



Congratulations Students of the Month!

Tracie Hofstetter, Adam Stanley, Chelsea Treis and Kelly Adams

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.

AUGUST—Tracie Hofstetter is the Secretary of the Empire Legal Students Association (ELSA), as well as a member of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians of the Stewarts Point Rancheria and has served on her tribal council. In addition, she supports her family, juggles a job, and does it all while maintaining excellent grades and attendance. Tracie can be counted on to participate, whether it is to help out with an ELSA fundraiser or a classroom activity, and she does it with a smile on her face.

SEPTEMBER—Adam Stanley has an excellent grasp of the subject matter and great "people skills." He will be a fantastic employee for any organization. Positive and helpful to all, with a focused approach, Adam is a great peer mentor. He comes to class prepared and

ready to learn, is open and engages others in the joys of mastering each aspect of their classes. As the Information Technology Student Mentor, Adam is an excellent example of the committed student.

OCTOBER—Chelsea Treis is an eager, attentive, and ambitious student. She is always prepared for class and goes above and beyond the required coursework. Chelsea obviously relishes her education and dedicates herself to excellence. She asks challenging questions in class and is a pleasure to have as a student. Chelsea is well-liked by her fellow students; she is the Legal Student Mentor and participates in ELSA. She is also a busy parent who balances her studies with the needs of her children.

NOVEMBER—Kelly Adams is one of the Medical Student Mentors and readily volunteers outside the classroom – even during student breaks! Kelly has a contagious smile. She is the first to volunteer and always gives 100% effort even if she is nervous about the subject matter. A true mentor, Kelly is always watching out for her classmates, and she shines as a leader among her peers. She has strong ethics, great attention to detail, impeccable attendance, and a great attitude. ▲

WE GOT THE JOB!

Accounting and Bookkeeping

Oscar Alas is employed as a bank teller with TD Bank.

Hayley Dailey is an accounts payable clerk for Praxis Capital.

Courtney Fisher is working for Diamond Plumbing and Drain Cleaning as a bookkeeping clerk.

Ramona Gutierrez is a data entry clerk for Redwood Empire Disposal.

Alisa Hoover is working in bookkeeping/office support for Costeaux Bakery.

Pamela Mathis is a property manager for Sonoma Park Apartments.

Jacquelyn Mosher is an office assistant for Montgomery Taylor, CPA CFP.

Victoria Nash is employed with Adam Capital, Inc. as an administrative/accounting specialist.

Eva Smith is working for Cohen Consulting Group in IT/social marketing/bookkeeping.

Information Technology

Logan Arthur is a web designer for Bonnie Serratore-Contemporary Shamanis.

Mary Builder is employed with Enphase Energy as a desktop technician.



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The School of Law In Brief

Law School Reaccreditation Visit

The California State Bar Committee of Bar Examiners accreditation team was on campus from October 25-October 27 for an exhaustive inspection. The visit results were extremely favorable. At the exit interview, Empire College School of Law was commended on its staff, faculty, library, grading calibration, and more. The team will be making a recommendation to the Committee of Bar Examiners for another 5-year accreditation and congratulated us on our “no non-compliance issues” visit. Well done everyone!



The Sonoma County Bar Association partnered with Empire College to offer MCLE classes at the All School Reunion in August.

Moot Court Team Selected

Congratulations to fourth-year student Chad Cunningham and third-year students Sam Daw and Ray Robinson for being selected to represent Empire Law School in the 2012 Roger J. Traynor Moot Court Competition. Coached by Professor Connie Burnett, the team will submit their brief by the end of February and compete with oral arguments in April 2012.

Intro Classes

Introductory classes “Legal Research & Writing” and “Introduction to Law” began for new students on Monday, November 7. The November session is accelerated and runs 5 weeks as opposed to the regular 10-week periods. The next Intro course session begins January 9, 2012. If you know anyone interested in learning more about law school, have them contact Lisa Schneider, Law School Admissions Officer.

Pro Bono Award Recipients

On Friday, November 18, the Sonoma County Bar Association presents “Pro Bono Awards” to honor those lawyers, law students, paralegals and legal secretaries who have volunteered their time in service to the community and the courts during the past year. For 2011 we honor the following recipients:

Jonas Bourland – 4th year Law School student - Immigration Law Clinic Volunteer

Under the guidance of Professor Julie Cyphers, students in Empire Law School’s newest clinic advise victims of crime as they file for special U-Visas. Jonas tackled one of the most difficult cases and never seemed overwhelmed by the scope or subject matter of the case.

Jennifer Capuano – Class of 2011 graduate - Disability Law Clinic Volunteer

In 2001 Empire Law School established a Disability Law Clinic in collaboration with Disability Services and Legal Center. Under the guidance of Professor Adam Brown, law students have the opportunity to present cases on behalf of clients with disabilities. Professor Brown indicates that Jennifer she is extremely poised in the courtroom and at all times maintained an effective rapport with her clients, the presiding judges, and other counsel associated with her cases.

