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Public Policy Grad Tapped to Lead SLO County

Don Bulow’s (’05) selection as the new chief administrative officer of San Luis Obispo County in July, New Times reported, builded his formal administrator since 2003.

Business Grad Produces Indian Film

Vishal Vishal ’03, Business Administration, 2003, has produced “Aging the Goodlife,” a romantic comedy set for a 2013 release through his California Filmworks partnership, according to American Filmmaker magazine. Vishal’s brother, Zenas, directed the film, which stars Michael Madsen (“Reservoir Dogs,” “Kill Bill”). It tells the story of two young people from different parts of the world, whose cultures clash on a journey of self-discovery during the drive to a famous California music festival.

Engineers Grad Now In The Restaurant Business

Matthew Pruce ’84, Civil Engineering, 1984, and his new restaurant Cali Sun Taco in San Luis Obispo, www.featured In New Times. Pruce made the jump to the restaurant business after working as an engineer at the Diablo Canyon nuclear power plant near San Luis Obispo. While working as an engineer, he honed his barbecue skills selling food at farmers markets and doing catering jobs.

Civil Engineering Grad Named San Carlos Public Works Chief

Jay Walter (’81), Civil Engineering, 1981, has been named public works director for the city of San Carlos. Cali, The San Jose Mercury News reported. Walter has held the same position with the city of San Luis Obispo for more than seven years. Before that, he worked for more than two decades for Californians, where he rose to the level of district director for the Central Coast area.

Kinesiology Grad Takes Mission Trip to Peru

The Week in Cal Poly Daily Directory: Student-Run Kinesiology (ES, kinesiology, 2006) who along with a group of fellow Los Angeles College of Chiropractic students spent the summer raising funds for a mission trip to Peru in August to provide medical care to residents in depressed areas. Perez and his colleagues hoped their trip would provide aid to the less fortunate while helping give positive exposure to their profession.

Computer Science Master’s Grad To Oversee Florida Special Effects Operation

Digital Domain Media Group hired Jim Berry, Computer Science, 2004, to be head of studio at DDMG in Florida, overseeing day-to-day operations of the company’s studios, www.theindependentreport.com. The studio creates visual effects for feature films, military and medical applications, sports themed events, and original animated features. Berry is an academy award nominee who previously played a leadership role at Sony Imageworks Imageworks' now closed studio.

Business Administration Grad Named VIP of Audio Company

Stephen Hix Jr. (81, Business Administration, 1981) was named vice president of Marketing and Business Development of Parametric Sound Corporation, www.entrepreneur.com. Shewing brings more than two decades of experience in the development of global marketing programs and revenue streams for high-grown tech companies to Parametric, which is a leading innovator of directed audio products and solutions.

WOW slideshow Alumni in the News

See images from this year’s Week of Welcome, as new students get to know their university and their community.

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