucky!” You can follow her blog at http://kuwaitkitty.blogspot.com/.

Chelsea Penoyer (BA, 2008) is catering sales manager for the Westin Westminster Hotel in Westminster, Colo. The Westin is a lovely property with great meeting and event space, so contact her if you’re planning something like that!

Cheryl (Seidel) Richards (BA, 1990), CEO and regional dean for Northeastern University’s Charlotte (NC) Graduate Campus, was recognized by the Mecklenburg Times as Charlotte’s 2014 Woman of the Year.

Christine Robinson (BA, 2010) is the eventsManager for the Mission San Juan Capistrano, a two hundred year old monument with 10 acres of gardens, fountains, and structures in San Juan Capistrano, Cali. The Mission hosts educational seminars and activities, evening events, and social affairs.

Will Reutemann (BA, 2013) works for the Office of Admissions at Colorado State University, visiting high schools and talking with prospective CSU students in the New England states.
Elizabeth Terry (BA, 2000; MA, 2002), director of the College of Liberal Arts Academic Support Center at Colorado State University, received a Jack E. Cermak Outstanding Advisor Award and an AP Stars Award for 2014. Under Elizabeth’s leadership, the Academic Support Center has expanded its mission to include not only assisting undergraduate students in making a successful transition to university life and in developing well-informed academic, career, and personal goals but also increasing retention and supporting a timely graduation.

Tiffany (Daly) Villavicencio (BA, 2004) is marketing coordinator for The Promenade Shops at Centerra in Loveland where she plans all events and promotions; does graphic design, public relations, and merchant communication; manages the website and social media outlets, etc., etc.!

Mark Williams (BA, 1981) is public information officer for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing in Denver, the group that administers Colorado’s Medicaid and Child Health Plan Plus programs as well as a variety of other health care programs for Coloradans who qualify.

Courtney Yost (MA, 2009) is the community and economic development educator for the University of Illinois Extension as well as Director for the Lawrence County Illinois Industrial Development Council. Her duties focus on the economic development of industrial, commercial, business, wholesale, and retail services. Courtney was born and raised in Lawrence County and has always considered it her home.