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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

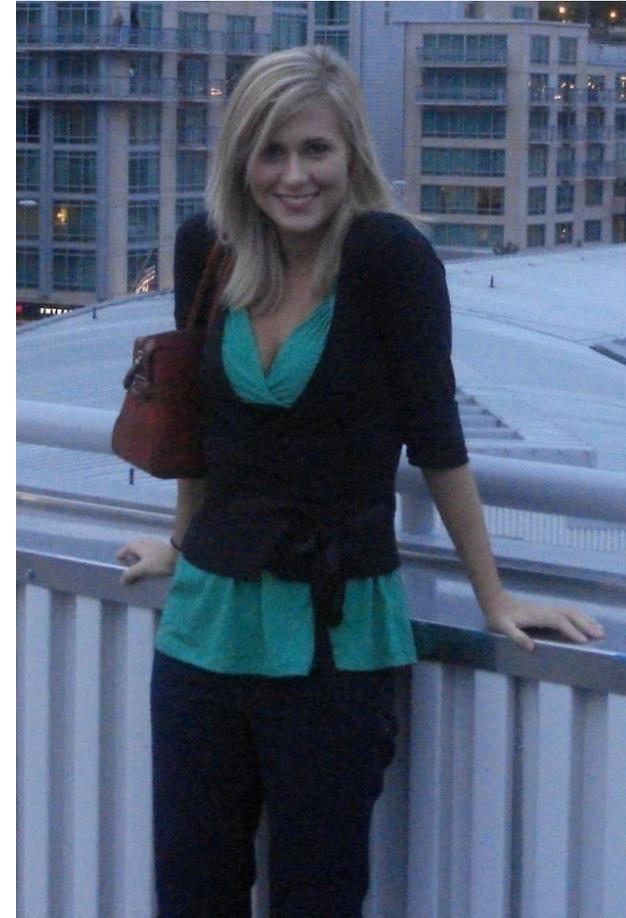
- **Company:**
J. Schmid & Assoc. Inc.

- **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.”