Joann Cleckner – 4th year Law School student - Small Claims Advisory Clinic Volunteer

In December 2005, Empire College Law School established the Small Claims Advisory Clinic. Under the guidance of Supervising attorney, Professor Kadin Blonski, Joann has been an absolute asset to the Small Claims Advisory. Joann is substantively knowledgeable, and the people she assists love her. We have received multiple letters and messages from people whom she has helped expressing appreciation. She is an absolute asset to the advisory, the school, and the citizens.

Michael Patricks – 4th year Law School student – Self-Help Access Center

Working with individuals referred from the Family Law Courts, Professor Becky Rasmason guides students like Michael assisting the parties through the often confusing maze of California’s Family Law. Michael is enthusiastic and seems genuinely interested in family law issues. He does an excellent job communicating with clients, shows empathy for their situation, and does a great job preparing the paperwork they need for court.

Small Claims Advisory Clinic Hits New Milestone

Empire College’s Small Claims Clinic has now served over 13,000 community members since December of 2005. Congratulations to supervising attorney Professor Kadin Blonski, recent graduate Mike Gordon who acts as the student supervisor, and all the students who work in the clinic. Keep up the great work.

New Administrative Staff and Faculty in the Law School

The Law School welcomes:

- Lisa Schneider, Admissions Officer and Empire Business School Paralegal graduate. Lisa comes to the Law School with recent local law office experience.



Paralegal Department News

CAPA/REAP Leadership Conference at Empire

The Redwood Empire Association of Paralegals (REAP) and the California Alliance of Paralegal Associations (CAPA) hosted their 8th Bi-annual Leadership Conference at Empire College on November 5, 2011. The conference was called: The Pick of the Vine - GROWING STRONG Leadership. Members attended the conference to strengthen their knowledge base regarding leading their associations and to earn MCLE credit by attending the seminars offered.

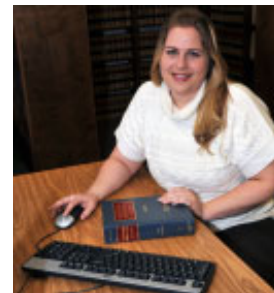
Over 40 paralegals, from throughout California, who hold leadership positions in their paralegal associations, attended the event which included a reception at the Hilton afterwards. Many Empire paralegal students were able to attend this event.



REAP General Meeting

REAP held its General Meeting on November 7, 2011 at the Union Hotel in Santa Rosa. Instructor Grace De La Torre was able to bring her evening legal students to the meeting to participate and get an opportunity to network with paralegals and have a nice dinner. Ceanne Herndon, Legal Administrator for O'Brien, Watters, & Davis, spoke about the importance of making a good first impression.

Elections to the REAP Board for 2012 were held at the General Meeting. Empire graduate and current paralegal for Flahavan Law Offices Michelle Morris was elected vice president. Michelle was one of the first presidents of ELSA (Empire Legal Student Association) and was instrumental in making ELSA a student chapter of REAP. Also elected to the REAP Board was Empire Legal Department Head, Monica Lehre, CP. Monica was elected CAPA Primary, which means that she will be REAP's liaison to CAPA. This will involve traveling to CAPA Board meetings throughout California in 2012.



Michelle Morris

REAP Susan I. Perry Scholarship

Thursday, December 15, 2011, is the deadline to apply for the REAP Susan I. Perry Scholarship. The scholarship awards paralegal students for their academic excellence, hard work, and love of the paralegal profession. There are three scholarships awarded to students enrolled in paralegal studies with a GPA of at least 3.0, and four modules completed.

Department Educational Tours and Guest Speakers

The Legal Research class in September was given a tour of the Sonoma County Law Library by law librarian and director Kim Tucker. Also in September, the Civil Procedures class was able to sit in on closing arguments in a jury trial in Judge Broderick's courtroom.

Paralegal Jeff DiCello, mediator Cate Griffiths, attorney Martin McOmber were recent guest speakers for our legal students.

ELSA Board Elections

On November 2, 2011, ELSA held its board member elections for the Empire College day program, and the results are in!

- ELSA President: Abby Cacho
- Vice President: Pam Biagio
- Secretary: Sarah Montgomery
- Treasurer: Kelly McGrath
- Lieutenant: Michael Miller
- REAP Liaison: Chelsea Treis

The new board members have already gotten together and organized a food drive for the coming holiday season. From November 7 through November 18 the collection boxes will be posted in the student lunch room, and in the front lobby at Empire College. All of the food collected will go to the Redwood Gospel Mission for their Thanksgiving bags that are given to local families in need. The need is great. The Mission has already pledged Thanksgiving dinners for 1000 families and has had to turn some families away.

The ELSA will continue to have their meetings at 10:20 a.m. on every other Wednesday of the month in room 104 at Empire College. As always, the student club welcomes all of Empire's hardworking legal students. Bring yourself, your lunch, and enjoy! ▲

Medical Department News

New Medical Equipment Has Arrived!



