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Michael Almendarez, Pittsburgh Audit, has been promoted to manager at Deloitte Cayman Islands. He has worked on several hedge fund clients and is the central manager on their office's second largest revenue generating engagement.

Christopher Aquino, Buffalo Audit, received Niagara University's *2015 Excellence in Teaching Award* at the recent faculty Welcome Back Brunch. Candidates for the honor are nominated by their peers and chosen from a committee comprised of the award's last three recipients. As this year's awardee, Aquino will address first-year students at the new student convocation in September 2016.

Phil Beltz, Detroit Consulting, is the board president of the Columbus International Program. They bring international professionals into central Ohio for either long-term on-the-job training or short-term observational training.

Dusty Clintsman, Minneapolis Tax, was licensed as a CPA in Minnesota in September 2015.

Traci Cook, Tulsa Audit, has joined Ascent Resources as chief accounting officer. She joined American Energy Partners in April 2015 before Ascent Resources spun off from the company in August 2015. Traci is looking forward to building high-performing accounting teams, implementing systems and processes that integrate and analyze data across the organization that will be very beneficial as they separate their business and create a full-service accounting organization. Ascent Resources is an Oil and Gas company based out of the Oklahoma City area focusing on primarily the Utica and Marcellus shale.

Christopher Danusiar, Chicago Services, has completed a four-year assignment to design, build, and lead the EY Audit Transformation IT team. He will be moving on to an Assurance IT-wide role going forward with EY. Additionally, he has been accepted into Oxford University/Saïd Business School's Executive MBA-based program to earn a diploma in Strategy and Innovation in 2016.

Kimber Dorton, Detroit Services, was selected as executive administrative assistant to the Mayor of the city of Taylor, MI in February 2014. The interview was extensive and she credits her role as administrative assistant for the preparation of this new adventure in Taylor.

Kimber has been working in this position for the past 18 months and now serves on the core committee to the Taylor Farmers Market and the Taylor Winter Festival Planning Committee. She is the City of Taylor Representative on the board of Taylor Public School Foundation for Educational Excellence and she was appointed as the Champion Liaison coordinator on the Taylor Visioning Board for the City of Taylor and Taylor Schools partnership. She enjoys serving on all of these committees while representing her hometown.

Brian Felland, Chicago Tax, has been elected to the board of directors of Southport Bank in Kenosha, WI. Southport is a community bank with three locations in Kenosha County. Brian is currently working as a partner in the local CPA firm of Tirabassi, Felland & Clark. Brian is married to Bert Felland and they have two adult sons.

Doug Fox, Columbus Audit, married Kelsey Kirk on September 26, 2015 in Columbus, OH.

Vic Gallese, Irving Consulting, is working independently 20 weeks per year for clients including Deloitte. He is elated about this opportunity to work with Deloitte to assist retailers. Most of his work this year has been spent assisting with an outlet store retailer turnaround. He has been fortunate over the last four years to combine pursuit of his bucket list with the stimulation of strategic consulting.

Marshall Hillman, Dallas Audit, works in commercial real estate appraisal for Integra Realty Resources - DFW within the seniors housing and healthcare specialty practice group. He has been with the practice since May 2007 and became a partner in April 2014. He became a state certified general appraiser in 2011 and recently achieved the national MAI designation through the Appraisal Institute.

Chad Holtkamp, Chicago Services, wrote his first book, *Work Out, Pig Out: A Year of Losing Fat, Gaining Muscle, and Eating Lots of Ice Cream*. The book was published by Briefcase Media Group and is now available on Amazon via [paperback](#) or [Kindle](#).

Combining his love of food and fitness with his passion for writing, the book is a monthly chronicle of how he spent 2014 exploring the ups and downs of balancing diet and exercise – including what he ate, how he felt, and how he looked - along with over a dozen diet and exercise plans from a host of top health and fitness experts.

Jeffrey Hyland, Chicago Audit, is pleased to announce that he joined Berkeley Research Group (BRG) as a managing director on June 1, 2015. All the former members and senior professionals of his prior firm, Capstone Advisory Group, have joined BRG to create a separate restructuring business unit within BRG.