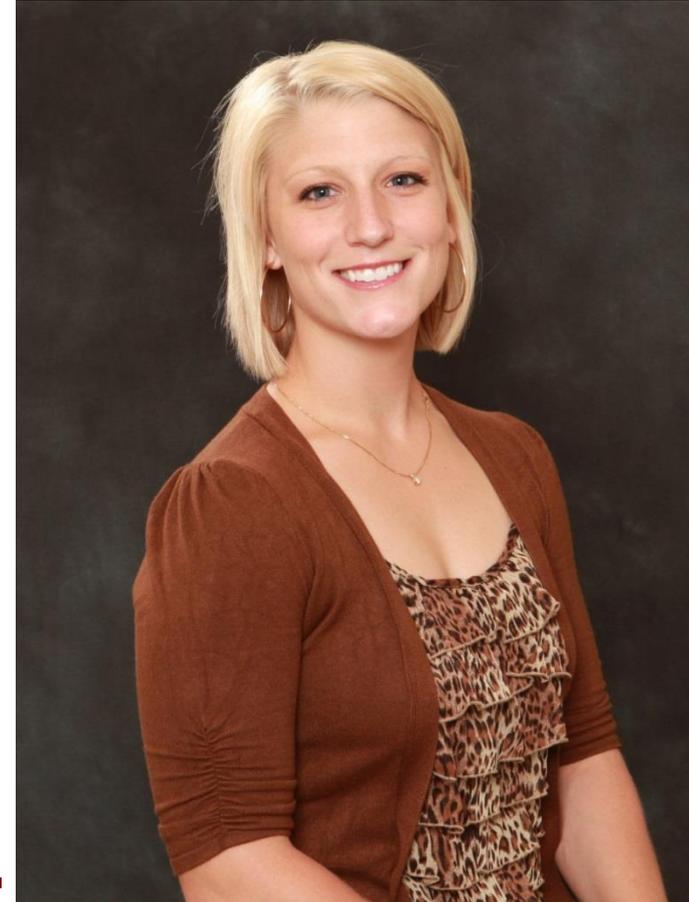
Denise Behlmann '05

- **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***



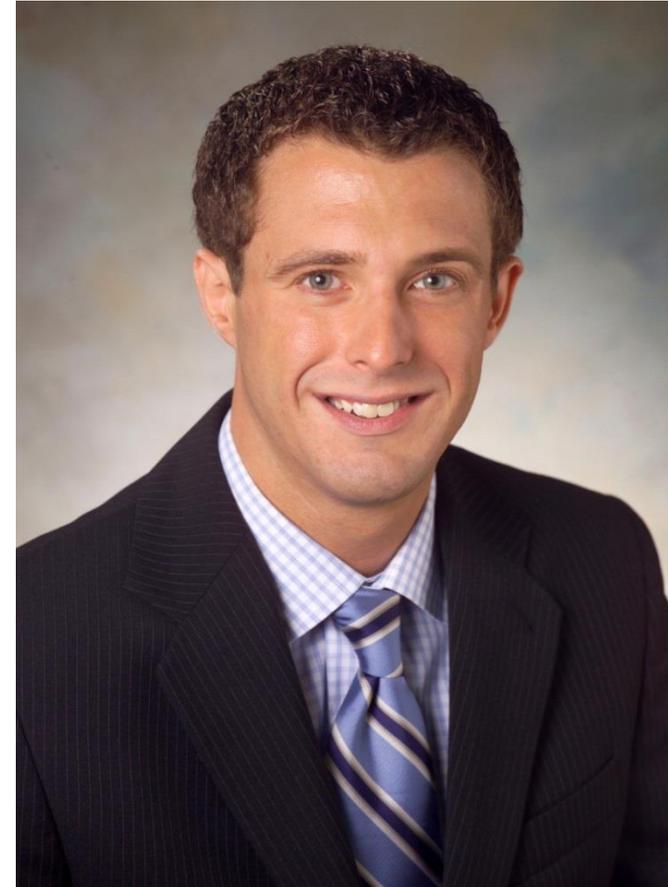
Laura Hoeflinger '09

- **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.