Santa Claus came early to Empire College! Our Welch Allyn CardioPerfect Workstation is being used in both of the clinical classrooms. This new technology consists of a small unit that connects to an EHR station by a simple USB plug-in. Students are storing data electronically and also have the ability to print ECG's right in the classroom. It's so exciting to have access to this new technology right here on campus. Students have the ability to see and utilize the latest and greatest with this machine which is virtually trouble free. This technology is so advanced that we haven't been able to create artifacts for it to capture! Every time a student performs an ECG they are also utilizing the EHR software at the computer station and capturing that patient encounter electronically as they will in the medical office.

Sharilynn Koch paved the way for Empire's new CPR training equipment. After extensive research she helped us choose Prestan manikins. It may sound funny that our students and instructors are excited about a bag of dummies but these manikins are amazing! Each manikin has a system that lights up red, yellow, or green to provide feedback to the student as to whether they are compressing the chest at an appropriate rate.



Empire also purchased four new AED training machines. Automatic External Defibrillators are intimidating for people to use, and our new equipment allows the teacher to provide different training scenarios. This not only makes the class more exciting, it better prepares the students to respond in an emergency.

CMAA State Education Day Held at Empire College

Empire College hosted the CMAA State Education Day on Saturday, July 30. Members from all over Northern California came to earn six CME's for recertification. It was our pleasure to welcome two CMAA VIPs: Randy Geddings, President-elect and Joanie Freeman, State Nominations Chairman.

After a continental breakfast, the conference attendees enjoyed six different presentations on topics such as: Skin Cancer, Breast Thermography, Periodontal Disease, Casting and Splinting, Coding, and EHR. Our very own Mary Mullnix spoke about Electronic Health Records and did an excellent job!



Empire medical student Kathrine York is casted by Hector Islava, an Ortho Specialist for Sutter Hospital, at the CMAA Education Day.

Medical Skills Certifications

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

Ronna Acevedo: Venipuncture	Melissa Contreras Camacho: Injections	Caitlin Jacobs: Venipuncture, EKG	Michelle Pettibone: EKG
Kelly Adams: Venipuncture	Shannon Cooper: Injections	Amanda Jones: Injections	Michael Pinola: Venipuncture
Raeleene Adams: Venipuncture	Shavon Davenport: Venipuncture	Tiffany Jones: Venipuncture, Injections	David Quezada: EKG
Desiree Alonzo: Venipuncture, Injections	Tanya De La Garza: Venipuncture, EKG	Ariahna Junior: Venipuncture	Telesis Radford: Venipuncture, Injections
Jannet Andrade: EKG	Lindsay Devol: Injections	Lynn Kahler: Injections	Alena Ragueneau: Venipuncture
Stephanie Angeles: Venipuncture, Injections, EKG	Meaghan Dewey: Injections	Gina Ketchum: Venipuncture, Injections	Priscilla Ramirez: Venipuncture, Injections, EKG
Araceli Aparicio: Injections	Brianna Fonseca: Venipuncture, EKG	Erin Manion: Venipuncture	Elizabaeth Santibanez: EKG
Alyssa Ashlee: EKG	Charles Fossen: Venipuncture, Injections	Kimberly Masklyne: Venipuncture	Vicky Schneider: Venipuncture
Diana Avalos: Venipuncture, Injections, EKG	Jack Garcia: Venipuncture, Injections	Amanda McCown: Venipuncture, Injections, EKG	Melanie Stanley: Injections
Olivia Barajas: Venipuncture	Jaimie Gardner: EKG	Suzanne McIntosh: Venipuncture, Injections, EKG	Billie Suder: Injections
Kristin Barone: Venipuncture, EKG	Suntalee Gonzalez: Venipuncture, Injections, EKG	Marlene Meza: EKG	Sherri Uland-Schleth: EKG
Kristina Bernard: EKG	Jacklyn Greene: Venipuncture	Lynae Miller: Venipuncture	Candice Velasquez: Venipuncture, Injections, EKG
Mary Blakely-Pulido: Venipuncture	Sonya Griffin: Injections	Tanya Munoz: Venipuncture	Alicia Villagomez: Venipuncture, Injections, EKG
Carly Busse: EKG	Rebecca Heath: Injections	Hannah Myers-Santos: Venipuncture, EKG	Tawnya Ward: Venipuncture, EKG
Diana Campos: EKG	Ashley Higgins: Venipuncture	Wendy Nelson: Venipuncture	Charity Wells: Venipuncture
Jennifer Chavez: Venipuncture	Lauren Holman: EKG	Joanna Orozco: Injections	William Wilcox: Venipuncture
Lauren Cimino: Venipuncture	Kimberly Horn: Venipuncture	Yesenia Perez: Injections, EKG	Kathrine York: Venipuncture, Injections
Kathleen Conover: EKG		Maria Perez-Montero: Injections, EKG	

Institute of Management Accountants Chapter News

Accounting Students Train to Provide Income Tax Assistance

Several of Empire's advanced accounting students have been taking extra classes on the weekend to become certified to provide volunteer income tax assistance for the *Earn It, Keep It, Save It* program (formerly VITA).