BRG is a global strategy and expert consulting firm having over 800 employees in 25 offices across four continents. Their restructuring vertical continues to focus on company-side and creditor-side representation of companies in financial trouble or who want to improve their profitability. He is excited about this opportunity that significantly expands their platform and industry vertical depth.

David Janiszewski, Minneapolis Consulting, is pleased to announce that his daughter delivered triplets three months early On May 5, 2014. They spent four months in the Minneapolis Children's NICU. They are now almost 18 months old and are doing great!

In the fall of 2014, David started a business in the fishing industry, RipaLip, which creates and manufactures the Marine Electronics Protection System, a way to cover, carry, store and clean expensive marine electronics. Since the launch, they have sold into 26 states, Canada and Australia. They are currently carried in three retail stores including Joe's Sporting Goods in Minneapolis.

Matt Kouri, Austin Consulting, is the chief executive officer of Mission Capital, a social venture and nonprofit strategic advisory services organization. Mission Capital is the product of a merger between Greenlights and Innovation+, an affiliate of Social Venture Partners International. Matt leads a team of 24 professionals working to solve big community and social problems by strengthening mission-driven organizations and injecting innovation and new forms of human and financial capital into the social solution ecosystem. Matt also recently received the Lifetime Achievement Award from the Austin, TX Ethics in Business organization.

Ronald Kremer, Cincinnati Audit, retired from full time teaching and teaches on an adjunct basis at Wright State University. He serves as volunteer treasurer for Maria Stein Shrine of the Holy Relics, treasurer for Mission of the Body and Blood (assistance to the people in Haiti), and current finance officer for New Bremen, OH American Legion Post 241.

He is also the co-chair of the WSU-LC community garden that raises garden produce for the local food pantries where they harvest over 2,000 lbs. of produce each year.

Leon Maginnis, Cleveland Tax, continues to consult in litigation support and complex business matters.

Bree Michelle, Chicago Advisory, married Patrick Ryan in Faribault, MN on September 19, 2015. Bree gave birth to a baby girl, Millie Josephine, on September 19, 2014 and they are expecting their second baby in March 2016.

Adam Miller, Chicago Consulting, embarked on a career as a doctor, enrolling in Northwestern's Feinberg School of Medicine. He has just completed his first year in practice as an orthopaedic surgeon with Beacon Orthopaedics in Cincinnati, OH. Adam has completed a fellowship as a foot and ankle subspecialist after completing a year in Baltimore. He looks back at his time with Deloitte fondly and would enjoy catching up with colleagues and alumni.

Cy Nelson, Minneapolis Audit, lives in Decorah, IA where he is the producer of shell eggs for the consumer market.

Neena Newberry, Houston Services, is the founder and president of Newberry Executive Solutions. She had a packed fall speaking lineup, including Rackspace's Global Women in Leadership Summit, Bell Helicopter's Women's Leadership Forum, Slalom Consulting's Women's Leadership Network, the National Association of Women MBAs National Conference, Xerox's International Women's Conference, Goldman Sachs Women's Career Strategies Initiative and the Women's Global Leadership Conference in Energy.

She is an executive coach, author and speaker based out of Dallas, TX who specializes in working with high-performing women leaders. At last fall's Stevie Awards for Women in Business, she took home four honors, including Gold awards for Female Entrepreneur of the Year and Mentor or Coach of the Year.

William O'Connell, Dallas Advisory, completed a 12-day tour in September 2015 of Europe following the WWII path of the Band of Brothers. The Band of Brothers was a WWII paratrooper group – Company E, 501 PIR. The company was made famous by the Stephen Ambrose book and the HBO miniseries, *Band of Brothers*. It was a very memorable, historical trip filled with memorials, period paraphernalia and moving stories of courage and sacrifice.

Michael Platz, Detroit Advisory, is the managing director for the Detroit office of RGP (formerly known as Resources Global Professionals).

Greg Post, Dallas Consulting, is the vice president of Upstream at Waterfield Energy. He will be responsible for leading the upstream practice area from a product development and product management stand point.

