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*Where are they now?  
Where have they been?  
What do they say?*

# Molly Wright '14

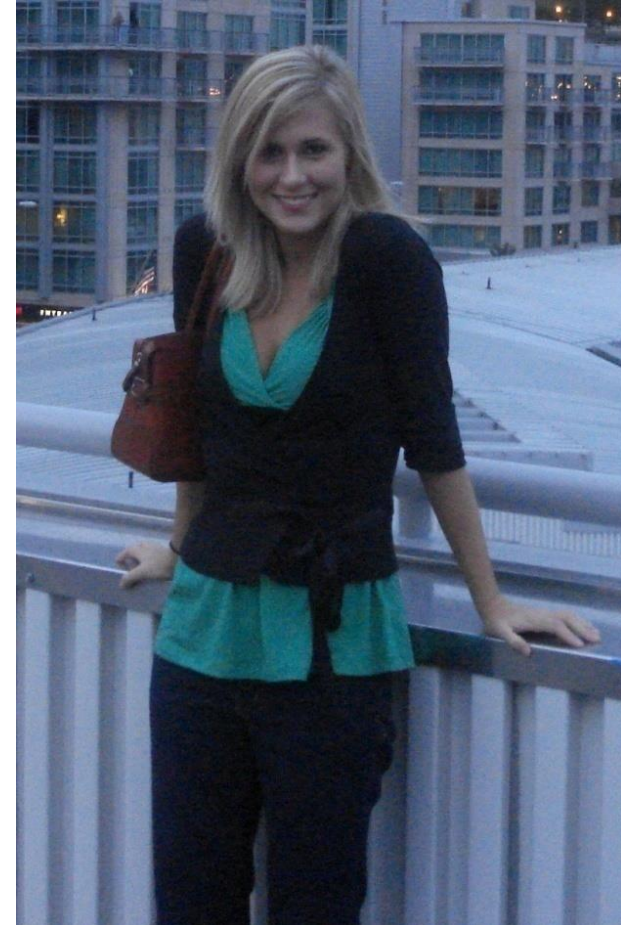
- **Company:**  
**Kansas City Royals**
- **Title:**  
**Account Executive**





# Lisa Johns Humphrey, '06

- **Company:**  
**J. Schmid & Assoc. Inc.**
- **Title**  
**Account Executive**
- **Previously:**  
**Event Planner**  
**Vance Publishing**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Get an internship that relates to what you really want to do. An internship is the key that will open many doors in your career.”***



# Denise Behlmann '05

- **Company:**  
**Renaissance St. Louis  
Airport Hotel**
- **Title:**  
**Event Manager**



# Alicia Wildhaber '08

- **Company:**  
**Executive Assistant**
- **Title:**  
**Nurses & Company**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
**Never stop learning, there is always an opportunity to learn more and understand more... knowledge is power! Remain positive about negative experiences, for they will be some of your most rewarding life lessons.**





# Morgan Crider '14

- **Company:**  
**Anthony Travel**
- **Title:**  
**Event Coordinator**
- **Previously:**  
**Texas Rangers Baseball Club**  
**Inside Sales Representative**



# Mike McNulty '11

- **Company:**  
**United States  
Performing Arts**
- **Title:**  
**Actor, SAG-AFTRA**



# Eric Day '00

- **Company:**  
**Marketing Development Manager**
- **Title:**  
**Kansas City Royals**
- **Past Jobs:**  
***Ticketing Manager, Ozark Mountain Ducks; Sales Manager; Colorado Springs Sky Sox; Account Executive, Springfield Cardinals. Account Executive, Kansas City Royals***





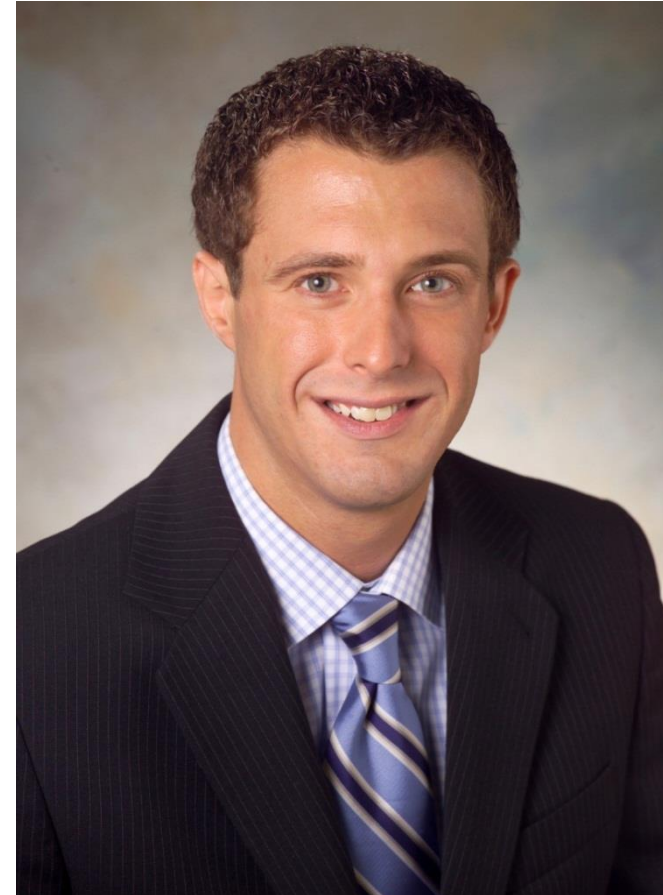
# Laura Hoeflinger '09

- **Company:**  
**University of  
Missouri Kansas City**
- **Title:**  
**Special Events  
Coordinator**



# Jason Doerge, '00

- **Company:**  
**America's Center, St. Louis MO**
- **Title:**  
**Facility Scheduling Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***Approach every task, every job, and every relationship, no matter how insignificant they might appear on the surface, as genuine opportunities to learn and grow. Take the best from every experience.***



# Kiley Elder '14

- **Company:**  
**St. Louis Zoo**
- **Title:**  
**Special Events  
Coordinator**
- **Previously:**  
**Broadcast Media,  
Greater St. Louis Area,  
Special Events Facilitator**