For the past three years, Empire accounting students and faculty have assisted Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County and United Way's volunteer income tax assistance program in delivering free income tax clinics to low-income residents. In order to participate in this unique, hands-on opportunity, each student must become IRS certified in tax preparation.

Darlene Fiscus, Vice President of Community Benefit for United Way, appreciates the dedication of the volunteers. "Empire College accounting students are an invaluable asset to the *Earn It! Keep It! Save It!* Coalition," says Darlene. "They volunteered their time as tax preparers helping with over 1,360 returns in 2011, returning nearly \$2 million back to the community. After tax season they raised funds to support this valuable service."

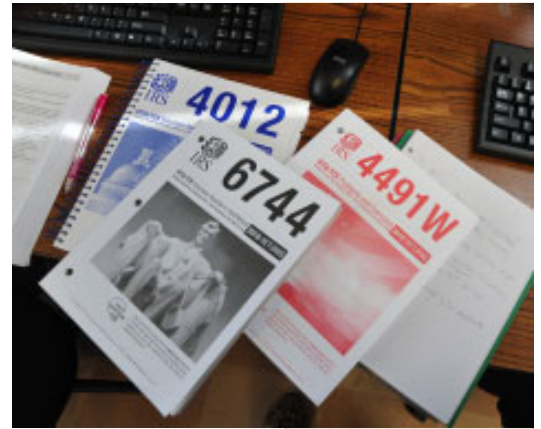
Adds Darlene, "This year Empire College students, along with one of their instructors, proposed that they open an additional site in Santa Rosa to serve additional taxpayers. They prepared 157 returns at the Empire College site for a total refund amount of \$297,461. Empire College students show a true commitment to using their skills to serve the local community."

Empire College will also host the program's kick-off event on Saturday, January 21.

IMA Event Highlights

The Empire IMA chapter is an ambitious group. Their recent events have included:

- August 30 Continental Breakfast Fundraiser (photo below left)
- September 13 and October 25 Meet and Greet
- September 15 International Financial Reporting Standards Seminar
Tony O'Donnell, CPA from Moss Adams LLP spoke on the upcoming international changes to GAAP standards.
- September 28 IMA General Meeting (photo below right)
Empire graduates Rick Snell and Traci Levin from Access Bookkeeping and Consulting spoke on the importance of versatility in the accounting work environment. ▲



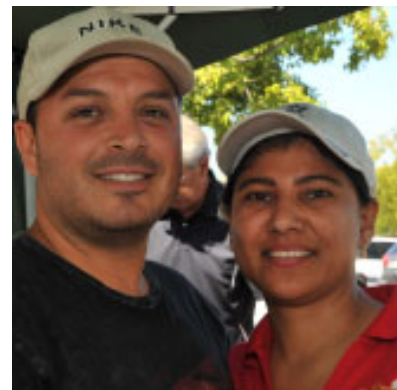
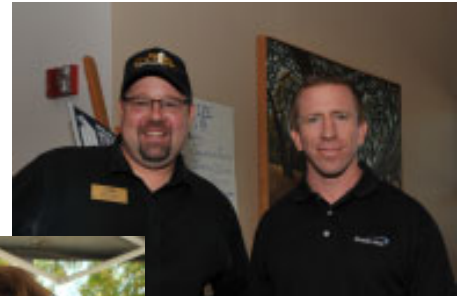
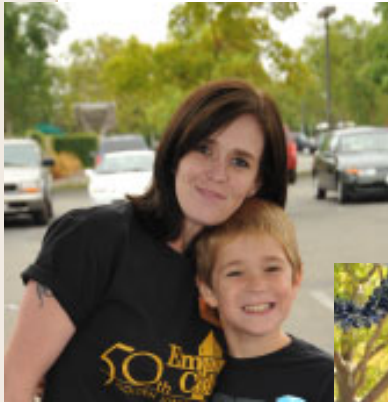
Congratulations to new IMA board members (L-R):

Sean Wonderling, Dawnda Schaefer, Amelia Doran, Tim Stevens, and Diana Bernardino Lopez.

Golden Jubilee Q3 alumni event attracts grads through the decades

Connie De La Torre (center photo, left, with Empire College founder Henry Trione and his wife Eileen) was one of several hundred alumni who attended the All-School Reunion on August 25. Connie graduated from Empire College in the 70s. She had to go to work after her husband was diagnosed with MS. Her husband was a part-time janitor at Empire College (then located in the Empire Building at Old Courthouse Square) during the evening while she attended school. His son remembers going into the clock tower and setting the clock every night with his father.