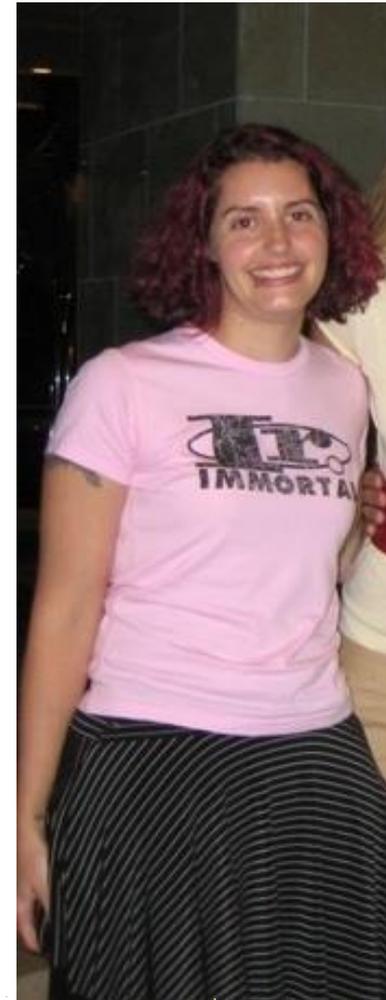
Christina Eller, '10



- **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

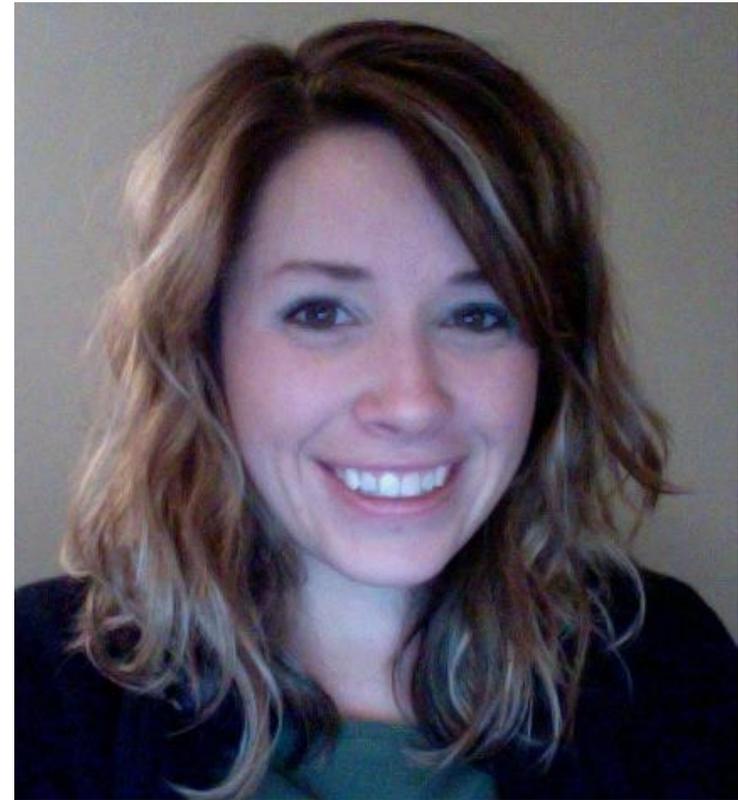
- **Company:**
Missouri Sports

- **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.

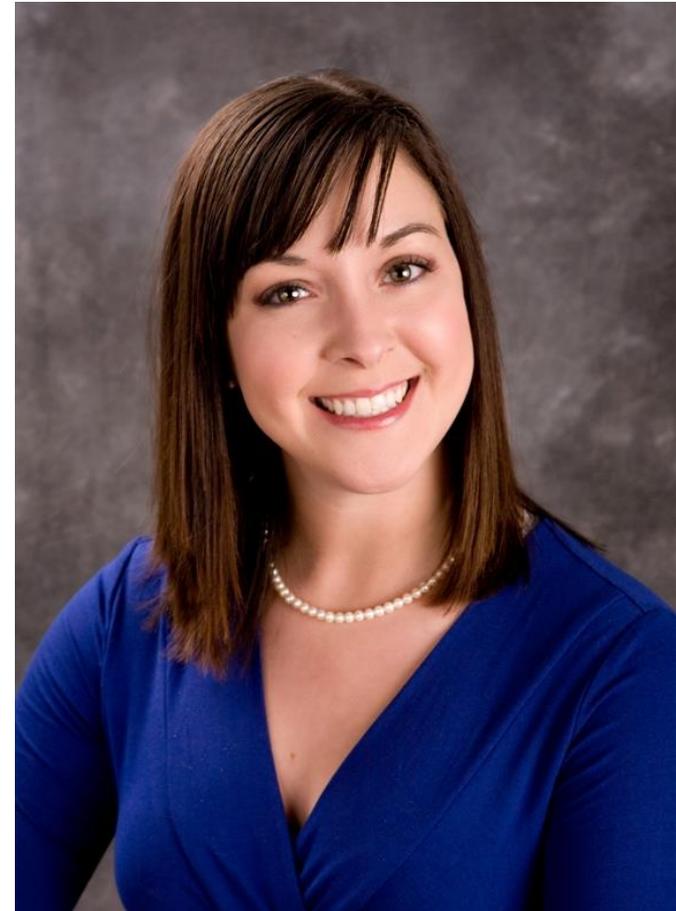
Matt Cunningham, '05

- **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.”

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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.”