# Jaclyn (Fowler) Halliday,



- **Company:**  
**Medtronic**
- **Title:**  
**Meeting Planner**
- **Previously:**  
**Walt Disney Events Group,  
Orlando, FL, Entertainment  
Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***"I would encourage everyone to  
volunteer in the community for  
local events. Those activities  
are very important on your  
resume."***

# Shawn Watring '08

- **Company:**  
**Tulsa Oilers**  
**Professional Hockey**
- **Title:**  
**VP of Ticket Sales**



# Hannah Sherertz '14

- **Company:**  
**Dallas Mavericks  
Basketball**
- **Title:**  
**Manager of  
Community Relations  
and Mavs Foundation**





# Kathy (Murphy) Hilgendorf,

**Company:**  
**RedCard Systems**

**Title:**  
**Implementation Specialist**

- Previously**  
**Busch Stadium, Sportservice, a**  
**division of Delaware North**  
**Companies**  
**Premium Services Manager**
- Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Besides network, network,  
network... Don't be afraid to take  
risks, if that means to move for a  
great internship opportunity, then do  
it!”***



# Tashara Earl '13

- **Company:**  
**Cox Media Group**
- **Title:**  
**Promotions Supervisor**
- **Previously**  
**Fusion Dance**  
**Production, Radio One**  
**Promotions**  
**Coordinator**



# Brittney Sheffield, '05

- **Company:**  
**Jacob's Pillow Dance Festival**
- **Title:**  
**Patron Services Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
*Think BIG. Then do whatever you need to do to get yourself there- whether it be financially, experience-wise, or whatever. Don't be afraid to take a little step back before a big step forward. And get comfortable outside of your comfort zone.*





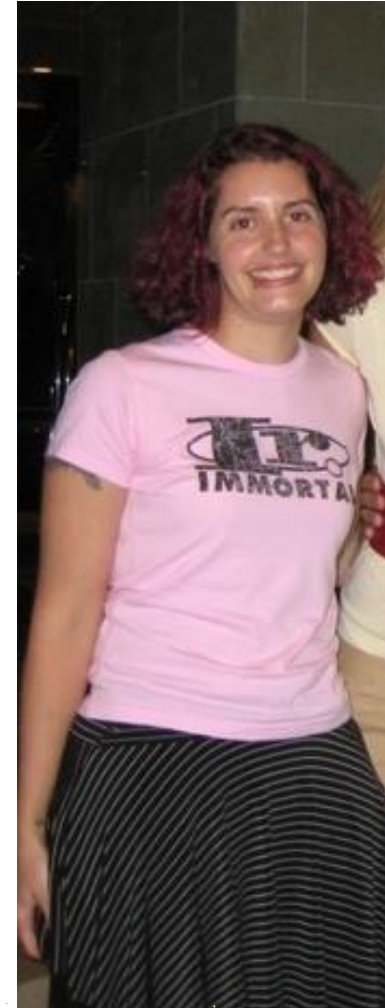
# Christina Eller, '10



- **Company**  
**Pinnacle Entertainment**
- **Title:**  
**Executive Sales Manager**
- **Previously:**  
**Ameristar Casino Resort & Spa**  
**St. Charles, MO**  
**Event Meeting Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***"I learned that in order to be successful in this career you have to be willing to start from the bottom and work your way up by building relationships and networking with others."***

# Aimee Smith '04

- **Company:**  
**formerly, Immortal Entertainment,  
Los Angeles, CA**
- **Title:**  
**Executive Assistant to  
President, Internship  
Coordinator**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Don’t underestimate the  
importance of your  
internship! It is absolutely  
essential to starting an  
entertainment career.”***



# Tyler Baldwin '11

- **Company:**  
**The Orleans Hotel & Casino - Orleans Arena**
- **Title:**  
**Arena Director of Booking & Events**





# Kara Nardoni '12

- **Company**

**JONESWORKS**

**Title:**

**Digital Marketing  
Manager**

- **Previous**

**De Wolfe Music,  
New York**

**Music Licensing Consultant**



# Chauntelle Johnson, '05



- **Company**  
**Edgebrook Swim and Tennis Club**
- **Title:**  
**Club Manager**
- **Previous**  
**WNBA Seattle Storm**  
**Community Relations Senior**  
**Coordinator**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Explain to them how important internships are. Don’t just take anything, really work hard and apply for the top ones EARLY.”***

# Jamie Adams '08

- **Company:**  
**Missouri Sports**
- **Title:**  
**Associate Director of  
Championship Events**





# Amanda Bryant '05

- **Current Position**  
**Sharon's Rose**  
**Production Assistant**
- **Other:**  
**Road Manager Assistant for**  
**Taylor Swift Speak Now US**  
**Tour**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
**"The next person you meet**  
**could lead you to your next**  
**job. Be at your best everyday**  
**and people will notice and**  
**recommend**  
**you...guaranteed!"**



# Michael Whitty '07

- **Company:**  
**St. Louis Cardinals**
- **Title:**  
**Communications  
Specialist**



# Ben Baker '02

- **Company:** Express Scripts
- **Position:** Trade Show & **Event Designer**
- **Previous:**  
**Meeting & Event Planner**



## Words of Wisdom:

***“Try to gain some experience in any area you are interested in. Getting involved and becoming associated with professionals in the industry is such a valuable asset. Just keep in mind that whatever you want to accomplish is up to you!”***



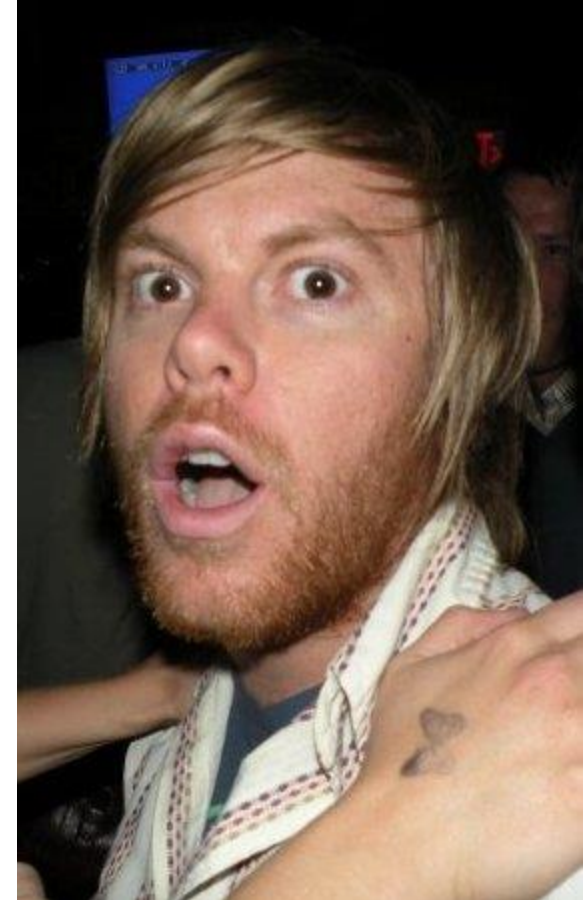
# Haylee (Kell) Pitts '16

- **Company:**  
**America's Center,  
Greater St. Louis  
Area Events Services**
- **Title:**  
**Event Coordinator**