After graduating from Empire, Henry Trione gave Connie a job at his winery in Geyserville – Geyser Peak where she worked 35 plus years in the shipping and receiving department, and retired from in the last five years. As you can imagine, Connie may be one of Empire's biggest fans. It enabled her to



get an education and job, and to secure a future for her family in a difficult situation. ▲


Legislators Commemorate Empire's 50 Years



At the Board of Supervisors meeting on Tuesday, November 15, Empire College was commended for 50 years of providing high quality business and legal educational opportunities in Sonoma County. Supervisor Shirlee Zane (who is familiar with Empire's community outreach on behalf of the Council on Aging) presented the Gold Resolution to Empire's founder, Henry Trione, and President Roy Hurd.



This honor followed recognition from the California State Assembly and Senate, as well as the U.S. House of Representatives who entered a commendation into the Congressional Record (Vol. 157, No. 165) on November 1, 2011. ▲



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HONORING EMPIRE COLLEGE

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY
OF CALIFORNIA
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mister Speaker, I rise today to honor the 50th anniversary of Empire College in Santa Rosa, California. Founded in 1961 to serve the secretarial and bookkeeping needs of the local business community, Empire College has grown into an important contributor to professional education in the North Bay, and an asset in Sonoma County's development into a prosperous and economically diverse region.

Empire College was founded first as a business school, training staff to meet ongoing shortages in skilled office professionals. Founder Henry Trione, the Santa Rosa businessman and philanthropist, envisioned a college providing practical learning for the greater benefit of the local community. Since then, Empire College has expanded into new areas as the needs of our region have diversified. It now has programs in accounting, information technology, tourism and hospitality, and office administration. It also offers the North Bay's first and only law program leading to a Juris Doctor, which is responsible for almost a quarter of the members of the Sonoma County Bar Association, as well as several judges in Sonoma and other Northern California counties.

In both its Business and Law Schools, Empire College has made its reputation as a private institution uniquely committed to the public good. Empire College students support our community in public law clinics for elders, immigrants, and individual with disabilities. They put on events and fundraisers for local nonprofits, including the California Parenting Institute, Legal Aid of Sonoma County, and the Children's Village of Sonoma County. In countless ways, we have benefitted from the presence of Empire College not only as a center of learning and professional development, but as a model of engagement and community service.

Mister Speaker, I ask you to join me in celebrating the 50th anniversary of Empire College. Henry Trione is to be commended for the impressive legacy he has bestowed upon our County, and which the College's long-time executives, Sherie and Roy Hurd, have nurtured over the years. We are privileged to be served by an institution that remains so dedicated to serving Sonoma County and its people.



IT grad shares insight, success with students

Former student Joshua Young recently came to speak to the Empire College IT Department about the importance of people skills in IT and gave tips to students about finding a job. Josh currently works at Lockheed-Martin as a classified PC technician where he provides tech support for over 1000 employees at their office in Baltimore, Maryland.



Josh started his IT career working part-time tech support for a small office while attending Empire College at night. After graduating in the Microsoft Degree program in December 2009, he found a full-time PC technician job locally from searching all types of job postings on Monster, Dice and Craigslist.

He gained experience and emphasized the most important skill in IT: people skills. Josh was able to communicate effectively and help many users in the company by using both his technical and people skills. Because of the great rapport Josh had with everyone, more users felt comfortable asking for his help, which in turn made employees more effective at their jobs, saving the company money.

He also was put in charge of many projects in which he did not have previous knowledge. Josh had to research technologies to find the best solution for his company. One such technology was the issue with spam. "I was given the assignment of eliminating spam on our network," Josh said. "Users were getting between 10 to 100 pieces of spam each day. Having not worked with any anti-spam measure previously, I had to research many solutions. I looked into hardware solutions like a Barracuda Spam Filter and a web-based solution from an outside hosting company. I eventually recommended the web-based solution which eliminated the problem." Josh mentioned that in IT you have to constantly learn new things and educate yourself.

Josh's career took a turn for the better when he was contacted by a technical recruiter whom Josh had given his information to over two years ago while going to school. "I completely forgot about this recruiter when they first called." He said, "They had a couple of positions open at Lockheed-Martin that I was qualified for, so I updated my resume and applied." He had a couple of web-based interviews and got the job. He soon found himself making the big move to Baltimore.

Josh's biggest challenge in his new position was getting the users to ask for help as the previous IT staff was fired for their lack of people skills. "I walk around the office each day to offer my help to everyone. It's been a big challenge to gain the trust of our users because of their bad experience with the previous IT staff," Josh said. Josh could not stress enough how interpersonal skills are so important in today's IT world; not only do you need technical know-how but, most importantly, you must be able to communicate.

