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Bangladesh during the course of his graduate work. He completed his Ph.D. in 1999. Rahim was a Visiting Assistant Professor at Knox College (1999-2000) and the University of Georgia (2000-2002). He has been Assistant Professor of Economics at Prairie View A&M University of Texas since 2002. In 2006 he received tenure at PVAMUT where he also serves as the Director for the Center of International Business Education.

**Pat Spangler, '03**, graduated with high honors from Chicago-Kent College of Law in May 2005. He works as an Associate for Vedder, Price, Kaufman, and Kammholz in Chicago. Pat specializes in the areas of employment litigation and employee benefits.

**Jennifer Van Dyke, '99**, is a manager with BearingPoint where she specializes in healthcare revenue management consulting. In 2005 she

obtained her Masters in Economics from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She currently lives in Chicago.

**Yuet Wei Wan, '93**, worked for Goldman Sachs for a number of years. She then took a position as a Vice President at Oaktree Capital Management in New York. Her position involved the emerging markets hedge, and she was responsible for the metals and mining, paper and steel sectors. Yuet is currently a Portfolio Manager with Caxton Associates. She manages a global, emerging markets focused, long short equities portfolio.

**James Yonker, '02**, is a financial advisor for Waddell and Reed in Oak Brook, IL. James has his Accredited Asset Management Specialist (AAMS) certificate and is working towards his Certified Financial Planner (CFP) certificate. He and his wife Lindsay have two sons, Jakob and Lucas.

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#### **Angela Agati**

Angela is from Chicago, IL and is double majoring in Economics and Business with a concentration in Marketing. She spent some of her time outside the classroom as a member of Sigma Kappa and working for the Career Center, where she is now the Internship Peer. Her favorite class taken here at IWU was Ceramics, followed closely by Race, Gender, and Discrimination taught by Professor Seeborg. After graduation she will be working for Protivi as a Business Risk Consultant in Chicago. In the future, she plans to get her MBA and eventually take over her father's furniture design company with her brother.

#### **Ben Burry**

Ben, from Trumbull, CT, is an Economics major who will be attending the University of Chicago Law School next year. Naturally, his favorite class on campus was Business 340: The Trial Class. He also enjoyed Senior Project with Professor Seeborg and working on his honors research project with Professor Chapman. Ben is a member of the Theta Chi Fraternity, the Park Place Economist staff, Titan Law Club, Omicron Delta Epsilon, and Phi Alpha Theta. Down the road, he would like to "own a large jungle cat" and live in San Diego, CA.

#### **Ian Cohen**

Ian is from Lake Zurich, IL and is majoring in Economics with a minor in Political Science.

His interest in Political Science was sparked by American National Government with Professor Shaw. Ian also enjoyed Intermediate Macroeconomics with Professor Mendez-Carbajo since he brought humor to economic theory in a way that Ian had not seen up to that time as an economics major at IWU. Ian is a member of the Alpha Phi Omega (APO) Leadership and Service Fraternity, Sierra Student Coalition (SSC), IWU University Choir, Varsity Swim Team, intramural softball and volleyball, and Park Place Economist staff, and he studied abroad through IES in London. He is currently applying for a full-time staff position as a financial/investment analyst with different companies in the Chicagoland area and hopes to obtain his MBA in the future.

### **Harley Culbertson**

Harley is an Economics and Political Science double major from Hinsdale, IL. She was a captain of the IWU Women's tennis team this year and the Risk Management Chair and President for Kappa Kappa Gamma. A large part of her research focuses on women's issues, and this interest was sparked while taking the Women in Politics class offered at IWU. Harley is going to be working at LaSalle Bank in downtown Chicago next fall and studying for the LSAT this summer. She hopes to attend law school in the next two years and become a lawyer in the future. Harley has really appreciated all the professors and people she has met while being an Economics major at IWU.

### **Stephen Donham**

Stephen, from Naperville, IL, majored in Economics with a minor in Hispanic Studies. He plans to attend law school with a focus in either finance law or environmental law. Stephen enjoyed Intermediate Macroeconomics and was a member of the Titan Law Club and GLACURH, and was a Titan Orientation Leader while on campus at IWU. Senior Project with Professor Seeborg was one of his favorite classes, and he also enjoyed the May Term trips he took that

helped him understand the field of Economics in a way that no text book could. His favorite quote by a professor was "Who yachts? I mean honestly, who here yachts?" by Professor Tennerelli since, as Stephen put it, "let's be frank, yachting is not a very common pastime".