Frank Russo, Houston Advisory, has been appointed as the group head of Internal Audit for Noble Group, a publicly listed company on the SGX and headquartered in Hong Kong. He will be based out of Stamford, CT. He will be responsible for all internal audit activities for this global commodity supply chain management company with extensive operations in Asia (including China), the U.S. and EMEA.

Michael Scata, Denver Audit, is the president and CFO of ZeoThermal Technologies LLC.

Joshua Scheid, Grand Rapids Audit, and his wife Kathryn, had their first child, Miriam Artel Scheid, on August 20, 2015.

Lee Scott, Houston Services, is in school for IT Data Analytics. He is in his junior year and will be graduating with a Bachelor of Science in Information Technology with a minor in Data Analytics.

Crystal Shin, Dallas Audit, joined Goldin Peiser & Peiser, LLP as a hybrid manager in audit and CFO advisory group. She is very excited about this new opportunity.

Jasjit Singh, Chicago Advisory, was appointed by the White House as a member of the President's Advisory Council on Faith-Based and Neighborhood Partnerships. The White House press release can be read [here](#).

Neeraj Tripathi, Dallas Consulting, is the vice president for Global QA at Infor.

Marcel Walker, Pittsburgh Services, is an illustrator, comic-book creator, graphic designer and photographer and has worked on numerous projects since leaving Deloitte. His recent freelance work includes artwork for Chutz-Pow! Superheroes of the Holocaust, a comic-book and companion art exhibit for the Holocaust Center of Greater

Pittsburgh, and being the lead artist on Comic-Tanium! The super materials of the super heroes, a youth-in-science exhibit sponsored by the Minerals, Metals & Materials Society.

His work was featured through September and October in the exhibit Drawn in Pittsburgh at The ToonSeum, Pittsburgh's Museum of Cartoon Art. Additional artwork will be featured in two new exhibitions in November: The Art of Blogging at Most Wanted Fine Art in Bloomfield, and Exposure: Black Voices in the Arts at the Pitt University Art Gallery. He's also working on volume two of the CHUTZ-POW! comic book as lead artist and graphic designer, which should be available in late November and hopefully even more great things lie ahead in 2016!

Trigg Watson, Dallas Consulting, left Deloitte to become a professional magician. In just the few months that magic has been his full-time occupation, he has been named by his peers as Dallas's 2015 Magician of the Year and has performed across the country for private and corporate bookings in Chicago, Atlanta, Indianapolis, Kansas City, DC, San Francisco, and LA. This summer he was one of five stage magicians to represent the United States in the World Championships of Magic held in Italy. He has been seen on the hit cable TV show 'Don't Blink' on POP. If that wasn't enough, he just had his first major network television appearance on Penn & Teller's reality show 'Fool Us', which features up and coming magicians performing for the established Vegas duo.

With his past experience at Deloitte, Trigg has a unique edge when it comes to performing at corporate functions and events. He continues to perform at learning programs and conferences for many corporate clients. He says, "Half the fun for me is finding ways to use magic to illustrate key messages that a business might want to share with its audience. Magic can be a great tool to engage people and help them look at their own businesses in unique ways."

Martha Wentworth, Indianapolis Tax, is a judge in the Indiana Tax Court, appointed in 2011. On October 9, 2015, Judge Wentworth received the Randall T. Shepard Excellence in Pro Bono Award - the highest award given for a career of pro bono service. She is the immediate past Chair of the Indiana Pro Bono Commission, serving from 2012 - 2015. As Chair, she dedicated herself to understanding and improving delivery of pro bono and civil legal assistance.

Referenced in the nomination for the award was Judge Wentworth's work with another task force she chaired that created Rule 6.7 requiring reporting of pro bono hours and donations during annual attorney license registration. Judge Wentworth traveled extensively to educate attorneys about the new rule and made the case for support to the ISBA House of Delegates in 2014.

L. C. Williams, Houston Advisory, is the chief strategy officer at The Ionado Group, Inc. He will use a 20-year career in information technology and professional services to implement leading edge industry practices and his diverse background in security, energy, trading, accounting, and risk management will aid in setting the growth agenda in the years to come.