Josh also answered many questions from students. He was asked about how he gained experience in IT. He answered by getting small part-time jobs and also brought up his education at Empire as a part of his experience, since he worked on real life hands-on scenarios in the classroom as well as book knowledge. He also mentioned using many resources to come up with solutions to problems you don't understand. "It's always important to be honest with your users. Nobody knows everything. If I don't know the solution to an issue I will ask a colleague, even my previous instructors. The most important thing is to get back to your user with a solution and keep them in the loop," he said.

Josh's hard work, positive outlook and people skills have gotten him to where he is today. "I wake up every day at 4 a.m. and drive two hours to and from work. I cannot wait to get to work and help people. I never look at the clock when I am there and usually stay after hours. I love my job." ▲

IT alumni certification update... Congratulations to the following Information Technology majors who passed certification exams from August through October:



Core Essentials

Mary Builder
Matthew Marinas
Andrew Perlas



Practical/OS

Matthew Marinas
Anthony Mattaliano



Seth Ahm
Ryan Annear
Michael Clausen
Sean Keller
James Waters



Gary DeMarco
Richard Jordan
Sean Keller
Jeremy Kerrigan
Steven Lindley
Anthony Mattaliano
Jeffrey Ruggles
Daniel Ryan
Richard Safreno
James Sanders

Office Administration/IAAP News Updates

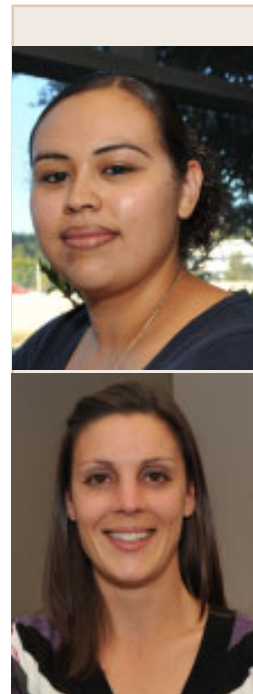
Meet our new Evening Student Mentors: Raquel Garcia and Lauren Marlowe

Raquel (top) is majoring in the Administrative Assistant program and is also a member of the IAAP (International Association of Administrative Professionals). She says it was a big decision for her to return to school, being a mother of two small children and a wife. "It is very hard to leave my family every evening after being a stay-at-home mom for four years. I know it is the right decision for me and my family," says Raquel.

Adds Raquel, "Being at Empire makes me feel like I am actually accomplishing something not only for myself but for my little ones. It has given me a great deal of confidence and knowledge. Coming to school every day and learning about computers all over again has been a struggle, but I know it will pay off in the end. I am proud to say that I have gained so much coming to Empire. One great thing about Empire is all of the support you get from the teachers and the other staff members. Whenever you need a hand they are happy to help."

Lauren is currently enrolled in the Executive Office Administration program. She spent the last five years working in manufacturing. "Although I learned some valuable skills during that time, my career in that field had hit a wall and I was in need of a major change," says Lauren.

"Although change is not easy, I knew going back to school would be the best option for me and my family. I can confidently say that I have never made a better decision," explains Lauren. "With hard work and persistence, I recently obtained my first office job as the front desk manager for a small engineering company. With a new-found excitement to explore the world of office administration, I look forward to the months to come here at Empire as I finish my program and continue to learn and grow." ▲



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Phillip Dana is a technician with Advantage Technology Resources.

Joshua Hicks is a call center technical coordinator for Transworld Systems.

Dane Jackson is working for JC-Tech as a field/bench Linux technician.

Edward Letasi is a .net developer for CCI Channel Management.

Michael Pearce is employed as a wireless system installer through Outsource Telecom.

Curtis Plumley is a systems administrator for Empire West Inc.

Daniel Ryan is working in desktop support for Santa Rosa Junior College.

Richard Safreno is an access project technician for Keller Williams Realty.

Richard Von Hoogenstyn is employed with Sonic.net, Inc. in technical support.

Legal Office Administration

Betsabe Aparicio is a legal advocate with YWCA.

Marisa Aparicio is employed

with Berger Khan Law Corporation as a legal file clerk/office assistant.

Daisy Cabrera-Lugo is a paralegal with the Bravo and Margulies Law Firm.

Susan Demers is working for Friedemann Goldberg, LLP as a legal file clerk.

Alicia Cardenas is a contract paralegal for Martin McOmber, Attorney at Law.

Brenda Cunningham is working for Beth Larssen, Attorney at Law.

Valerie Domenichelli is a legal assistant for John Flitner, Attorney at Law.

Danelle Gray is employed as a contract paralegal with the Flahavan Law Offices.

Yesenia Hernandez is working for Antonia Garza Paralegal Services in bilingual legal office support.

Michelle Kesecker is an office assistant for Andrea Ponticello, Attorney at Law.

Deanna Martin is a legal secretary with the SSL Law Firm.

Adriana Nunez is working for William Kuziara, Attorney at Law as a legal office assistant.

Genoveva Puga is a paralegal with the Kadin W. Blonski Law Office.

Lisa Schneider, a 2008 graduate, is now employed as an admissions officer for Empire College School of Law.