### **Nick Galasso**

Nick is from Naperville, IL and is majoring in both Economics and Accounting here at IWU. Nick is also a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity, Titan Law Club, and Accounting Society. His favorite class was Money and Banking with Professor Chapman, but he also really enjoyed his Senior Seminar class, despite all its peaks and valleys, since it was very rewarding in the end. As for the professors in the Economics Department, he "highly doubts there is anyone who can replace such a fine caliber of professors when our current professors' respective times arrive to retire or move on". After graduation Nick plans on getting his CPA, going to law school, and finishing up with an LL.M. in tax in hopes of being employed and making money. In the future he wants to have a wonderful family and be able to look himself in the mirror when all is said and done and say he lived a good life. He also hopes someday to see the Cubs win the World Series.

### **Matthew Goergen**

Matthew is an Economics major from Woodridge, IL. He is a member of the Phi Gamma Delta Fraternity, a WESN Radio DJ, and participated in various intramural sports. His favorite class was Creative Writing. He also enjoyed the fact that "no matter how clueless you are on an economic topic, 'supply and demand' always passes as an acceptable answer". After graduation he plans to attend dental school to pursue a career in oral surgery. He intends to use his degree in Economics to understand his future endeavors since as Nicholas Chamfort said, "an economist is a surgeon with an excellent scalpel and a rough-edged lancet, who operates

beautifully on the dead and tortures the living”.

### **Steven Groetsema**

Steven, from La Grange Park, IL, is majoring in Economics with a minor in Spanish. This past year he was a captain of the IWU football team and a member of Phi Gamma Delta. His favorite class was US History Since 1877. Steven’s most memorable moment was turning in his Senior Project in Economics. Upon graduation he plans to work in commercial real estate in Chicago. He hopes that his career will allow him to be happy, be comfortable, and make enough money to buy a lakehouse and a boat.

### **Brandin Heidbreder**

Brandin is an Economics and Risk Management double major from Lincoln, IL. He was also a member of the Economic Society, Omicron Delta Epsilon, the Park Place Economist staff, Vice-President of the Risk Management Society, a Student Athletic Trainer, and a four-year member of the IWU football team. His favorite class was Sports Economics with Professor Tennerelli during which a class representative had to be chosen for the “Student-Professor Sports Challenge”. His favorite memory of the Sports Challenge was an impromptu footrace with Professor Tennerelli in front of Shaw Hall during class. Brandin won the challenge and earned the entire class extra credit. After graduation he plans to get his MBA, get a job in the financial services industry, and live a full and happy life.

### **Brian Jbara**

Brian is from Kalamazoo, MI and is a double major in Economics and English Literature. He has also been involved with the Economics Society, English Honor Society, Circle K, and Lacrosse. His favorite classes at IWU were Industrial Organization, Econometrics, and American Drama. He also has some good memories from the Economics Society movie and dinner nights at Dr. Seeborg’s house. After graduation, Brian is joining Teach for America

and will be teaching high school English in Las Vegas, Nevada.

### **Todd Kumler**

Todd is an Economics and Mathematics double major with a minor in Political Science from Elgin, IL. It should be no surprise that his favorite class at IWU was Mathematical Economics. Todd was also involved with Student Senate, the Economics Society, College Democrats, and an Economics Department Student Worker. After graduation Todd plans to get a Ph.D. in Economics with a concentration in Development Economics at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities or Columbia University. After that, he plans to become an academic economist or an economist with a development-orientated international organization.

### **Biniv Maskay**

Biniv is from Kathmandu, Nepal and majors in Economics with a minor in Business Administration. His favorite classes were Senior Seminar and Business Law. Biniv found Professor Seeborg’s laugh to be contagious and enjoyed visiting the ethnic enclaves with one of his classes. Biniv is very grateful for the opportunity to be a part of the IWU community and thanks everyone for the wonderful experience it provided. He hopes this experience will help him enter the financial services industry in the future.

### **Michael Trainor**

Michael, from Melrose Park, IL, majors in Economics and minors in History. He was also a member of the Acacia Fraternity and the IWU Karate Club. His favorite class was Public Finance with Professor Leekley. He was really glad to have received a good grade on his senior seminar paper since he was worried the entire semester that he was going to “fail”. Upon graduation he plans to move on to graduate school, marry his girlfriend, and find a job where he can make a lot of money.