



## News about you

### Central

**Emily Degan, Chicago Advisory**, launched her new apparel brand, *Saint Hugh*. The brand seeks to overcome gender disparity in hunting apparel by offering quality and style for women, empowering them to feel feminine and comfortable.

**Brian Derksen, Dallas Services**, wishes to share the good news of the birth of his sixth grandchild in July 2016.

**Brett Frevert, Omaha Audit**, is the managing director at CFO Systems. CFO Systems has been ranked one of the nation's fastest-growing private companies in *Inc.* magazine's Annual Inc. 5000. Brett feels that this is a testament to their amazing network of colleagues, clients, and trusted advisors.

**Paula Grendys, Pittsburgh Consulting**, has joined IQ Inc. as a business development manager. Prior to joining IQ, she was the global customer service and support manager for a small manufacturer, and has over 20 years of experience.

**David Janotha, Chicago Consulting**, recently started a new company, Cadazl Advanced Analytics, LLC, to provide leading edge advisory services to hospitals.

**Antonio Martinez, Denver Services**, joined The Real Dill, a local artisan pickle company based out of Denver, CO as production team member. He always had a passion for the food industry and this was the perfect opportunity for him. He was recently promoted to kitchen manager where he oversees the production team and manages day to day operations.

Antonio is very thankful for the learning opportunities he had at Deloitte that he is applying in his new role.

**Therese Marz, Detroit Audit**, is now the business manager of Loyola High School in Detroit, MI, a school developing 'men for others' in the Jesuit educational tradition.

**Jimmy Miner, Chicago Tax**, is working at JL Properties, Inc. and its affiliate entity First Alaskan Capital Partners to assist with the management of the portfolio including both real estate and non-real estate assets. Prior to this, he pursued his MBA from Leeds School of Business focused on real estate and venture capital.

On the personal front, Jimmy and his wife are expecting a new addition to their family in February 2017.

**Edward Mitchell, Columbus Audit**, started a new job in August 2016 as corporate controller at Technical Rubber Company.

**Colleen Murphy, Cleveland Audit**, is very proud of her daughter who has accepted a position with Deloitte & Touche LLP in Seattle as an audit intern.

**Brad Noel, Minneapolis Audit**, became the chief financial officer for Norfolk Iron & Metal headquartered in Norfolk, NE in March 2016. Norfolk Iron & Metal has been a family run business for more than a century and has evolved into one of the industry's largest and most technologically advanced carbon steel service centers.

**Carolyn Ou, Chicago Consulting**, has taken on a full-time role as associate director of leadership development for the part-time MBA program at the University of Chicago, Booth School of Business. She continues to do the same satisfying work that she has been doing for the past eight years, running her own executive/leadership coaching practice, Sandbox Consulting. She designs and delivers innovative leadership content and coaching, as well as taking on strategic and operational projects.

**Don Rudolph, St. Louis Audit**, has been promoted to CFO of AVMATS in Chesterfield, MO.

**George Scott, Austin Services**, was appointed to the Federal Accounting Standards Advisory Board in Washington, DC with his first five-year term beginning January 1, 2016. His role involves financial reports, which include financial statements prepared in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

**Ola Smith, Detroit Audit**, was appointed as chair of the accountancy department at Western Michigan University on July 1, 2016. She was also appointed to the AICPA Board of Examiners and the Michigan State Board of Accountancy.

**Matthew Stenger, Denver Tax**, continues his passion for client service as a real estate broker in Greater Denver. He is also a motivational coach and his longer term plans include building a conglomerate of small businesses and ventures that are fundamentally good for people.

**Teri Stoddard, Chicago Audit**, has lived in Knoxville, TN for the last 24 years where she has been an active member of the community. She is current support staff at The Food Donation Connection, volunteer treasurer for The Point, and the financial director for the local chapter of Thrivent Financial. She also serves as a Member-at-Large on the Board at Grace Lutheran Church.

**John Vande Guchte, Grand Rapids Tax**, joined a small wealth management firm, Strategies Wealth Advisors, in August. They work with individuals to develop comprehensive financial plans that help them meet their goals while minimizing income taxes and reducing their stress levels as much as possible.

John believes that Deloitte was a phenomenal place to begin his career, develop as a professional, and meet amazing people. He formed friendships with people throughout the organization that will last a lifetime. He adds, "Thank you, Deloitte, for introducing me to my wife and so many friends, and for helping me build the foundation upon which my professional career rests!"

