

ACE Sophomore Catches a Glimpse of Life After College

My name is Andrew Marcelino, and I'm an ACE sophomore originally from Chicago, IL. One of the highlights of my ACE experience this year has been the opportunity to participate in the ACE Company Tours.

Through this program, sophomores are able to spend a few hours during a typical day with an ACE alumnus in the Bay Area. Students are given the opportunity to ask questions, build connections, and experience a day in the business community first-hand.

This quarter ACE students from the 2012 cohort visited a variety of prominent companies including Ernst & Young, Google, Marsh, Razorfish, and Adobe. I, along with fellow ACE Sophomores Eric Nelson, Whitney Nelson, and Christian Spencer, was fortunate



enough to spend a few hours with ACE alumnus **Abel Cuskelly '04**, a wealth management advisor at Merrill Lynch.

During our visit we were able to gain a much better understanding of the necessary analytical and communication skills required of a professional who manages large sums of money on a daily basis. Perhaps the most useful piece of advice I received from Abel was the suggestion to fully appreciate the high-quality and well-rounded education we receive at Santa Clara University. The ethical approach stressed not only in our business classes, but also in our overall education is an essential value to have in a changing industry that has become more heavily regulated in wake of recent corporate scandals.

Furthermore, Abel shared with us that in or-

der to be successful in wealth management, a sense of confidence and trust between the client and the advisor is absolutely critical. Much like anything in life, success often depends on the relationships one builds.

Finally, and perhaps most importantly, my ACE Company Tour experience has taught me that there is undeniably a duty of care in this particular field. Ultimately, if you are successful, you will have a sense of accomplishment knowing that you have helped a person in something that truly matters.

—**Andrew Marcelino**
ACE Class of 2012

Our thanks to Abel for providing such an in-depth experience. We would also like to acknowledge all of the ACE alumni and friends who hosted one or more current ACE Sophomores this year:

*Joseph Cannella, Google
Abel Cuskelly, Merrill Lynch
Javier Ferretty, Razorfish
Brent Holloway,*

*Verint Systems
Kat Parineh, Ernst & Young
Michael Pellegrini, Marsh
Kami Sidhu, Adobe Systems*

If you would like to host an ACE sophomore in the future, please contact Bill at WMains@scu.edu ♠

From the ACE Program Leaders

As graduations near, the campus is being readied for the undergraduate ceremony in Buck Shaw Stadium as well as the many celebratory events around the University. Another ACE class has finished up with us in spectacular fashion, just in time for us to welcome a new talented and engaged cohort of students to the ACE program.

The warm weather is the beacon of a productive summer yet ahead. There is a lot of planning already underway for the Fall. During the summer months, we will continue to see and work with the ACE juniors as they experience their internships and adjust to being at work at the same time everyday.

With this edition of ACE your Life, please enjoy a selection of articles focused on current ACE students and their adventures and accolades. We feature an ACE senior selected for a prestigious Leavey School of Business award, reflections from a sophomore who participated in ACE Company Tours and an update about a new all-cohort program. We also highlight our new Dean.

We hope you enjoy this newsletter while soaking up some of the warm weather!

—*Jo-Anne, Brenda, Bill and Steve*

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ACE Senior Honored with Leavey School of Business Distinguished Award

Congratulations to ACE senior **Jennifer Cruden** on her selection for the Leavey School of Business Senior Service Award! The Senior Service Award is a great honor presented to a select few who demonstrate selflessness and betterment through volunteer work and service. Essentially the award seeks to honor students who reflect the highly regarded Jesuit values of Santa Clara University.

Out of the graduating senior class, nearly a dozen individuals are nominated and, this year, faculty narrowed this group of students down to two.

Jennifer is an accounting and pre-health major.

After graduation she will be moving on to a position here in the Bay Area at Ernst & Young.

During her time at Santa Clara University she has been actively involved on campus as a residence hall Community Facilitator and a tutor for the Drahmman Advising Center.

Off-campus Jennifer has served as a volunteer for projects including the beautification of inner-city schools, Santa Cruz beach clean-up, recovery skills education for stroke victims, therapeutic horseback riding for disabled children, and American Cancer Society's Relay for Life. She also has donated her time as an emergency room triage in her



home town.

The Service Award will be presented Friday, June 11 at the 2nd Annual Leavey School of Business Senior Awards Ceremony.

Congratulations to our fellow ACE for this wonderful achievement! ♠

The great thing about community service is that it benefits both individuals and the larger community; individuals increase knowledge, awareness, and skills while simultaneously accomplishing community projects which might otherwise never be realized."

Jennifer Cruden
ACE 2010

ACEs Gather to Share Lunch, Conversation and Camaraderie

"The Lunch Bunch session was a great way to not only interact with ACE members from other grades, but for us all to discuss what we are getting out of the program and where it can go in the future. I hope more students get the opportunity to sit down with Jo-Anne and discuss their experiences at Santa Clara."