# Brandon Chamberlain '07

- **Company:**  
**Thirty Tigers**
- **Title:**  
**Director of Marketing**
- **Previous:**  
**Universal Music, Los Angeles**  
**Manager of Online Marketing**



# Joseph Phillips '12

- **Company**

**The Madison Square  
Garden**

- **Title:**

**Supervisor of Building  
Operations at The Forum**

- **Previous:**

**Anschutz Entertainment  
Group  
Event Manager**





# Laurie (Green) Brown, '09



- **Company:**  
**The Wellington Group,  
Kansas City MO**
- **Title:**  
**Senior Accountant Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
**Not every job you have will be exactly what you envision. However, you should use each experience to learn something new that will enhance your skill set and prepare you for that perfect job.**

# Matt Cunningham, '05

- **Company: Kansas City Convention & Entertainment Center**
- **Position: Senior Event Manager**



# Ashley (Thomas) Garoutte, '10

- **Company:**  
**H2R Market Research**  
**Springfield MO**
- **Position: Consumer**  
**Insights Specialist**





# Jake Dunlap '03

- **Company:**  
**CEO @ Skaled**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“The key to getting a job in the sports industry is your internship. I would suggest not only doing one, but do multiple internships to set yourself above the competition.”***



# Rachel Queen '00



## Company:

**formerly, Director of Marketing,  
Touhill Performing Arts Center,  
St. Louis, MO**

- **Now: Mom, and Freelancer**

- **Words of Wisdom:**

***“Network! It may take a few years to build up a good base of industry peers, but the more people you meet & genuinely connect with, the more opportunities you’ll have in the future.”***

# TBW: The LA Contingent,





# Chase Bartels '02

- **Previous:**  
**WME and Warner Brothers  
Television, Burbank, CA**
- **Now:**  
**Chase-LA Consulting**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Think about the biggest goal  
you would like to achieve in  
your career and then think  
backwards, no one starts at  
the top!”***



# Tommy Ringhofer '04

- **Company:**  
**Ketchum Sports & Entertainment**
- **Title:**  
**Vice President, Talent Buying**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***"The most important thing you can do to make it in the entertainment industry is to network and make connections."***



# Lisa (Wainwright) Boon,

‘11

- **Company: Retail Confectioners International**
- **Position: Event Planning Manager**





# **TBW: Amy Douglas '08, KC Zoo & Megan Whitney '08, Autism Speaks**



# Jenni Azzanni '04

- **Currently:**  
**MTV Networks**
- **Previously:**  
**Event, Coordinator,**  
**Jam Productions Chicago, IL**



## Words of Wisdom:

***“Give it everything you've got. If you show initiative, guts, and that you are willing to learn, your company will see that. Also, go into the industry loving what you do, not just loving that you get to work with artists or sport stars.”***



# Christy McCouch '03

- **Company:**

**Actors' Playhouse at  
the Miracle Theatre,  
Miami/Fort  
Lauderdale**

- **Title:**

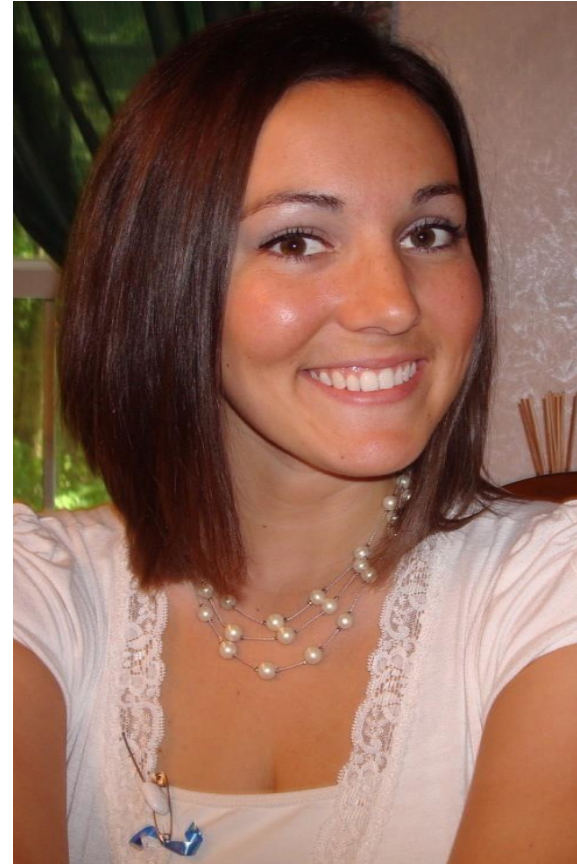
**Operations Manager**





# Megan Whitney, EM 07 /MBA 08

- **Company:** **Autism Speaks**
- **Title:** **Walk Coordinator – Midwest**
- **Words of Wisdom:** *“My work as Service Corp Leader in EMA served me we well, as working with our student volunteers directly correlates to my working with volunteer planners and fundraisers today. As the EMA Treasurer, keeping track of organizational monies is exactly what I have to do now, only with a revenue goal of \$525,000 between the three Walks.”*



# TBW: Ashleigh Middlebrook



**St. Louis Cardinals,  
Event Staff Manager**



# Jackie Kirk Bednara '06



- **Company:**  
**Ramada Oasis Inn and Convention Center,  
Springfield, MO**
- **Title:**  
**Convention Services  
Director**
- **Observation:**  
***“Incredible internship  
with Ozark Empire Fair.  
Wanted to stay in  
Springfield.”***



