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Melissa Arms Van Dyke, '99, is a Product Manager for Maritz Incentives. She manages the scoping, building, deploying, and marketing of new software products.

Pritam Banerjee, '01, earned a Masters in economics and diplomacy at Jawaharlal Nehru University in New Delhi in May 2003. He accepted a fellowship with the Confederation of Indian Industry, WTO Research and Consultancy wing, with Dr. T.K. Bhaumik. He began work towards a Ph.D. at George Mason University in Fall 2004. He spent Summer 2005 interning at the World Bank in Washington D.C. He says that the Econ department changed his life.

Chris Bisaillon, '93, is regional vice president of Van Kampen Investments in Lincoln Park, Illinois. He also is part owner of 3 different businesses: Thorne Concrete LLC, High Point Estates and Golf Club, and Bisaillon Excavating.

J.R. Glenn '05, has entered the Masters program at the Institute of Labor and Industrial Relations, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Fall 2005.

Paul Halley, '94, went on for an MBA at the Owen Graduate School of Management at Vanderbilt University, graduating in 1998 with a dual concentration in Finance and Telecommunications/Electronic Commerce. He now works for SAP America as a consultant. He is married to Diana Johnson Halley, '94.

Diana Imaka, '96, worked with the Latvian Privatization Agency, a company that worked with private investors interested in purchasing state-owned enterprises. Then, after an MBA at the City University Business School in

London, she became a business consultant with Deloitte & Touche in Latvia. She is still in Latvia, working now as a business consultant in a company in which she is a partner.

Mark Israel, '91, received a Masters Degree in Economics from the University of Wisconsin before working in the research department at State Farm for several years. Mark then returned to graduate school at Stanford University, where he earned a Ph.D. in Economics. He is now an Assistant Professor of management and strategy at Northwestern's Kellogg School. Mark came back to IWU in Spring 2003 to give our Omicron Delta Epsilon address.

Kara Lazarus Rocheleau, '95, is currently the Global Marketing and Communications Manager for American Medical Systems, Inc. Her responsibilities include the branding, positioning, and communication of medical devices around the world. She encourages IWU students to learn how to write because it will be critical to any job.

Rahim Quazi, '92, pursued graduate studies in Economics at Southern Illinois University until 1993, when he transferred to the Ph.D. program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. He also spent one year as a visiting lecturer for North South University in Bangladesh during the course of his graduate work. He has been Assistant Professor of Economics at Prairie View A&M University of Texas since 2002.

Max Proaño, '94, is the Senior Treasury Manager for the HBO Latin America Group. He received his Masters of Science and Information Assurance from Carnegie Mellon University in 1996.

Alva Winfrey, '00, received her Masters in

Urban Planning and Policy in 2002 from the University of Illinois at Chicago. She works for LaSalle Bank as a Project Specialist, researching, coordinating, and facilitating financial programs for low income populations and coordinating

fundraising campaigns for major non-profit organizations. She is glad she chose to study economics because it “gave her the tools to help others achieve a better quality of life.”

The Class of 2006

Brandin Heidbreder

Below we see a glimpse of this year’s Illinois Wesleyan University Economics major graduates.

Patrick J. Cinquegrani

Pat is an Economics major with a minor in Business Administration from Barrington, IL. At IWU, he was not only busy in the classroom, but was also a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity and played baseball for four years. Pat’s favorite class here at IWU was Managerial Economics and also thinks his class with Dr. Seeborg his freshman year was a “hoot.” After graduation, Pat plans on being the best at whatever he does, raising a big family, and retiring to Sicily or Colorado. At this point he plans on becoming a commodities trader. “The most important thing that I took away from econ after my four years is that I should get the most out of each day I am alive because, as John Maynard Keynes once said, ‘In the long run, we are all dead’.”

Jennifer Dawson

Jen is a double major in Economics and Business Administration with a concentration in Finance from Davis, IL. She cannot quite pinpoint a favorite class because she has “enjoyed many”. She was president of the Economics Society and Omicron Delta Epsilon, has worked with this publication, and has been actively involved with InterVarsity during her four years at IWU. After getting married this fall, she will be moving to Lafayette, IN where she will strive to “love well, laugh a lot, work hard, and not have any regrets”.

She would like to, someday, become a pilot on the side and travel to a whole bunch of places that she has never seen.

Matthew Demas

Matt, from Oak Park, IL, is a double major in Economics and Biology. Matt’s favorite class was Economics 100 with Professor Cring because Professor Cring made economics exciting to learn and offered his students chewing tobacco. When not in the classroom, he spent his time participating in IWU Men’s Club Volleyball, Violin, Orchestra, chamber music groups, Cross Country, and WESN radio. After IWU, Matt will be attending dental school.

Kathleen Frawley

Katie is an Economics and Political Science double major from Oswego, NY. Katie was a captain of the softball team and the co-president of the Student Athlete Advisory Council. Her favorite class at IWU was Econ Senior Seminar. Upon graduation, Katie will be attending graduate school at American University and looking for a job in the DC area.

Adam M. Gray

Adam is a double major in Economics and Computer Science from South Jacksonville, IL. Adam enjoyed taking Advanced Research Seminar because it allowed him to research and learn the material at a pace that is most comfortable to him. Adam is an active member of Economics Society and one of the founders of Sigma Theta Epsilon.