**David Walsh, Dallas Consulting**, is the vice president of technology at Hagggar Clothing. He is responsible for all aspects of IT operations, cyber security, and transformation projects for the wholesale, retail, and e-Commerce channels. After leading an effort to transform the systems and process for Hagggar's supply chain, he set in place the capabilities to get to a projected 12% reduction in inventory. As a result of this and other successful projects, David is a finalist in the Consumer Goods Technology publication's annual *Dick Clark Supply Chain Award*.

**Kirby Warnock, Dallas Services**, was recently featured in an article in *The Dallas Observer* about the city of Dallas' efforts to recognize its historic ties to the Texas blues. Even though Austin is now known as the live music capital of Texas, Dallas has a very deep and colorful history with Texas music. He is currently heading an effort to erect an artwork honoring Dallas' guitar greats, Jimmie and Stevie Ray Vaughan.

**Sara Wegmann, Minneapolis Services**, recently launched *CareerPrep*, a coaching and training firm that helps college students launch successful careers.

**Jim White, Minneapolis Consulting**, received his PhD in Applied Economics from the University of Minnesota and was hired by the University of Wisconsin, River Falls to teach in the Agricultural Economics/Agricultural Business department. He teaches courses in professional selling, strategic management, finance, entrepreneurial management, among others. The ability to bring in real-world experiences has helped him connect with students in ways his colleagues may not be able to.

The transition to the life of an academic was not easy, as going back to school after 20 years was a little daunting, but it is a rewarding application of the knowledge and experience of his Deloitte and corporate years. He conducts research on cooperation-based business models and capital expenditure decision-making processes, among others.

**Sibyl Wilson, Detroit Services**, published her first book, *If I Didn't Live It, I Wouldn't Believe It!* in August 2016. The book is the first in a series chronicling funny family antics. The next book in the series is expected before Thanksgiving 2016.

She holds degrees from The University of Michigan Ann Arbor and Wayne State University. Her passions are writing and education. She served for seven years on the Board of Directors of Bradford Academy in Southfield, MI and will become president of Michigan Parent Teacher Association (PTA) in July 2017.

## East

**Ralph Alberti, New York Advisory**, and his wife moved to Yarmouth Port on Cape Cod in Massachusetts and lived in the same post and beam Cape Cod style home for 18 years. They recently sold the home and will be moving to a townhouse type condominium in November. He set up a subchapter S corporation in August 1996 and did three to four assignments a year to keep busy but gradually grew tired of traveling and disbanded the company in June 2006. Since then, he learned how to do low relief wood carving and from 2013, has been an instructor for the Yarmouth Senior Center. He made quite a bit of nice furniture for his three sons and their families when he first set up his wood workshop.

**Yesmin Aponte, Parsippany Tax**, is now a senior director of global compensation and tax administration for MSI Global Talent Solutions.

**Raymond Bantum, Baltimore Audit**, is the president of Bantum Consulting Services in the Baltimore/Washington, DC area which provides financial grants and contract management services to federal and state contractors and grantees. Currently he works with Native American tribes all over the U.S. helping them to be compliant with their federal grants and contracts.

**Amy Bennett, Atlanta Audit**, transitioned on August 1, 2016 from Cox Communications to Cox Automotive as senior manager, internal controls governance for U.S. based operations. She is based in Atlanta.

**Thomas Bonney, Philadelphia Audit**, is the founder and managing partner at CMF Associates. CMF Associates has been nominated as a finalist in three categories for the annual M&A Advisor Awards — the premier group recognizing M&A and private equity firms.

**Jack Chowske, Jacksonville Consulting**, has four grandchildren. They make him feel younger as he is living with two of them.

**Marley Cohen, New York Audit**, is now a senior manager of corporate accounting for Time Inc. On August 27, 2016 in Springfield, NJ, she married David Tannenbaum, a current manager, Deloitte Consulting LLP, in New York. The couple spent their honeymoon in South Africa and Seychelles.

**Mary Beth Costantino, Parsippany Audit**, recently joined the Walmart Chile team in their financial controls and compliance group. Prior to this, she completed a two-year GDP in Audit Consumer Business in Santiago, Chile.