Christian Spencer
ACE Class of 2012

Winter quarter marked the beginning of a new ACE tradition with the introduction of the ACE Lunch Bunch gatherings.

Each quarter, ACE students from all cohorts will be invited to lunch with Assistant Dean Jo-Anne Shibbles.

This lunch gives ACE students the opportunity to meet fellow ACE members of different cohorts, discuss the values of the ACE program, and form personal connections with sophomore, junior, and senior ACE students alike.

This quarter the tradition continued with Christian Spencer, Whitney Nelson, Fernando Gouveia, Jen Cruden, Jaymie Kushi, Cynthia Lam, Ariana Lujan, and Matt Chee.

Sophomore Christian Spencer says "I felt like it was important for both the university and the students to ensure that both are getting everything they can out of the ACE program." ♠

If you are interested in participating, please contact Brenda Versteeg at BJVersteeg@scu.edu

ACE Family Grows with the Addition of the Class of 2013



During Spring Quarter 2010, ACE program applications were made available to a select group of first-year students with a strong record of academic performance.

There was a tremendous response to the call for applicants and almost fifty first-year students submitted applications.

With the help of the ACE selection committee, we have selected a talented group of first-

year students to join the ACE program beginning Fall of 2010.

The committee was highly impressed with all of the applicants and pleased to see such an interest from those looking to join the ACE program.

The newest members of ACE will be welcomed to the program during the first week of school during Fall Quarter.

All are invited to come together as we celebrate the ACE class of 2013.

We will be sending you

an invitation to join us for this exciting gathering.

Please mark September 24 on your calendar and get ready to help us welcome the new ACE cohort of 2013! ♠

If you would like to join the ACE selection committee for 2010-2011, contact Brenda at bjversteeg@scu.edu.

"ACE is filled with opportunities to meet new people who can help me with my career choice and provide me with positive development as a leader. The ACE program seems like the perfect vehicle to help me accomplish these goals."

Michelle Cabinian
ACE 2013

Best Wishes to the Graduating ACE Class of 2010



ACE Freshman Year Ropes Course Spring 2007

Congratulations to:

Ryan Amante
Beth Black
Alexander Bon
Sarah Chorey
Brady Costello
Jennifer Cruden
Rachael Dickey
David Gamache
Michael Gibler
Patrick Glenn
Fernando Gouveia
Catherine Guarente

Rachel Haley
Eric Hui
Kanani Kong
Jaymie Kushi
Joshua Lu
Vanessa Rodriguez
Andrew Shenstone
Ross Smith
Kathleen Tankersley
Khanh Le Trinh
Nicole Truesdale
Karen Waldman

We are so proud of the accomplishments of this year's graduating ACE class. The cohort of 2010 has achieved great things here at Santa Clara while demonstrating the upmost in leadership and community service.

After graduation they will be heading off around the world. Some will travel to Europe and South America and others will be beginning their careers at companies including Ernst & Young, Yahoo!, Deloitte, Target, PWC, Goldman Sachs, and elsewhere.

We wish them the very best of luck in all of their future endeavors! ♠



ACE Senior Dinner April 2010

OMIS Professor S. Andrew Starbird Selected as New Dean

Drew Starbird has been selected as Dean of the Leavey School of Business beginning July 1, 2010, following the departure of Barry Z. Posner who held the post for twelve years and is returning to the management faculty.

Dr. Starbird is a professor of Operations and Management Information Systems in the Business School where he has taught since 1987.

He has provided leadership in varied posts, including a stint as Director of the Food and Agribusiness Institute, a multi-disciplinary research program; chaired the Undergraduate Leadership Team of faculty and professional staff; as well as serving as faculty director of the School's Undergraduate Business programs.

Professor Starbird teaches operations management, statistics, and business analytics at the undergraduate, MBA, and Executive MBA levels, in addition to conducting extensive research in quality control and management, supply chain management, food safety, and contracting.

He has published in *Naval Research Logistics*, *Journal of the Operational Research Society*, *Journal of Agricultural & Resource Economics*, *Agricultural Economics*, and the *American Journal of Agricultural Economics*.

His scholarship has been recognized with a number of awards, including "Outstanding Contribution" to the *Journal of Agricultural & Resource Economics*, "Best Article" for the *Journal on Chain and*



Network Sciences, as well as four Leavey School of Business Extraordinary Performance Awards (for exemplary scholarship, teaching, and service), the ACE Outstanding Faculty Awards, and the Dean's Outstanding Teaching Award.

Dr. Starbird also serves the larger public, most notably as a long-time member of the board of

Harvest Food Bank of Santa Clara and San Mateo Counties. Furthermore, he consults with companies as diverse as Becton Dickinson Immunocytometry Systems and Fresh Express.

The ACE program looks forward to working with Dean Starbird! ♠

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