# Katelyn Nichols'10

- **Company: The Dalmark Group**
- **Title: Director of Operations**
- **Previous: Dallas Cowboys Cheerleaders Special Events Coordinator**

**Katelyn with DCC Ally Traylor, MSU alum and former Sugar Bear**

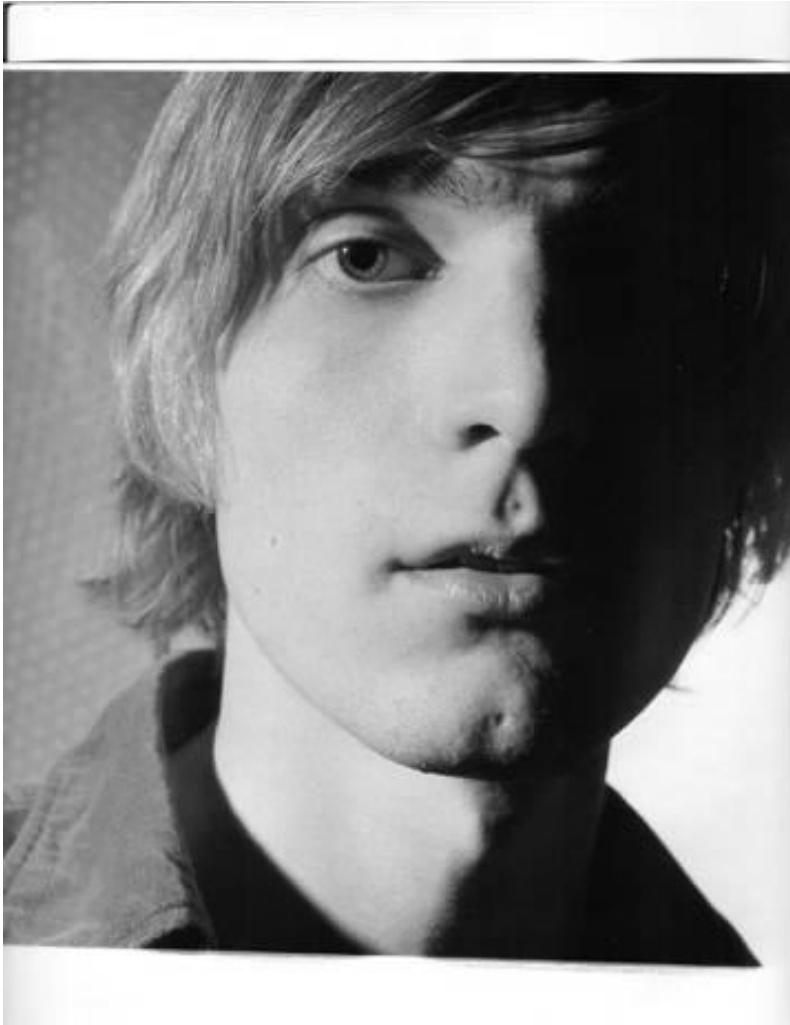


# Jeff Sackman, '01

- **Company: Tarkett Sports Indoor Flooring Solutions**
- **Title: Northeast Regional Sales Manager**
- **Previously:**  
**The Booking Agency Burlington, VT**  
**Booking Agent**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Prepare for an uphill climb because the music industry can be unforgiving. Keep your eyes and ears open and know how to communicate effectively and efficiently.”***



# Jason Bowers '03



- **Company:**  
**FineGold Productions,  
New York, NY**
- **Title:**  
**singer/songwriter/  
producer**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Being true to yourself,  
your ideas, and your  
IDEALS in every situation  
is your number one asset  
and makes you stick out  
in the crowd.***



# Justin L. Jones '13

- **Company:**  
**The Reality Of  
Yourself (T.R.O.Y)**
- **Title:**  
**Executive Music  
Management**



# Jay Jen-Chieh (許人傑) Hsu

'11

- **Company:**

**Taiwanese  
Professional Baseball  
Players Association**

- **Title:**

**Vice Director**



# Tara Franklin Houx, '03



- **Company:**  
**Overland Park Convention Center, Overland Park, KS**  
**(Global Spectrum property)**
- **Title:**  
**Sales Director**  
**(formerly Wedding and Sales Coordinator)**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Professionals in the industry are very impressed with the Entertainment Management degree program at MSU. It helped me land my dream job.”***



# Lisa Kelly and Tara Houx



**Lisa Kelly with Pitch Magazine**

**Dr. Rothschild**

**Tara Houx with the Overland Park Convention Center Summer 2007**

# **Nicole Rekowski '04 & Joey Rekowski '08**



**Nicole Rekowski, Anheuser-Busch, Los Angeles,  
Joey Rekowski, Incognitus, 2012 Olympics**

# Bob Nelson '02



- **Company:**  
**Scott Trade, Inc.,  
St. Louis MO**
- **Formerly:**  
**Meeting and Events Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“The old saying, ‘It is who you know, not what you know’ seems to be very true in our industry. Continue to network at every level through your college experience.”***



# Erica Schisler '03

- **Company:**  
**United Center, Chicago**
- **Title:**  
**Event Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Be willing to learn about all aspects of the entertainment industry. Be passionate about what you do, learn from those around you, and have fun.”***



# Matthew Phillips '13

- **Company:**  
**Fan Interactive Marketing**
- **Title:**  
**Sports and Entertainment Analyst**



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# Rebecca Hensel Elliot, CMP

**04** Company: **Visit KC**

- **Title: Convention Sales Manager at Visit KC**
- **Job Duties:**  
*Handling clients and helping to set up meetings for different associations across the country.*



