Non-profit Founder Goes to Google

Moline Dastrup, ’11, International Business, is now an Enterprise Account Manager at Google. While at the Huntsman School, Dastrup co-founded Effect International, an organization dedicated to offering affordable education in India. At Google she will work with existing Google for Work customers on strategic integration of Google Apps and Chrome devices while running upsell campaigns for new products across the Americas.

“I’m excited to be at Google where I am surrounded by great minds and big ideas,” she said. “It’s an amazing opportunity to learn and grow while working for a company I admire.”
Carrying on the Huntsman Legacy

Kent and JoLyn Ure’s first date was to “study” at the old Merrill Library; they married four months later, and spent the next two years finishing their degrees. Kent and JoLyn graduated together, along with their four-week-old son, Joseph, in June of 1983 from the College of Business.

The importance of education and the Huntsman tradition continues for the Ure Family. Their oldest son Joseph graduated from the Huntsman School with degrees in International Business and Operations Management (he has since received an MBA from Northeastern University in Boston). Their daughter Celeste Campbell graduated with a degree in Marketing, and their youngest son Austin is a current student at the Huntsman School. Since Kent’s retirement from Milk Specialties Co. in 2011, the Ures have focused on philanthropic endeavors, including generous scholarships for other young married Huntsman students.
From New York to Seattle for Young Alumnus

Eric Levesque, ’12, Economics, recently changed jobs from being a junior analyst in the Corporate Ratings Groups at Standard & Poor’s in New York City, to being a research analyst in Alternative Investments at Russell Investments in Seattle. At Russell he is in charge of researching private equity and private debt investment opportunities to provide Russell portfolio managers and advisory clients with an active buy list of investment opportunities. “My role at Russell is intellectually challenging given the breadth of the investment strategies I cover and the global scope of the research,” Levesque said. “Having the strong analytical foundation I gained at the Huntsman School has been key to my success — whether it’s recalling lessons learned from Frank Caliendo’s Macroeconomics course or incorporating the regulatory and economic frameworks of the European Union I learned about as a Huntsman Scholar into an investment thesis, the skills I gained as a student continue to develop and give me an edge in my professional life.”

Eric and his wife, Shayly, are also proud parents of their 15-month-old daughter, Ellie.

Chair of Salt Lake Chamber Board of Governors

Terry Buckner, ’79, Business Administration, president and CEO of The Buckner Company, is the 106th person to serve as chair of the Board of Governors of the Salt Lake Chamber of Commerce. He will serve a one-year term as chair.

After assuming full control of The Buckner Company in 1992 from his father and uncle, Buckner made several strategic moves that allowed the company to experience explosive growth, propelling it to become one of the region’s largest independent insurance brokers.

One thing he says will help the Salt Lake Chamber in the coming year is to find the “common ground” to connect more people.

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