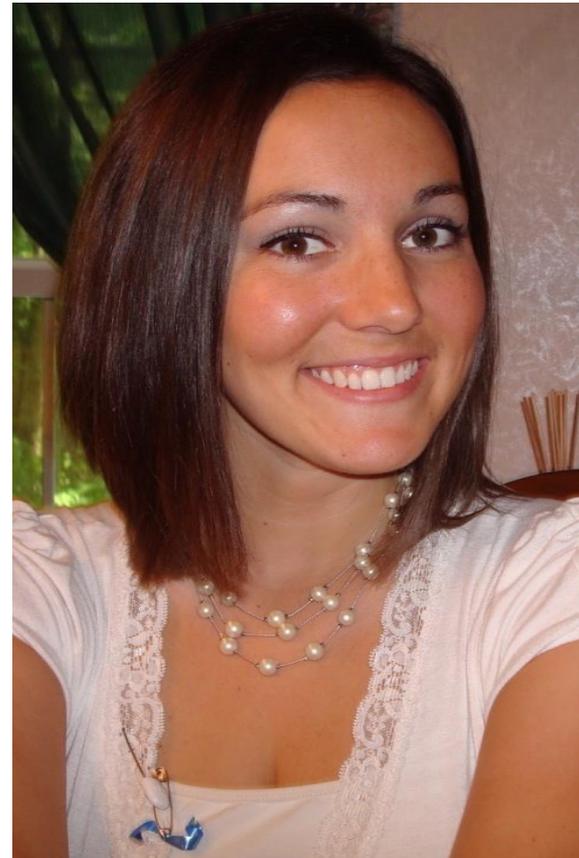
Christy McCouch '03

- **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

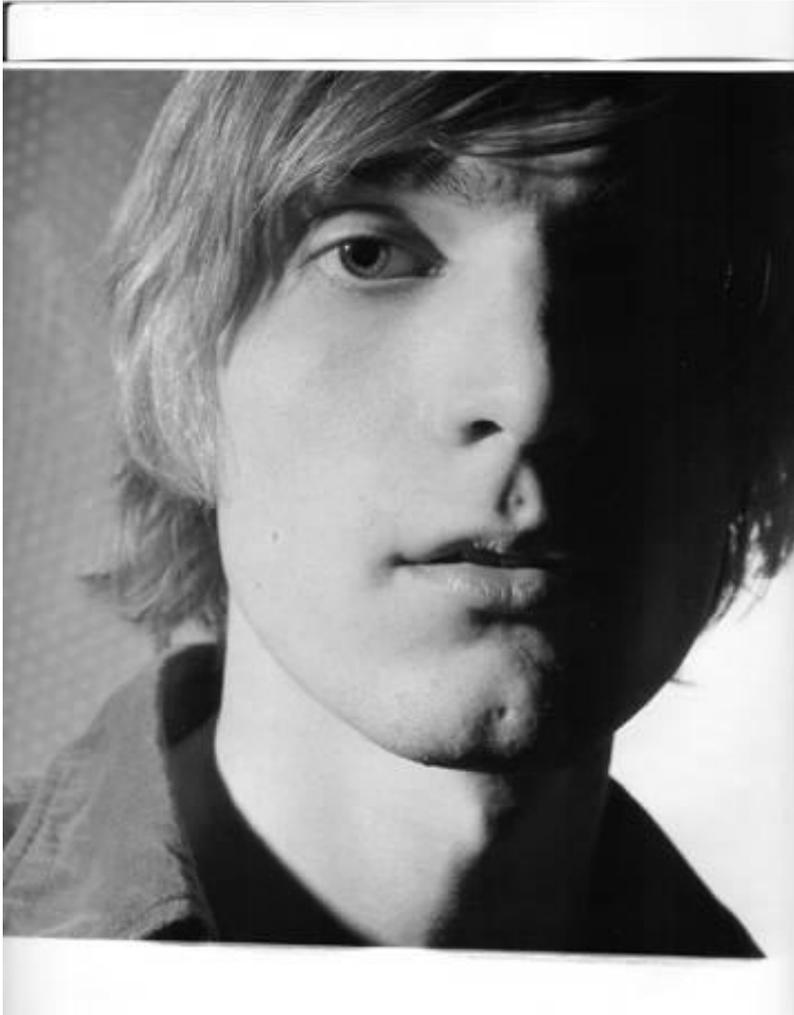


Jeff Sackman, '01

- **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



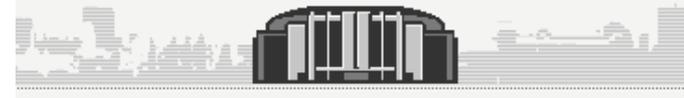
- **Company:**
**Scott Trade, Inc.,
St. Louis MO**
- **Formerly:**
Meeting and Events Manager
- **Words of Wisdom:**
“The old saying, ‘It is who you know, not what you know’ seems to be very true in our industry. Continue to network at every level through your college experience.”

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.”



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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.