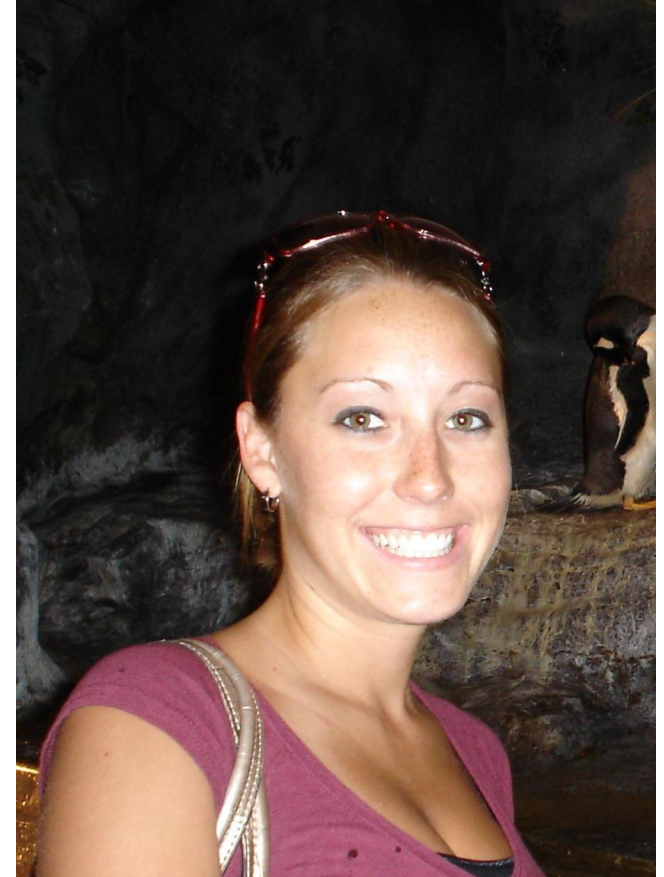
# Nicole Montgomery '04

- **Company:**  
**Fair St. Louis/Celebrate St. Louis...LIVE on the Levee**
- **Title:**  
**Event Marketing Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Always show the initiative. Initiative will take you everywhere you need to be in this industry.”***



# Denise Behlmann '05

- **Company:**  
**CBL Properties,  
St. Peters, MO**
- **Title:**  
**Customer Service Center  
Supervisor**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Write ‘Thank You’ cards  
and network. You may  
never know how or when  
you may cross paths with  
someone later in life.”***





# Jen Dunn '04

- **Company:**  
**Freelance TV Production,  
Nashville, TN**
- **Title:**  
**Production  
Assistant/Coordinator**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Always be willing to talk  
to anybody...you just never  
know who can help you  
learn something new or  
introduce you to your next  
friend or co-worker.”***



# Jason LoRusso '14

- **Company:**  
**U.S. Soccer**  
**Federation,**  
**Chicago, Illinois**
- **Title:**  
**Development**  
**Coordinator**



# Danielle Waggoner Long

**'03**

- **Company:**  
**Lifesong Church,  
Orlando, FL**
- **Title:**  
**Preschool Teacher**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***"There's a whole world  
awaiting you once you  
finish college. Your  
classes will prepare you for  
some things, but your  
experiences will be your  
best lessons learned."***





# Brent Owens, '06



- **Company:**  
**William Morris Endeavor,  
Hollywood, CA**
- **Title:**  
**Attorney, Non-Scripted TV**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Get involved with people  
and activities that are in  
line with your interests or  
desired career field. Do it  
as early as possible”***

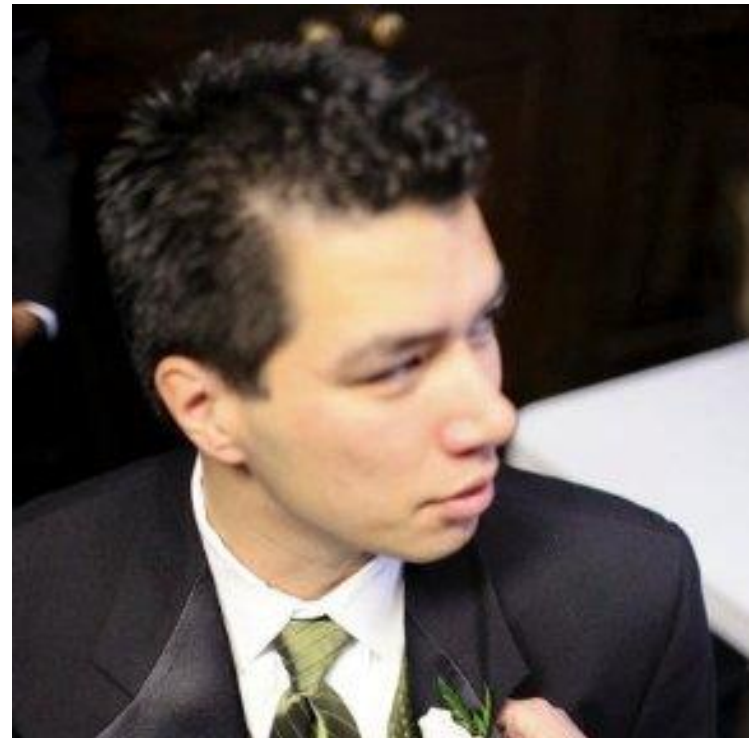
# Melissa Henderson Rea '05

- **Company:**  
**Primary Care Education,  
Springfield, MO**
- **Title:**  
**Project Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“In this industry, you’ll  
run into a roadblock  
almost every day – you  
must be able to keep  
your cool & solve any  
problem that comes your  
way.”***



# Chris Norman '06

- **Company:**  
**Central States  
Beverage Company**
- **Title:**  
**Events and  
Merchandising  
Manager**





# Rebecca Eakins '07

- **Company:**  
**Studio Talent Group,  
Santa Monica, CA**
- **Title:**  
**Talent/Booking Agency**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Internships are crucial,  
even if it is unpaid, it will  
pay off in the long run.”***



# Matt Patrick '03

- **Company:**  
**International Special Attractions, Ltd.,  
Branson, MO**
- **Title:**  
**Associate Producer**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***“Experience.  
One word of advice  
just doesn’t seem  
enough; there’s so  
much to learn and do  
everyday.”***

