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Larry Stimpert '80

Larry taught in the Economics and Business Department at Colorado College for 17 years. He then served as vice president for academic affairs at DePauw University, and is now the president of Hampden-Sydney College, the tenth oldest college in the country.

Tom Welge '92

Tom graduated from Washington University in St. Louis School of Law in 1995, and is licensed to practice in both Missouri and Illinois. He returned to his home in southern Illinois to join the family business in 1995, the Gilster-Mary Lee Corp. He is married to Tracy Pinks Welge (University of IL 1993, St. Louis University School of Law 1998), and has two sons. He serves on the boards of the Illinois Manufacturer's Association, the Illinois Manufacturing Excellence Center, and Buena Vista National Bank. Tom is an advocate of youth bicycling activities and the Director of Trips for Kids – River Ratz Cycling. He is also President of the St. Nicholas Brewing Co., a brewpub in southern Illinois with locations in Du Quoin, IL and Chester, IL.

Chris Dunlap '98

Since graduating from IWU Chris has received his MBA with distinction in Finance from the University of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, TX in December of 2016. He currently works in sales and distribution for American Funds in San Antonio.

Patrick Spangler '03

Patrick Spangler is Shareholder at Vedder Price PC, an international law firm headquartered in Chicago, where he practices labor and employment law. Patrick also serves as an author or editor of several publications, including Employee Benefits Law and ERISA Litigation, both published by Bloomberg BNA, and is a frequent speaker on labor and employment topics for legal industry groups. He married Kelly Green (Bus, '04) and they have two girls ages two and four and live in Arlington Heights, Illinois.

Todd Kumler '08

Todd Kumler joined Cornerstone Research, an economic and financial consulting firm, after finishing his PhD in economics from Columbia University, and is currently a manager in the firm's New York City office. At Cornerstone Research, he manages teams in conducting empirical and theoretical economic analysis in the context of complex business litigation. Lately, he has been working cases involving antitrust and consumer fraud in the pharmaceutical, automotive, and high-tech industries.

Stefan Stoev '10

Stefan is currently a sell side equity research analyst covering Spanish and Italian banks and is based in London, working for a company called Redburn.

Nikki Castle '15

Since her graduation, Nikki has begun working at a software company that provides a data science platform to clients, called Datascience.com. She is very enthusiastic about the relationship between economics and computer science. See her feature piece later in this issue.