The Ionado Group is a cyber security and emerging technologies consultancy based in Chattanooga, TN serving clients in energy, petrochemicals, healthcare, and the public sector.

Trent Williams, Dallas Consulting, is pursuing a Ph.D. in strategic management and entrepreneurship and recently started a full-time position at Syracuse University after working as a visiting assistant professor at Indiana University for a year. He draws upon his experiences at Deloitte and often hears of students who are interested in pursuing a career in consulting.

Robyn Wingard, Columbus Audit, graduated with a Doctorate degree in nursing (DNP) last spring and is now on the faculty at the University of Cincinnati teaching future advance practice nurses as well as advanced practice nurses at Cincinnati Children's Hospital Medical Center. He is grateful for his career in accounting and is proud of his accomplishments.

East

Vijay Balasubramaniam, Parsippany Consulting, is the lead business manager for a large technology group within the Corporate & Investment Bank at JP Morgan.

Christopher Bennett, Miami Consulting, completed the '24 Hours of Triathlon' ultra event on August 14, 2015, which is rated one of the Top 10 toughest in the world according to Active.com. The event was an activity for the Tri2MakeADifference group that he started to help everyday people pursue athletics to benefit causes of interest to them.

On the professional front, the Citywide Wireless Program which his team manages was named 2015 finalist in the ICT Innovation Category by the National Association of State CIOs (NASCIO). Citywide Wireless is a part of the overall portfolio of technology innovation and investment that he manages for the Government of the District of Columbia.

Satyam Bheemarasetti, Jersey City Consulting, founded NeoSilica, that pioneered IIoT+Cloud+Analytics based technology solutions for smart grid, solar, smart buildings, and smart cities. Their core team has international experience from hardware design to software to deploying to meet unique needs of enterprise customers in these complex markets. Their solar solution was deployed on a 10MW canal top solar plant in India in 2014 that stood in 'Top 100 Infrastructure Projects 2014' by KPMG. NeoSilica also deployed smart grid in Tata Power (Mumbai).

Kyle Bowman, Atlanta Advisory, co-founded the company *Evermore*, which was the website platform for a pretty neat nonprofit event called *48 in 48*, where 48 websites were built by volunteers for 48 Atlanta nonprofits. This got a lot of press and had a lot of influential people involved.

Paul Chen, Rosslyn Consulting, is working as the IT director with the U.S. Military Entrance Processing Command. He decided to go back to the federal government after 15 years with the government and one year at Deloitte.

Ben Chu, Atlanta Tax, moved to California to work at Google in Silicon Valley for five and half years where he met his wife, Chiharu Iijima, who is also a Deloitte alum. They have two kids and are expecting a third.

Ben moved back to Atlanta last year to take a job as CFO of 1-800Courier/A-1 Express. They were recognized as the *#1 Fastest Growing Private Company in Atlanta* in the *Atlanta Business Journal's* Pacesetter awards. He thanks Deloitte for providing him the best place to start a career!

Cynthia Cohen, Miami Consulting, is the founder and president of Strategic Mindshare. She was also elected to the board of overseers of Boston University.

Dolly Daniell, Orlando Audit, met with various insurance underwriters in London, England. The highlight of the trip was a meeting with Lloyd's of London CEO, Ms. Inga Beale, as well as a VIP tour of Lloyd's of London.

Tiffany Dcunha, New York Consulting, has successfully transitioned into her new role in Deloitte Australia, in the HRT- Enterprise Applications service line, one month after leaving her role at Deloitte U.S. This transition has given her an exciting opportunity to explore a new city, Sydney, while still working with an organization she's passionate about.

Heidi Douglas, Boston Consulting, wants to share a recent [article](#) in the *Hartford Business Journal* about the company, she co-founded and chairs, Loon Medical.

Alan Goggins, New York Audit, is a partner in the law firm Barnes, Richardson & Colburn, LLP. His practice includes import/export issues and international trade. His most famous case involved Christmas and other holiday sweaters and apparel, where he successfully obtained reclassification of such apparel as festive or holiday articles.