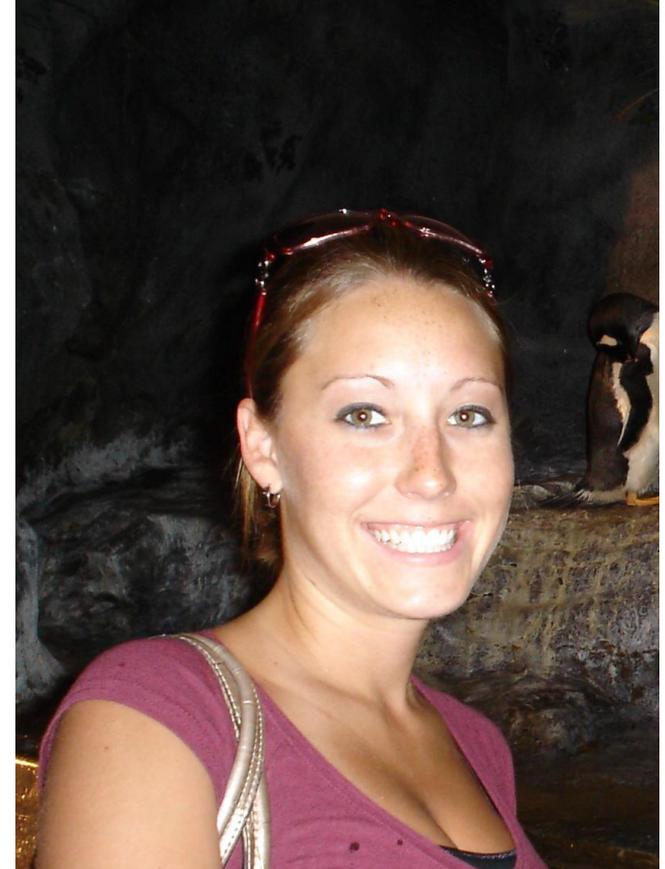
Nicole Montgomery '04

- **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”***

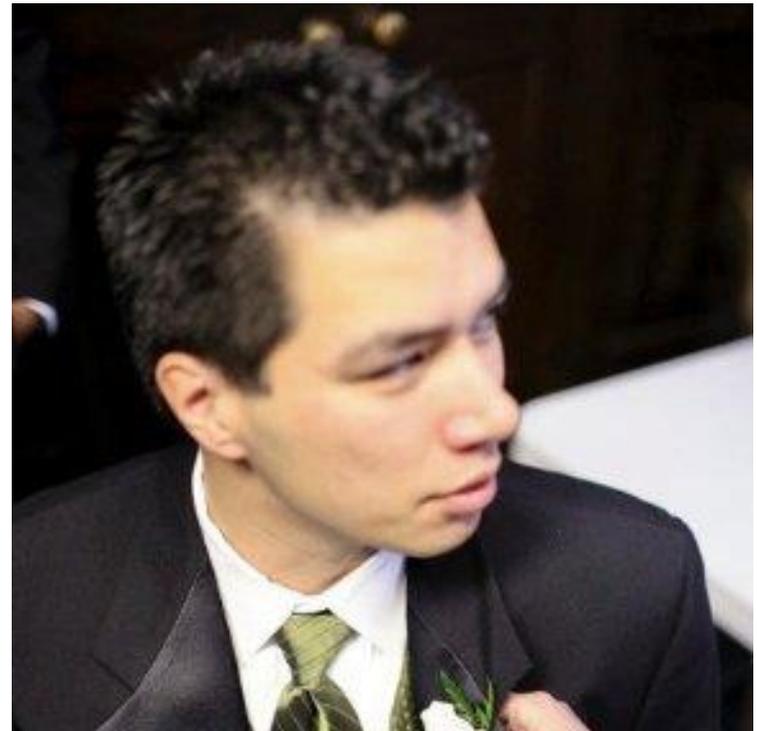
Melissa Henderson Rea '05

- **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

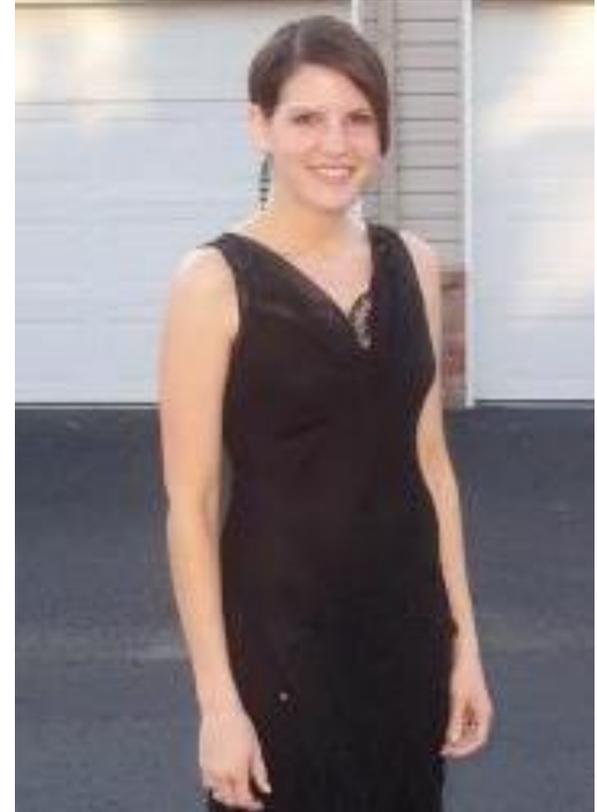
- **Company:**
**International Special Attractions, Ltd.,
Branson, MO**