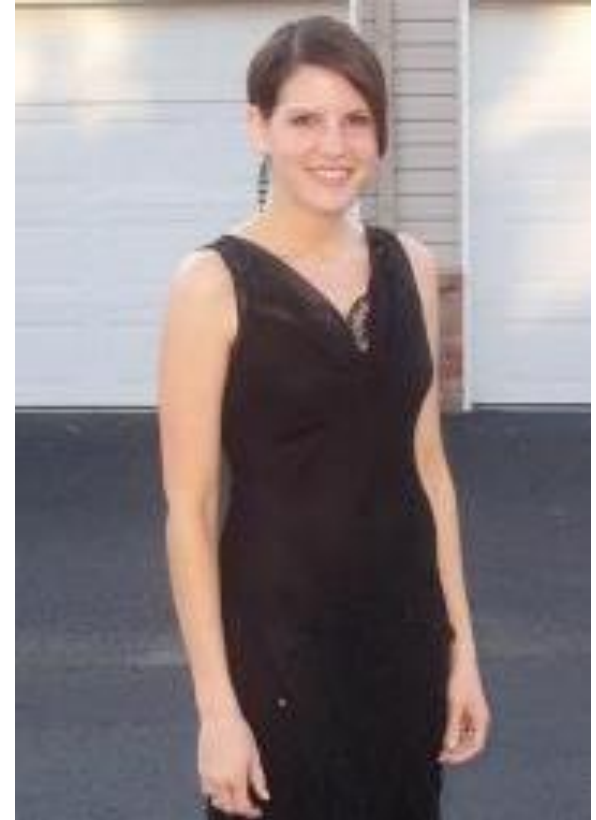


# Tara (Thompson) Stepp (’05)

- Hello Dr. R:**

**I am now working for Sony BMG / Provident Label Group as the National Promotions Marketing Coordinator. I am in charge of planning events for radio stations nationwide as well as touring with our artists on promo tours. Right now I'm working on an event for the Nokia Theater in Los Angeles featuring Michael W. Smith and Melinda Doolittle from American Idol. Should be fun! Hope things are going well in Springfield. I always enjoy getting the alumni updates - makes me proud to be a part of such a successful bunch!**

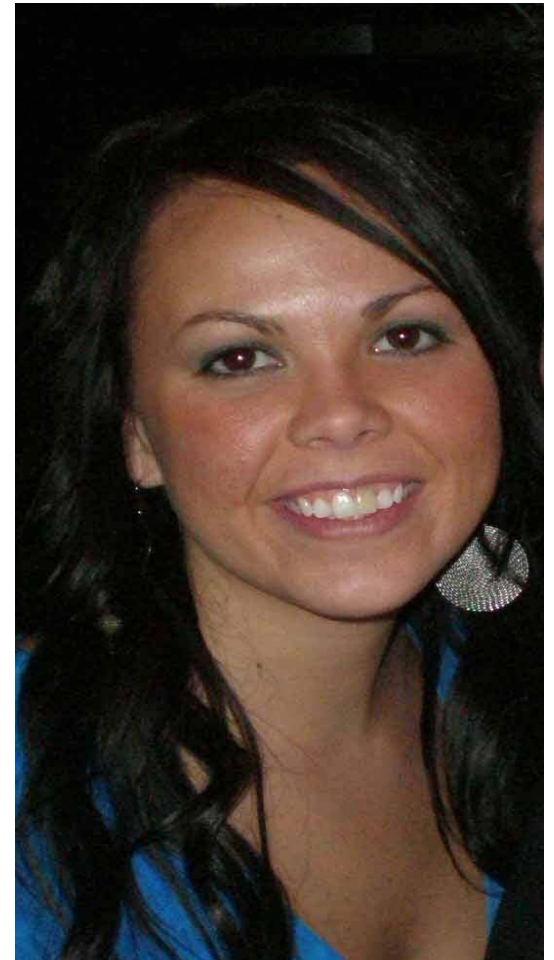
**Take care,  
Tara (Thompson) Stepp**





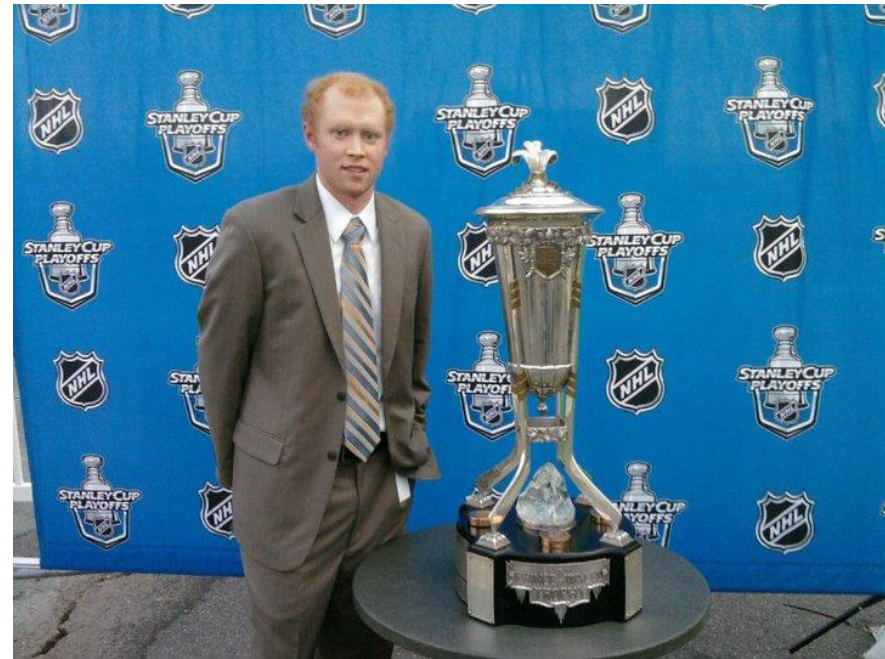
# Janelle Todd '06

- **Company:**  
**Missouri Grocers Association**  
**Springfield, MO**
- **Position:**  
**Communications/Event**  
**Coordinator**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
**Always follow through with**  
**what you say you are going to**  
**do and NETWORK, NETWORK.**



# Tyler Baldwin, '11

- **Company:**  
**Orleans Arena, Las Vegas**
- **Position:**  
**Arena Booking Manager**



# Ashleigh Middlebrook, '05

- **Company:**  
**St. Louis Cardinals**
- **Position:**  
**Event Staff  
Coordinator**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
**“Choose a job you love  
and you will never have  
to work a day in your  
life.” ~Confucius**





