

CLASS NOTES

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College of Agriculture, Food & Environmental Sciences

60s David L. Ashby (B.S., Soil Science, 1962) has lived in Honduras for 30 years, working as a research scientist for Dole Foods. He retired in 2000. For 20 years, he helped disadvantaged children and teens, and in 2006 he formed the nonprofit Helping Honduras Kids (www.helpinghonduraskids.org). Its programs include the Hogar de Amor orphanage and Jungle School a free, private school with more than 100 kindergarten through sixth-grade students. Helping Honduras Kids also has funded high school scholarships for 24 teenagers and funds other community programs.

Garth de León (B.S., Mechanized Agriculture, 1965) was widowed in 2011 and relocated to New Mexico in August of 2013. He has been retired for 15 years from Deere & Co.

90s Peter Zorba (B.S., Soil Science, 1999) recently received the NASA Silver Achievement Medal for exceptional leadership in developing a team of NASA employees, contractors and members of multiple state agencies to accomplish cleanup goals at the NASA-Santa Susana Field Laboratory (SSFL). The SSFL is a former rocket engine test facility that conducted research, devel-

opment and testing of rocket engines associated with the Apollo and space shuttle, and U.S. Air Force missile programs. Zorba is the NASA project manager responsible for environmental remediation of NASA-administered areas at SSFL used extensively in support of J-2, Saturn V, and space shuttle main engine activities in four testing locations that are no longer operational.

00s Upon graduation from Cal Poly, **Lisa Wagner-Branco** (B.S., Ag Business, 2003) began a career with Headstart Nursery, Inc. in Gilroy, Calif. She started out in the field, working alongside transplanting crews, learning the business and products as a local field rep. She is now the customer service manager. She and her husband, Corey, have two children, Andrew (2 years) and Lauren (5 months).

College of Architecture & Environmental Design

60s David Smith (B. Arch., Architecture, 1964) received his architect's license from the state of California 21 days before his 30th birthday. For the next two decades, he worked as a designer and presenter for other architects. He also began a part-time career in teaching perspective drawings at a nearby community college. In 1990s, he began drawing portraits of homes, pets and people, applying the materials and techniques used in architecture. Around the same time, the economic recession dictated that he open his own office. He now operates two businesses in Visalia, Calif: David L. Smith, Architect and David L. Smith, Pencil Portraiture.

00s Ryan Murray (B.S., Construction Management, B.S., Business Administra-

tion, 2007) recently moved back to Los Angeles to work as an attorney in the corporate legal department of Waserman Media Group, a global sports agency and media consulting company. Murray is assisting management of a growing industry-leading organization in mergers, acquisitions, strategic planning, employment issues, and insurance as well as drafting contracts to support the agency business in the professional golf and NFL divisions.

College of Engineering

60s John Mattis (B.S., Mechanical Engineering, 1962) is enjoying retirement after a 40-year career in which he earned 30 patents. He now enjoys playing duplicate bridge and, with his wife, Linda, going bike riding, downhill skiing and working out at the gym.

90s Jonathan Becker (B.S., Electrical Engineering, 1999) passed the Electrical and Computer Engineering (ECE) Ph.D. Prospectus Exam at Carnegie Mellon University in Pittsburgh, Penn., with thesis topic "Dynamic Beamforming Optimization for Anti-Jamming and Hardware Fault Recovery" on Oct. 17, 2013. Becker has achieved an All But Dissertation status, meaning that his doctorate will be earned upon a successful defense of his thesis.

David Woodard (B.S., Environmental Engineering, 1991) recently took a new position as the manager of workplace health and safety for East Bay Municipal Utility District in Oakland, Calif. He lives in San Ramon and remains involved with the community.

00s Andrea Gardiner (B.S., Environmental Engineering, 2000) is enrolled in

a doctoral program at Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn., after working in consulting for 12 years. She is pursuing a doctorate in environmental engineering, working on projects related to nuclear environmental engineering. She plans to pursue teaching and research. She also works for Barge, Waggoner, Sumner, and Cannon as a staff engineer.

Nick Hebner (B.S., Computer Engineering, 2008) and fellow Cal Poly alum **Brian Starnes** (B.S., Computer Engineering, 2006) have launched a new startup focused on bringing home brewing into the 21st century. Their first product, the BrewBit Model-T, helps home brewers control and monitor their brew temperatures anytime, anywhere.

College of Liberal Arts

60s Alan Haskvitz (B.S., Journalism, 1965) was featured in an online article in the Standard-Freeholder.com (April 26, 2013) for being named “one of the 100 most influential educators in the world.”

Beverly Bonifas Shaw (B.S., Social Sciences, 1968) and her husband, **John Shaw** (B.S., Journalism, 1968), recently moved back to the Central Coast, where Bonifas Shaw is now a teacher candidate coordinator at Cal Poly. The couple previously spent their careers as school teachers and principals in San Jose. Bonifas Shaw also served as a district office director and assistant superintendent and was active in staff development throughout the Bay Area.

80s Richard Pace (B.A., History, 1984) was named program manager for the Cybersecurity Incident Response Program at Southern California

Edison. He has been with the company for nine years.

College of Science & Mathematics

60s Margaret Hartman (B.S., Biological Sciences, 1966) is in Cambodia on a one-year assignment as the interim vice president for Academic and Student Affairs at the new American University of Phnom Penh.

70s Gregory Garman (B.S., Biological Sciences, 1970) retired as professor of biology after 40 years at Centralia College in Centralia, Wash. Along the way, he had the opportunity to author or co-author several biology-related textbooks and served with Army Reserve hospital units as an ROTC graduate.

90s Wade Crang (B.S., Applied Mathematics, 1990) founded a new company, Impact Radius, (www.impactradius.com), a comprehensive SaaS (Software as a Service) technology platform for measuring the performance of online and mobile advertising and managing media partner relationships. Crang has been married for 22 years. He has three children, all of whom hope to attend Cal Poly.

10s Jesse R. Miller (B.S. Physics, B.S., Aerospace Engineering, 2010), Navy ensign, was recently designated a Naval aviator while serving with Training Squadron 21, Naval Air Station, Kingsville, Texas. Miller was presented with the coveted “Wings of Gold,” marking the culmination of months of flight training. His training included basic studies in engineering and navigation, training flights in simulators, aircraft familiarizations, basic and advanced instrument training, extended navigation



flights, and landings and takeoffs aboard an aircraft carrier.

Orfalea College of Business

80s Mark Dean Gillette (Business Administration, 1981) was elected to his third term as chairman of the board of Sunkist Growers Inc. He is president of the Sunkist-affiliated Gillette Citrus Inc., a vertically integrated company that grows, packs and ships fresh citrus. Gillette is a fourth-generation citrus grower, producing lemons, mandarins, navel oranges and other specialty citrus in Fresno and Tulare counties.

00s Andrew Bradley (B.S., Business Administration, 2004) has launched his own public relations agency, MrAndrewBradley Communications, based in Roseville, Calif. He works with a variety of local clients and has partnered with two additional public relations firms, Resonate PR and Razor Sharp PR, as an independent contractor to provide additional services to their clients, including The Meritage Resort and Spa in Napa and LiveAndInvestOverseas.com.