Brian Jagan, Tampa Consulting, is the senior director - IT business process for Cott Beverages, Inc. He is responsible for developing a Project Management Office (PMO) to manage and prioritize projects, standardize processes/procedures, while leveraging IT as necessary to accomplish corporate and business goals.

Karen Kay, Atlanta Consulting, and **Rob Kay, Atlanta Consulting**, proudly announce the birth of their son, Ethan Robert Kay on October 10, 2015. Both the mother and baby are doing well and the Kay's are overwhelmed with love.

Jeff Kline, Atlanta Consulting, is the co-founder and CEO of an early stage healthcare technology company called HanGenix. They have a patented technology that uses ultrasound to make sure healthcare workers are washing their hands when they are supposed to in hospitals and other healthcare settings. They have issued patents, a published clinical study, successful hospital trials, and a very experienced management team. They are actively looking to raise capital with a goal of commercializing in Q1 2016.

Michael Kraai, Parsippany Audit, is the owner and operator of a microbrewery in Pine Island, NY called Kraftify Brewing. He adds, that he had the privilege of spending two years of his public accounting career at Deloitte in the Parsippany, NJ practice. He found the experience at Deloitte very beneficial and enjoyable but realized that he was not hard wired to be an accountant. In short, his career can be summarized as CPA to Brewmaster.

He wanted to share his story with the Deloitte networking group to remind the younger professionals that beginning a career at Deloitte fosters confidence and skills that can ultimately lead to success in many different career paths, including brewing beer. He also wanted to express gratitude for the opportunities he had at Deloitte and to the partners who help to steer such a successful and thriving company.

Paul Lacy, Wilton Tax, and his wife Kazuko spend their winters in Scottsdale, AZ and summers in Flagstaff, AZ. They enjoy emails and visits from their two sons and their daughters.

Doug McAlpine, Atlanta Tax, was elected as president of the Georgia Chapter of the AAA-CPA. He will serve as president of the organization for a two-year term. Founded in 1964, the AAA-CPA's purpose is to protect the rights of those duly qualified to practice as both attorneys and certified public accountants as they see fit, be it law, accounting or both. Today this organization not only continues to protect these rights but offers an array of products and services to help members succeed in their practice such as networking and referral opportunities; national, chapter and regional meetings; and continuing education credit.

Doug joined Hoffman & Associates in 2013 bringing over 30 years of experience in the areas of income tax planning and compliance, probate, small business formation and estate planning with a special interest in estate planning for blended families. Doug is licensed as both an attorney and certified public accountant in the state of Georgia. Currently Doug is a member of the Georgia Bar Association, the Atlanta Bar Association, and the Georgia Society of CPAs. He is admitted to practice before all courts in Georgia, the United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia, and United States Courts of Appeals for the Sixth, Ninth and Eleventh circuits.

Dave Nakashian, New York Consulting, is the head of strategic planning at David Yurman. On the personal front, he was recently married.

Zsuzsa Palotas, Philadelphia Consulting, and her husband, **Marat Mamedov, Philadelphia Consulting**, along with her brother-in-law, started a new venture, Boardroom Spirits. Their company is a full-scale whiskey, fruit brandy, and vodka distillery and barrel house outside Philadelphia. The business name is a collective play on their consulting backgrounds. They seek to combine European heritage and distilling traditions with the American innovative spirit.

Gilbert Raker, Philadelphia Consulting, after his retirement in 2009, started a private company that currently finances inner-city healthcare clinics and a group that he's a member of is about to launch a financial services provider and processor for the medical marijuana industry.

John Rogener, Jersey City Consulting, completed his executive coaching certification from New York University. Having 30 years' experience in the financial and professional services sectors, he has begun building his practice coaching executives in various financial services organizations.

Fernando Salon, New York Advisory, is a senior expert in risk management, internal audit, and fraud, having more than 25 years of experience in the international financial sector, in commercial and development banks and in international organizations. He is currently in charge of internal audit of the pension fund of the United Nations based in New York. After many years, Fernando still has Deloitte in his heart.