- **Title:**
Associate Producer
- **Words of Wisdom:**
***“Experience.
One word of advice
just doesn’t seem
enough; there’s so
much to learn and do
everyday.”***



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**

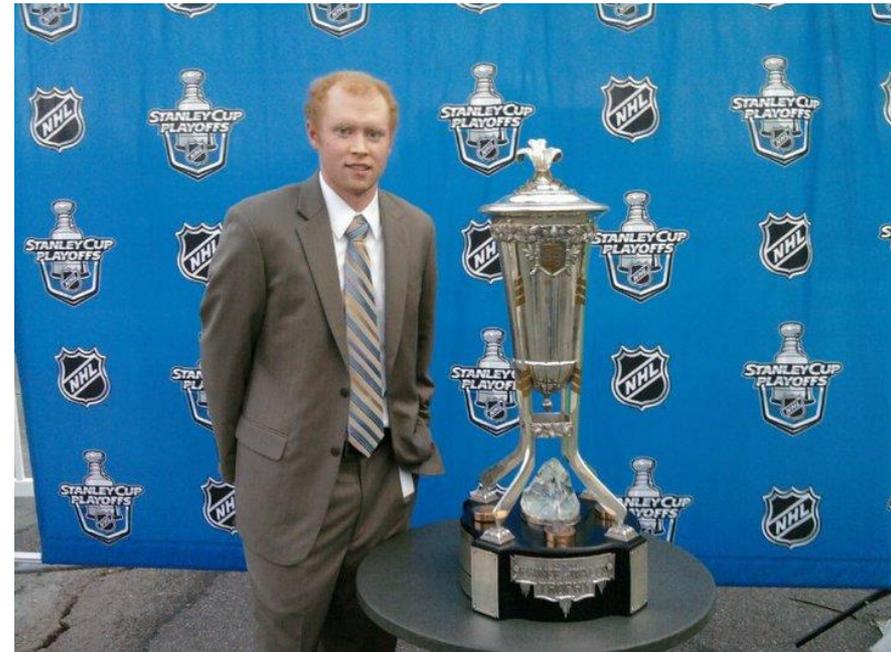
Janelle Todd '06

- **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.