# Sarah Slaton, '09

- **Company:**  
**The Vinefield Agency, Denver CO**
- **Position:**  
**Artist Management & Booking**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
**If you truly want a career in the music industry, seek out any opportunities in your town to better your working knowledge of the entertainment field. Don't give up or limit your possibilities.**



# Jordan Spychala, '09

- **Company:**  
**LSI Industries**
- **Position:**  
**Sales Representative**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***Get involved and work hard. You'll be happy you did when you're applying for jobs in the future.***



# David Frick, '08

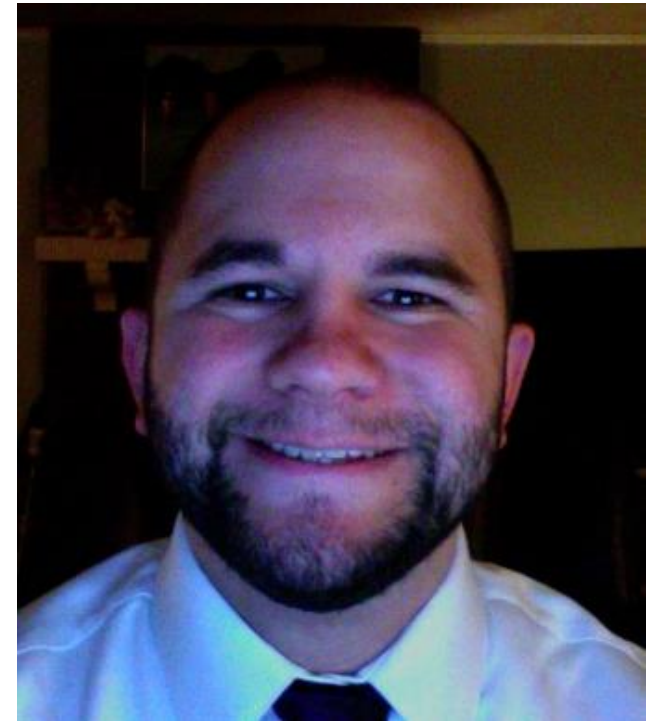
- **Company:**  
**National Ski Patrol**
- **Position:**  
**Marketing and Development Coordinator**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
**Get experience in your field in whatever way possible, paid or not. Experience is what everyone wants these days no matter who you are and sets you apart from the rest.**





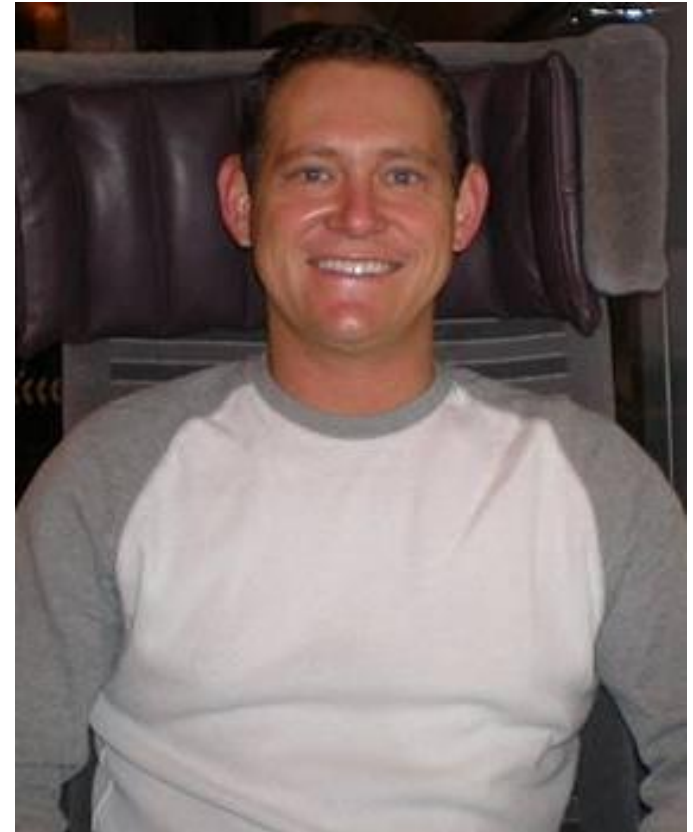
# Michael Rodgers, '08

- **Company:**  
**Hilton Hotels**
- **Position:**  
**Guest Service Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
*Figure out what kind of career or industry will make you happy. You must have a customer service geared mind. If you can't put yourself in their shoes, how will you be able to satisfy their need/want/desire? Finally, buy comfortable shoes, you will need them.*



# Jeff Scheidt, '03

- **Company:**  
**Expedia Inc**
- **Position:**  
**Marketing Manager- Las Vegas**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
**Learn as much as you can, use your networking opportunities, and be open to move locations. It'll open the world of opportunities and make for an adventurous time ahead.**



# Chad Collard, '02



**Company:**

**Tampa Bay Rays**

**Title:**

**Group Sales  
Manager**



# Joseph Philips, '11

- **Company:**
- **AEG**
- **Position:**  
**Executive Assistant to Matt Goss**
- **Words of Wisdom:**

***Anything is possible with the right amount of drive and work ethic.***

***Jump into anything you do with both feet and leave your comfort zone. You are the only person that can limit your possibilities. Nothing is a waste of time or energy as long as you learn from the situation.***