**Dean Dreibelbis, Philadelphia Consulting**, completed his tenth year with SAP America's Custom Development organization as a senior project manager and has earned certifications as PMI's PMP and ACP, PSM I, MCTS Project. He has five grandchildren (three of whom were born in the last year) and reports that life is good!

**Mercedes Falcon, New York Deloitte Advisory**, joined the forensic and valuation team of Grant Thornton in San Francisco as an experienced manager.

**David Furth, New York Consulting**, is president and founder of *Leap the Pond*, a company focused on providing accounting solutions for growing organizations. *Leap the Pond* was recently named as the Value Added Reseller (VAR) of the Year, for the period ended June 30, 2016 by Intacct. He started *Leap the Pond* nine years ago during which time the company implemented Intacct's cloud-based financial management and accounting software at more than 250 organizations across many industry segments, including software and technology, professional services, biotech, healthcare and financial services.

**Alan Goggins, New York Audit**, for more than 25 years, has been a customs and international trade attorney at Barnes, Richardson and Colburn, LLP, where he has handled all aspects of importing and exporting.

**Jill Grant, Washington Tax**, has had an exciting first year with her business, Gillian Valentine, where the focus is event planning for nonprofits, development consulting for nonprofits and logistics for sporting events. She is still keeping in touch with her Deloitte colleagues and continues to seek their counsel.

**Dominick Jones, Rosslyn Deloitte Advisory**, along with some of his college friends, started an endowment at the University of Southern Mississippi that ignited a philanthropic spirit and motivated their investment in the future of their alma mater. They were featured on the university's website for coming together to establish the T.H.I.N. College of Business Scholarship Endowment with a joint pledge of \$65,000.

**Shaila Kapur, Philadelphia Audit**, is making a career transition, from customer experience executive at Independence Blue Cross to principal, Mergence Consulting. She is driven by listening to customers and analyzing that data in conjunction with organizational needs to find the 'win-win' initiatives for both, working collaboratively across the organization to make changes that drive bottom line improvements.

**Rob Lawless, Philadelphia Consulting**, is fulfilling a personal mission of meeting 10,000 different individuals for one hour each over the next 10 years. He is quickly approaching 400 people met and has been covered by media sources including FOX 29, PHL17, and Technical.ly Philly among others.

**Matt Lowe, New York Audit**, was appointed as the head of the U.S. office of Langham Hall.

**Charles Muhlbauer, New York Audit**, transitioned his career over to business development at a fin-tech company, Axial, which provides a resource for all lower middle market buyers, sellers and investors of privately held companies to find new deals to invest in. He wanted to apply his CPA background to business development within the financial services industry and educating some of the best investors in the world on market coverage.

**Debdip Mukherjee, Rosslyn Consulting**, is a senior manager and a data management strategist at Acumen Solutions.

**Dave Nakashian, New York Consulting**, recently welcomed the birth of a healthy baby boy, James Allan Nakashian, on July 9, 2016. Dave is about to hit the one year mark enjoying his time as the head of strategic planning at David Yurman.

**Tripp Parran, Atlanta Consulting**, married his longtime girlfriend, Carolann Belk, on June 18, 2016 near her hometown of Cary, NC. They spent their honeymoon relaxing in the Greek Islands. The two are settled back in Evanston, IL for his final year GSAP at Kellogg School of Management.

**Keyur Patel, Orlando Consulting**, is currently working as senior software engineer with experience in Java, Oracle DB, using HTML5, CSS3, Javascript and AngularJS.

**Brian Ready, Baltimore Advisory**, is proud to announce his candidacy for Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner 6B in the District of Columbia.

**Matt Reddy, Rosslyn Consulting**, recently joined Accenture as cloud strategy/architect manager. He is also certified as an AWS Solution Architect.

**Jack Rueckel, New York Consulting**, has restarted his former consulting company, RenJac Associates, aimed at improving business in connection with other business functions. He also runs a job support group that helps those out of work utilize the best practices in their job search.

His family includes his wife, R n e, of 57 years, five children who are successful in the business world. They have nine grandchildren and one great grandchild. His personal activities include cross-country motor trips, golf, gym, and he recently re-activated his pilot's license.

**Owen Sanderson, Boston Consulting**, married Kellie MacDonald, in Portland, ME on July 2, 2016. The two shipped off to Hawaii with plenty of sunscreen in tow for ten days in the sun. Owen and Kellie live in Brooklyn and work in the New York City area.