Meghan Stafford is a paralegal for Thea Eliot, Attorney at Law.

Kendall Tompioner is working as a temporary legal receptionist for Becky Rasmason, Attorney at Law.

Medical

Barbara Abbay is a clinical lab assistant at Empire College.

Mariah Avina is employed at St. Helena Hospital as a front office medical assistant.

Rebecca Barrett is a phlebotomist at Hill Park Medical Center.

Diana Boykin is a care provider for Sequoia Senior Solutions.

Donna Caron is a health aide with Right-at-Home.

Alma Chavira is working for Visiting Angels as a home health care aide.

Danielle Conte is a clinical medical assistant/phlebotomist with Gordon Medical Associates.

Kimberly Daniels is a medical support specialist and Katelyn Gonzales a clinical medical assistant with Concentra Health Services.

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Mindy Day is a front office medical assistant with Stony Point Dental Care.

Mylyn Estiqueta is employed with Dermatology Associates as a clinical medical assistant.

Delia Gutierrez is a back office medical assistant with Bradley Trent Clair, MD.

Lisa Haun is working for Onsite Health, Inc. as a health assessment assistant.

Gina Jacino is employed with Fountaingrove Cardiology Group as a clinical medical assistant.

Wendy Jensen is a classroom medical aide for Anova Education and Behavioral Consultants.

Kayla Johnson is a clinical medical assistant with Northern California Medical Association.

Kristi Lawrence is working at the Yreka Medical Clinic as a clinical medical assistant.

Alexandra Llamas is a clinical medical assistant for Yong Liu, MD.

Julia Magee is working for Mt. Tam Orthopedics as a front office medical assistant.

Rebecca Martinez is working for Sonoma County Indian Health Project as a state certified clinical medical assistant.

Irene Molina-Nava is a bilingual front office medical assistant through Select Staffing.

Melissa Ogle is employed with Marin Pediatric Associates as a clinical medical assistant.

Haydee Ortiz is a front office medical assistant with Rainbow Pediatric Center.

Kayla Quinn is a medical assistant with Satellite Dialysis.

Rosio Ramos is a clinical medical assistant for Armando dePala, MD.

Lacey Stanley is employed with Prima Medical Group as a medical assistant.

Lindsay Williams is a back office medical assistant with Gordon Medical Associates.

Office Administration

Leah Alva is an administrative assistant with Redwood Toxicology Laboratory.

Joel Castillo is a bilingual adminis-

trative assistant with Community Action Partnership.

Raquel Garcia is working for the Chalk Law Office in bilingual law office support.

Meghan Hunt is an office manager/personal assistant at American Financial Benefits Company.

April Hurd-Mattos is employed at Empire College as a student success advisor.

Laurie Marincik is a human resources technician with the County of Sonoma.

Tamera Moore is the manager's assistant at Noble's Saloon.

Tourism & Hospitality

Eldridge Gardner is a front office agent for Fairmont Sonoma Mission Inn & Spa.

Jerome Harris is a sales associate with Castello Di Amorosa.

Derek Ten Broeck is employed with Dr. Wilkinson's Hot Springs Resort as a front desk/reservation clerk. ▲



Hospitality students achieve Guest Services Professional certification

Every hospitality student needs to have a strong grounding in the art of guest service as the foundation for all of their hospitality knowledge and skills. Students earn the designation of Certified Guest Service Professional by completing Guest Service Gold training and passing the CGSP exam. Guest Service Gold is a comprehensive learning program designed to produce confident, guest service-oriented hospitality professionals who can engage and connect with guest needs and provide memorable service.

We are very proud of our first group of Certified Guest Service professionals: Ashleigh Dunn, Wendy Hutchens, Lloyd McNair, Karen Padilla, Kristina Pahlow, and LaTanya Thomas. ▲

School of Law (continued)

- Professor Rob Rutherford returns to Empire after an extended absence from teaching. We welcome him and are glad to have him back teaching Business Organizations this year.
- Professor Clay Christianson joins the faculty teaching Professional Responsibility this Fall. He came highly recommended by his business partner and Empire Law Professor Rob Jackson. Welcome to the faculty.
- Professor Lauren Gardner, Empire Law Class of 2004 alumnus, is teaching and guiding students at the Elder Law Clinic after years of working with Clinic Founder, Professor Barry Adams. ▲

Students listed below have achieved President's or Dean's Honors as of November 2011.

