

Meet the Graduates 2013-2014



Don Clark

I want to thank Sound Credit Union for the opportunity to earn my MBA from the Milgard School of Business at UWT. I hope to use the knowledge and insights obtained throughout my career. The relationships developed with many professors and fellow students will carry on into the future.



Amy Coggins

Post-graduation, Amy is looking forward to relaxing with family & friends, taking a trip (or two), reading for pleasure (no text books!) and getting back into shape. Professionally, she will continue working for Tacoma Power applying new skills acquired through the Milgard MBA program and anticipates new opportunities for career advancement.



Jodi Collins

First, I plan to spend lots of time with family and friends that I have neglected over the last two years. Then I'll start studying again and I hope to pass the CPA Exam in 2015. We're also planning a family trip to Ireland and I'm hoping for a tropical vacation next spring to celebrate our 30th wedding anniversary.



Joel Gallion

After two years of late nights, a severe lack of free time, and too little time with my family it's hard to believe this chapter is almost done. I am grateful to my wife Erin and three girls for hanging in there with me when the combination of work and school kept me away from home. A big thanks to my professors and cohort for challenging me and spurring deeper discussions and examination. Upon graduation, I will continue my role with Bellevue Healthcare as Territory VP as I take what I learn to help develop our future managers and leaders. "Whatever you do in life, surround yourself with smart people who'll argue with you." - John Wooden.



Cody Eccles

During the course of the MBA program, Cody began working with Washington's public baccalaureate institutions as the Associate Director of the Council of Presidents. His experience in the MBA program has assisted his transition into this leadership role. He will continue his work at the Council of Presidents as an advocate for higher education in Washington.



Sonya Hunt

I hope to do some light traveling, finish my Master of Arts thesis and move to LA.

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Felix Jimenez

I will be moving to Atlanta, GA to accept my promotion to FP&A Operations Business Analyst - overseeing the financial planning of operations for over 35 plants across 3 business segments in the Packaging division of Georgia-Pacific.



Elizabeth Lamb-Ferro La Croix

Liz is looking forward to continuing her growth in her career at Wizards of the Coast where she was recently promoted to Brand Manager for Magic: The Gathering. Following graduation, she and her husband are planning a much needed vacation to a yet undetermined location.



Nicole Killey

Upon completion of my summer 2014 coursework, I will be re-locating to join my husband in Minneapolis, MN. At that time, I plan to pursue a career in management consulting. In my spare time, I hope to start volunteering in the local community.



Daniel Krahner

When I finish this program I plan to take a long vacation in Australia. I also plan to be more involved in the community with community service activities. I want to use this program as a spring board to start studying for my CPA as well.



Adam Lewis

I recently took on a new role as the Director of Operations at Georgia Pacific's Olympia Plant. This opportunity was made distinctly possible by quality relationships established during my tenure as an MBA student at the Milgard School of Business. My future professional plans include continued manufacturing management experience and the development and application of leadership skills, using many of the fundamentals and tools learned during my MBA experience.



Stacy Mattson

I plan to continue working hard and making a difference in my current position as Manager of Airport Operations, Port of Seattle, with enhanced skills and knowledge. While I have my eye on some promotional opportunities, focusing on being the best I can be - now - is my priority.

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Ashley McCarney

Over the next 1-3 years, I intend to begin applying for entry-level management positions with the Internal Revenue Service. I would also like to continue my education by earning my PMP certification. I will also be planning a wedding over the next year and hope to spend as much time with family and friends as possible. I hope to also use my much overdue 6 weeks of vacation as well as start plans for rebuilding our beach home.



Jelena Ramsey

I look forward to spending more time with my husband and daughters.



Matt Scherer

I plan to continue working as a financial analyst at MultiCare Health System. I will use the skills that I have learned throughout the MBA program to grow my career and look for new challenges. I am looking forward to catching up on my outdoor hobbies such as hiking, running and golfing.



Devin Pompa

I continue working for Honeywell as a Facility Manager and will use the skills acquired from the Milgard MBA to progress professionally. I look forward to spending less time on school, more time with family and friends and exploring the PNW!



Mary Kate Richardson

I look forward to growing my career in organization development within higher education, supporting my husband in his academic pursuits, and fully embracing the privilege of being my boys' PTA-Taekwondo-T-ball-Soccer mom.

Not Pictured: Stephen Buchanan, Maggie Connors, Anum Muzaffar, Noah Schmidt, Rick Triggs

MBA graduates of autumn 2013, winter, spring and summer 2014 were invited to provide a photo and update for this edition of the newsletter.