Piyush Singh, Philadelphia Consulting, was blessed with a baby boy, Ishaan, born in May 2015.

Martin Somelofske, New York Consulting, is the managing director at Pearl Meyer, specializing in executive compensation.

Katie Weiser, Atlanta Services, has received her professional certified coach designation from the International Coach Federation and is currently the owner of Katie Weiser Coaching in Augusta, GA. She helps professionals who are at a crossroad in their career and need advice on how to move forward. She has also just published a video course on the Top 20 Job Interview Questions and has published a six part audio series on *Thriving in the Midst of Change*.

West

Teresa Chen, San Jose Tax, is running a licensed child care center in the San Jose evergreen area. They have programs for children from 2 - 12 years old.

Shawn Gong, Los Angeles Advisory, joined NantMobile as a product manager in Culver City, CA.

Gino Grilli, San Jose Tax, is pursuing his M.A in International Affairs at the Johns Hopkins University Paul A. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). His studies have two concentrations, Strategic Studies and International Economics. In this two-year program, he is spending the first year at SAIS Europe in Bologna, Italy and the second year in Washington, D.C.

Cheryl Moore, San Diego Audit, will join the New York Genome Center (NYGC) as president and chief operating officer in January 2016. She will assume responsibility for all business functions of the NYGC, reporting to and partnering with Robert B. Darnell, MD, PhD, to set overall strategic direction and make key business decisions for the organization. She will join the Genome Center in January and will be elected to its board of directors.

Arturo Noriega, San Francisco Advisory, has founded and is leading a non-profit organization called Centro Community Partners. They were a finalist in the Google Impact Challenge in the Bay Area out of more than 800 organizations. They were awarded a \$100,000 grant to further the work in providing entrepreneurship education, financial literacy, and access to capital to under-served low income women and minorities through their mobile technologies.

He adds, the training and experience he gained at Deloitte was among the best in his career and he has put that knowledge and experience to work advising under-served entrepreneurs in the Bay Area and now globally through their mobile apps.

Walt Sharpton, San Francisco Consulting, joined Omada Health's strategy and business development team. Omada Health is pioneering the field of digital behavioral medicine by developing innovative, scalable, and cost-effective online behavior change programs that address the nation's growing epidemic of chronic disease. The company's flagship program, *Prevent*, is based on guidelines published by the CDC's National Diabetes Prevention Program (NDPP), and has been shown in a clinical trial to help people lose weight and positively impact the risk factors that contribute to type 2 diabetes and heart disease.

Teresa Stafford, Orange County Tax, moved to San Francisco and joined an accounting and tax technology company where she leads a team of engineers and designers who are developing the next generation of cloud based accounting and tax software for millennials and free thinking professionals. They are creating an intelligent platform that will learn the user's behavior that is intuitive and incentivizes transparency and collaboration rather than autonomy and competitiveness.

Additionally, she's taken her experiences from WIN and leveraged those into a thought leadership position on women's advocacy and CSR initiatives across the board. She has been a guest speaker at Salesforce Foundation and other charitable giving and CSR events in San Francisco as a result.

She adds that she owes Deloitte for the steep learning curve and she prides herself on the professionalism and the high standards she was taught, but also how to be fair and thoughtful in a business environment.

Michael Van Horn, Orange County Services, along with fellow alumni **Ash Henry, San Francisco Consulting**, and **Tal Shalit, San Francisco Consulting**, form the management team at Betterez, a Software-as-a-Service firm focused on the travel and multi-use ticketing industries. The company is entering its fifth year and is continuing to grow nicely, on-boarding new customers, adding to its advisory board and striking channel partnerships, most recently with Trailways Transportation System.

They continue to utilize the experiences they gained at Deloitte in their new endeavors and make a concerted effort to stay in contact with fellow alumni.

Lou Weller, San Francisco Tax, has continued working as a tax and real estate lawyer post his retirement. He invites former Deloitte colleagues to visit him in Sausalito literally on the dock of the bay.

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