**Kecia Smith, Stamford Audit**, has been appointed assistant professor in the Department of Accounting and Information Systems at Virginia Tech's Pamplin College of Business. She is one of five new full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty members at Pamplin this fall.

**Joshua Talbot, Rosslyn Consulting**, started his MBA at the Wharton School of Business, majoring in Health Care Management. Philadelphia has been great so far and he is looking forward to the next two years to explore the nexus of medicine and emerging technology.

**Keith Terreri, Parsippany Audit**, is now the chief financial officer at NEC Corporation of America.

**James Watts, Orlando Consulting**, is enjoying his passion: performance driving and auto racing. It has been a rich, fulfilling and incredibly fun experience.

**Jennifer Yankowsky, Atlanta Audit**, completed insurance licensing and passed the FINRA series 7 and 66 exams in fall 2015. She joined Thrivent Financial, a Fortune 500, member-owned organization of Christians, and opened a new practice in Roswell in January.

## West

**Beth Blecherman, San Francisco Advisory**, joined a startup, Savitude, as chief community officer.

**Christopher Cooper, San Jose Audit**, has taken a new role as Global CFO of Sequoia Capital. In this role, he oversees the firm's financial, legal, and administrative activities across teams in the U.S., India, Hong Kong, China, and Israel. He is responsible for the firm's financial reporting and analysis as well as the day-to-day management of global firm-wide finance matters.

**Peter Cullen, Costa Mesa Audit**, was named a '2016 Insightful Accountant Top 100 ProAdvisor', an honor he has been proud to receive for three consecutive years.

**Deborah Dickson, Costa Mesa Audit**, was recently selected by the National Association of Women Business Owners, Orange County Chapter (NAWBO - OC), to receive the organization's Remarkable Women 'Lifetime Achievement Award'. The award was presented at NAWBO-OC's recent 20th annual Remarkable Women awards event & dinner attended by about 400 business leaders

She is the president of Smith Dickson, a 13-person CPA firm based in Irvine. She regularly volunteers for boards and as president of groups such as the Forensic Expert Witness Association, Orange County Management Association, J. Reuben Clark Law Society, and Orange County Performing Arts Corporate Council. She also speaks for business organizations and women's groups, and for three years ran a program that counseled teenage girls to develop their abilities.

**Jessica Eng, Los Angeles Advisory**, started in the full-time MBA program at UCLA Anderson School of Management. Within a few weeks, she was recognized as a top-performing student in the core statistics course and was offered part-time employment as a UCLA graduate tutor. She credits her continued success in school to an excellent work ethic and ability to synthesize data, which she honed while at Deloitte.

**Robert Harrison, Los Angeles Audit**, participated as a contact person for *Thank You American Vietnam Veterans Dinner* in Westminster, CA honoring 100 American Vietnam Veterans and their spouses, thanking them for their sacrifices in the fight against communism.

**Portia Jackson, Los Angeles Consulting**, was appointed to a tenure track, assistant professor position in the Department of Public Health at California State University, Los Angeles. She teaches courses on the health care delivery system, health policy, and urban health. Her research focuses on self-care and burnout in professionals and specifically, women of color.

On January 15, 2016, she married Ted Preston, a professor at a different university. They were wed on a cruise ship, which departed a few hours later with more than half of the guests on a three-day cruise to Mexico.

She adds, "Thank you. It is an honor to be a part of the Deloitte community. I am grateful for the professional development and many lessons I learned through my experience, as well as the wonderful people I continue to meet. I appreciate all you do to help keep us connected."

**Natalia Marek, San Francisco Consulting**, and her husband Mike, welcomed their triplets, Daniel Nicholas Griffin, Victor Edward Griffin, and Jeffrey Jackson Griffin on June 28, 2016. She manages the underwriting department for Century Automotive Service Corp in Albuquerque, NM.

**Taylor Markham, Phoenix Advisory**, married Sara Martinez in May 2016 and spent the summer in Barcelona, Spain. He is currently studying for an MBA at the Saïd Business School at University of Oxford.

**Andy Miller, San Jose Audit**, joined the board of directors of iRobot Corporation in September 2016. He is also executive vice president and CFO of New England-based software company PTC.

**Albert Valencia, Santa Ana Consulting**, joined Ervin Cohen & Jessup LLP as a partner in the real estate group in August 2016.

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