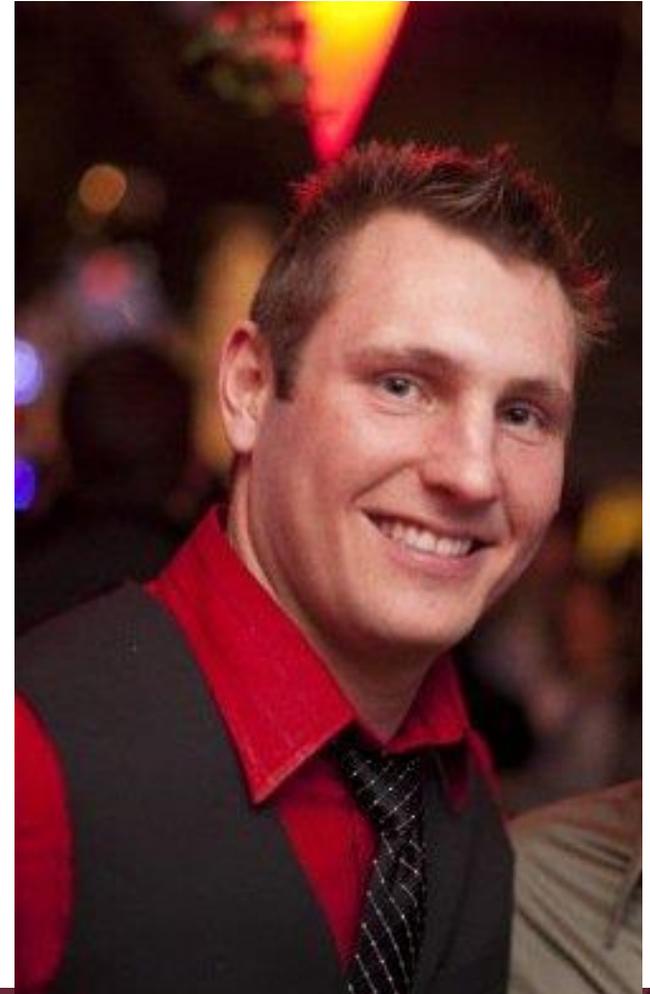
Jordan Spychala, '09

- **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:**

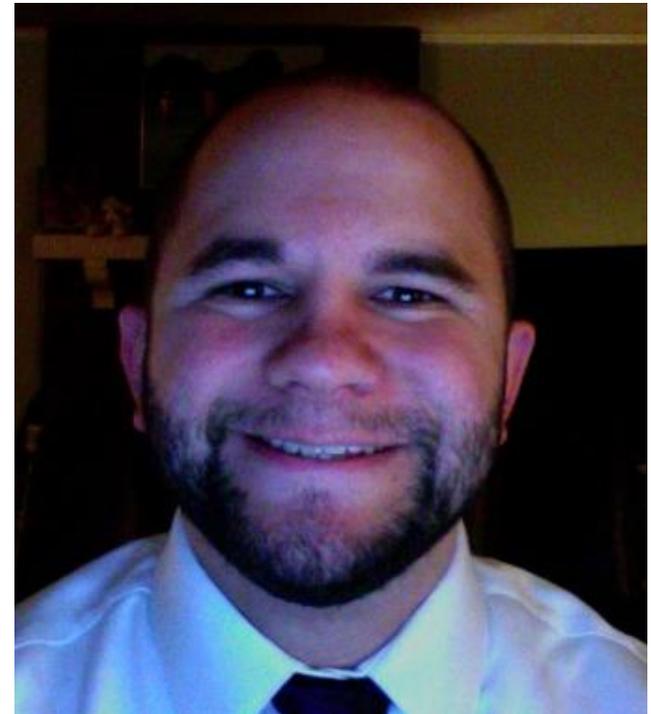
Hilton Hotels

- **Position:**

Guest Service Manager

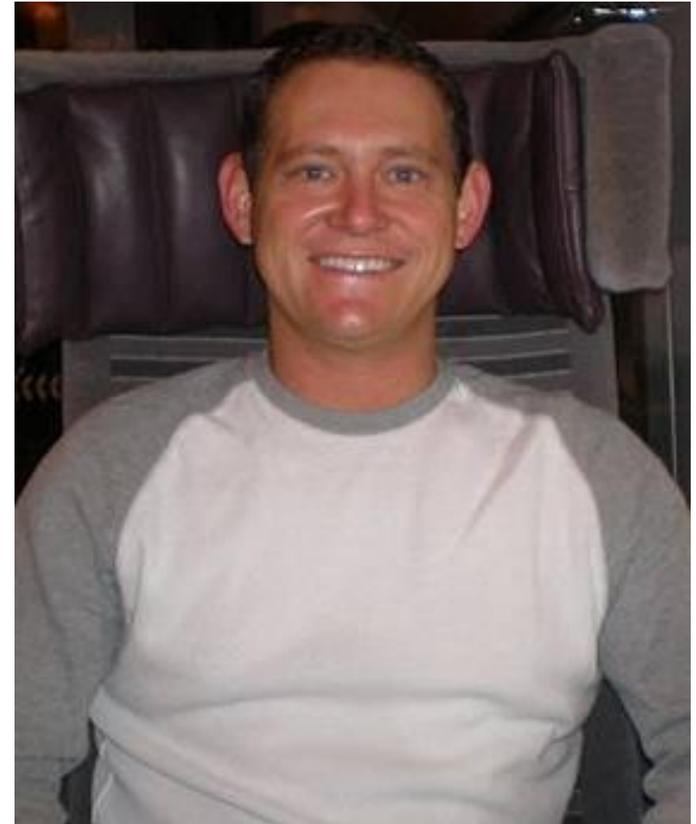
- **Words of Wisdom:**

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.