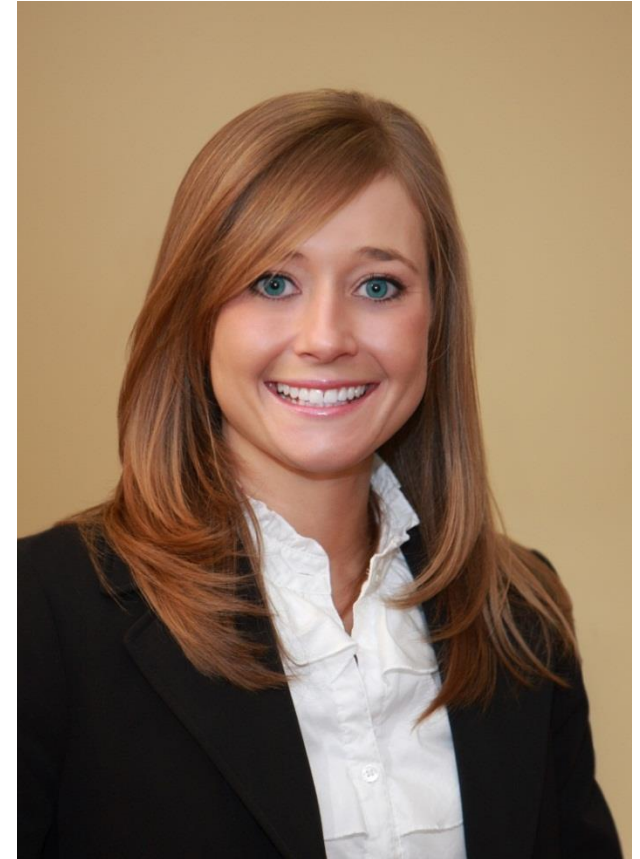
# John Bollinger, '10

- **Company:**  
**Kalamazoo Baseball**
- **Position:**  
**Assistant GM**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
**Reach out and get as much experience as possible during their undergrad. Even if they don't know exactly what career path they wish to pursue. Also, treat school projects like real-world work experience projects. Later, they can be used for resume builders.**



# Jennifer Wirtz, '07

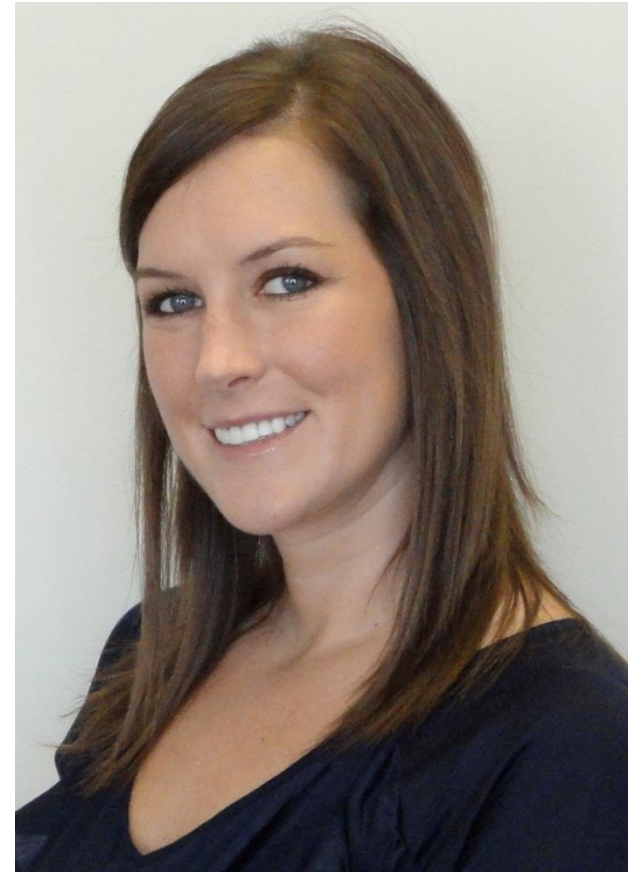
- **Company:**  
**St. Charles Convention Center**
- **Position:**  
**Event and Exhibitor Services Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***Be patient, be personable, and be reliable.***





# Julie Ellison, '08

- **Company:**  
**Maritz Travel**
- **Position:**  
**Destination Event Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***Don't take your time in college for granted, you will never be this young and this carefree ever again. Work hard, have fun, network and yes, it really is about who you know.***



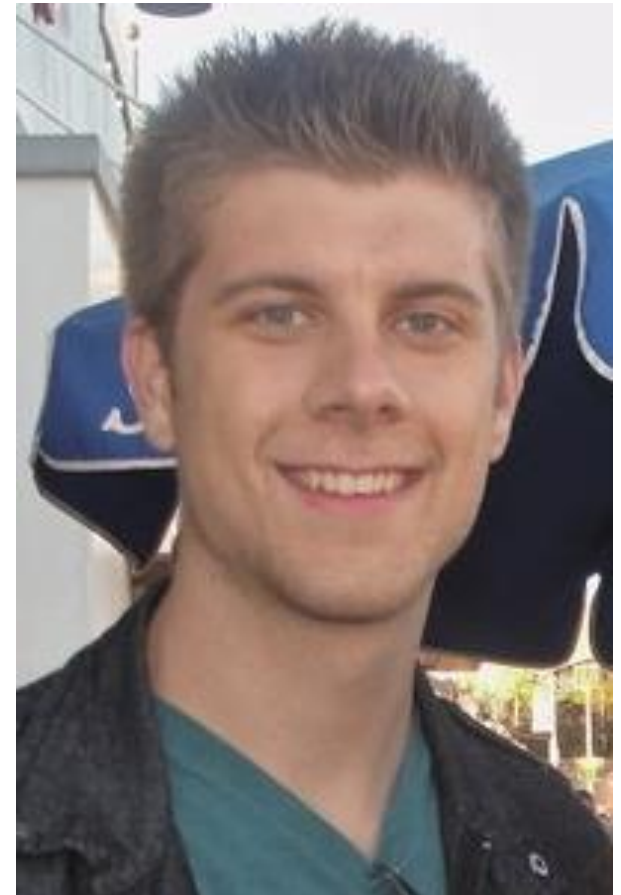
# Kacie Broadhurst, '08

- **Company:**  
**The Cynthia Woods Mitchell Pavilion**
- **Position:**  
**Social Media Analyst**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
***Experience is key! Volunteer for and participate in as many events as possible. Real hands-on experience will help you take what you learn in the classroom and apply it in real life. Employers love this!***



# Matt Long '11

- **Company:**  
**Munroe Music Management**  
formerly of  
**Red Light Management**  
**Hollywood, CA**
- **Position:**  
**Personal Manager**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
*"..get involved in their career path while they are still in school. Whatever your dream job is, go get an internship working for someone who is doing your that job."*





# Cassie Alsbach '09

- **Company:**  
**Closet Factory**
- **Position:**  
**Business Development Specialist  
and Advanced Designer**
- **Words of Wisdom:**  
*They need to think outside the box when applying for jobs. Planning events is part of my current job but it is not everything. You can get a healthy balance of 'business work' and event planning.*



# Stacie (King) White, '06



- **Company:**  
**Zuma Fun Centers,  
Wichita, KS**
- **Position:**  
**General Manager for  
All Star Sports**

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