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

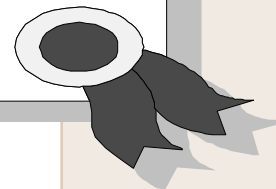
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Arendt, Christopher
Ascher, Jarrette
Barba, Christina
Beatty, Heather
Biagio, Pamela
Blasi, Tiffany
Boling, Lynette
Bottorf, George
Burton-Smith, Ashley
Camarena, Shalena
Carretero, Angelina
Casey, Melanie
Christensen, Anolani
Cimino, Lauren
Collard-Mones, Heather
Conley-Balistreri, Shawn
Contreras Camacho, Melissa
Dagenais, Kristin
Dailey, Tonja
Davidson, Jennifer
Davis, William
Delgado, Kassandra
Doran, Amelia
Fagerness, Mitchell
Fitzpatrick, Christine
Gaytan, Phelena
Gracyk, Joseph
Grant, Gala
Guffey, Caroline
Guiliano, Nadine
Hanson, Brooks
Heath, Rebecca
Higgins, Ashley
Hofstetter, Tracie
Holler, Derek
Howard, Betty
Hutchens, Wendy
Jensen, Nancy
Johnson, Taylor
Kahler, Lynn
Keller, Sean
Kennedy, Rheanna
Kerston, Kevin
King, April
King, Deborah
Kinney, Andrea
Kirtley, Charli
Koonkongsatian, Alice
Lad, Deena
Laden, Jennifer
Lane, Liza
Litchfield, Victoria
Lockwood, Kirsten
Lujan, Tammy
Maes, Marina
Manion, Erin
Marinas, Matthew
Martinez-Rodriguez, Dulce (Anabel)
Masklyne, Kimberly
McGowen, Michael
McGrath, Kelly
Milbrat, Amanda

Miller, Michael
Montalvan, Olivia
Montgomery, Sarah
Morri, Sara
Munoz, Tanya
Nelson, Wendy
Ontiveros, Jill
Ortiz, Javier
Packer-Couts, Jon
Padilla, Karen
Parker, Terri
Pierce, Laquasha
Pinches, Laura
Plancarte, Graciela
Poff, Brandi
Pruett, Lorrie
Ramirez, Adriana
Reese, Jordan
Reyes, Christina
Riggs, Kathleen
Robles, Chris
Rocca, Kendall
Rosales, Dominic
Ross, Amber
Rossi-Marlowe, Lauren
Rushworth, Ryan
Saltzer, Emilee
Sanchez, Maribel
Sanville, Alexander
Sapien, Jennifer
Saurman, Rachel
Schaefer, Dawnda
Shaffer, Camille
Stanley, Adam
Stiles, Amanda
Swaby, Jennifer
Thompson, Scott
Tighe, Alicia
Treis, Chelsea
Valdivia, Mariela
VanAntwerp, Virginia
Vandiver, Rachelle
Vantine, Nicole
Vasquez, May
Waldner, Faith
Wallace, Dustin
Waters, James
Weaver, Theresa
Wilhoite, Catherine
Wingett, Lisa
Woodbyrne, Vanessa
Zenner, Tammy

Dean's Honors

Adams, Kelly
Alonzo, Desiree
Barnhart, Maia
Beasley, Taylor
Bernardino Lopez, Diana
Blair, Paloma
Blakely-Pulido, Mary
Burchard, Carol
Busse, Carly
Castaneda, Johanna
Castaneda, Venancio
Martin
Castro, Maria
Chisam, Jessica
Christian, Paul
Clarkson, Teona
Clausen, Michael
Cox, Jonathan
Cox, Laura
Croft, Teena
Derr, Diana
Dlugokenski, Edwin
Dunn, Ashleigh
Duran, Rocio
Eastham, Grace (Megan)
Eyler, Kimberly
Fernandez, Daneca
Fernandez, Liana
Fernando, Eva
Fiddler, Kristy
Frye, Leif
Gabriel, Jean
Graniss, Emily
Greene, Jacklyn
Gudino, Banesa
Gudino, Melissa
Gutierrez, Delia
Heredia, Ana
Hernandez Thomas, Estella
Hernandez, Victor
Horn, Kimberly
Jensen, Wendy
Junior, Ariahna
Killion, Ken
Kossman, Marcia
Landino, Marianna
Lantz, Brian
Marin Moreno, Yahira
Marshbanks, Ron
McIntosh, Suzanne
McNair, Lloyd
Mejia, Jennifer
Monteon, Angelica
Moore, Cheryl
Morgan, Amy
Ortiz, Alysia
Owsley, Cassie
Pahlow, Kristina
Paige, Zack
Papa, Diane
Perez, Adriana
Petritz, Emily
Ramirez, Priscilla
Ramirez-Quiroz, Alisha

Honor Roll



Roberts, Kaylee
Romero, Miguel
Rosales Vargas, Heidi
Rosarioereys, Julianna
Saunders, Monica
Schneider, Vicky
Smith, Chad
Smith, Kelsey
Stanley, Melanie
Stevens, Tim
Suder, Billie S.
Vandaveer, Joanne
Vandervort, Teresa
Vaughn, Christina
Wilcox, William
Zang, Stephen
Zeranski, Amy

Everyone Needs a Flu/Tdap Shot!

Saturday, December 3
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Free Clinic for the Public

Empire College
3035 Cleveland Avenue
Santa Rosa



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