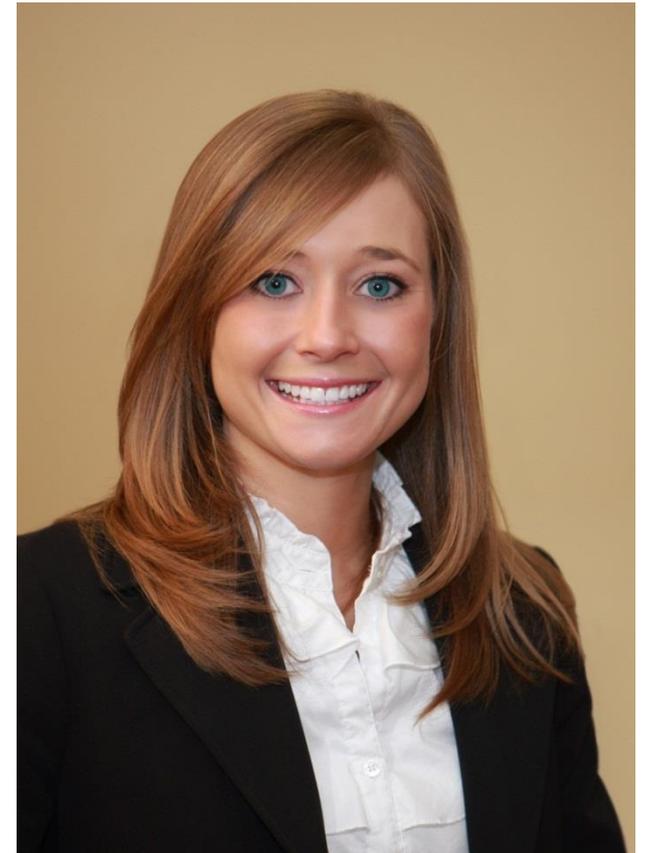
John Bollinger, '10

- **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.



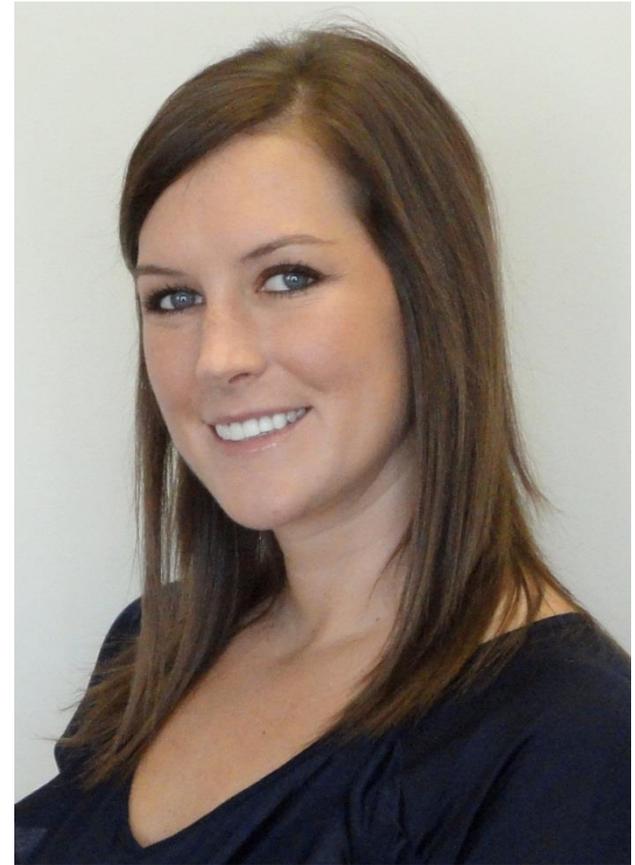
Jennifer Wirtz, '07

- **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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