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Justin Thomsen '05



Scott Carey '07

As a staff accountant, Julie's responsibilities include research, preparing tax returns and financial statements, and supporting the staff.

Justin Thomsen '05 (accounting/information systems), a senior associate with Muckel Anderson CPAs, a full-service tax, audit and financial services firm based in Reno, recently earned his Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification. Justin joined the firm in 2005. He specializes in preparing individual and corporate tax returns, compilations, and compliance and financial audits for gaming properties. He also assists with the firm's IT and web services. Justin also holds certification as a Certified Information Technology Professional, (CITP). Justin currently serves as vice president of development for the College of Business Alumni Board, is a member of

Nevada Bighorns Unlimited and volunteers with the Reno Rodeo Association.

Scott Kagele '06 (management) graduated from Carrington College with his associate of science in nursing and has accepted a position at Salt Lake Regional Medical Center as a telemetry nurse. His wife, **Dominique (Olivares) Kagele '04** (biology), '07 (biochemistry), '10Ph.D. (cellular and molecular biology) has accepted a position as a post-doctoral scholar at the University of Utah School of Medicine. They welcomed the birth of their daughter, Savannah, on June 25, 2010.

Timothy Mullin '06 (journalism/political science) was recently promoted to executive director at Nevada Partnership for Homeless Youth, a Las Vegas nonprofit organization that

helps homeless teens. During Tim's tenure, he has raised more than \$1 million for the partnership, expanded services to youth by 25 percent, opened a new drop-in center for transitional youth clients, and launched an emergency shelter and intermediate independent living program. Tim co-founded the Young Nonprofit Professionals Network of Southern Nevada and serves as the chairman of the Community Development Block Grant Program Advisory Board for Henderson, Nev. Tim is a recent graduate of the Las Vegas Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Las Vegas program.

Scott Carey '07 (geography) has been awarded the 2011 Excellence in Tourism Award from the Nevada Commission on Tourism for his work attracting tourism to Pyramid



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Alexis Thayer '07



Alex Bybee '08



Jenna Hubert '11

Lake and Nevada's Indian Territory. Scott has served as the tribal planner for the Pyramid Lake Paiute Tribe since 2009 and oversees both the economic development and planning departments of the tribe.

Alexis Thayer '07 (accounting), '08MACC (master of accountancy), an associate with Muckel Anderson CPAs, a full-service tax, audit and financial services firm based in Reno, recently earned her Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification. Alexis provides audit services for both private and nonprofit organizations, in addition to performing individual and corporate tax returns. She joined Muckel Anderson in 2009.

Alex Bybee '08 (accounting), a senior associate with Muckel Anderson CPAs, a full-service tax, audit and financial services firm based in Reno, recently earned his Certified Public Accountant (CPA) certification. Alex

specializes in tax, internal auditing, reviews and compilations for individuals and private companies in various industries. He also performs compliance for gaming properties. He joined the firm in 2006. Alex is active in the community volunteering with the Reno Rodeo Association.

'10s

Jenna Hubert '11 (journalism) has been hired by KPS3 Marketing as a junior graphic designer for the full-service marketing communications agency. Jenna will support the creative team in producing traditional and digital marketing material for the brands KPS3 manages.

Submissions are due July 25, 2011 and can be sent to: chatter@unr.edu. We edit all submissions for style, clarity and length.

Wolf mates



Misty Shore '05 (accounting/information systems) married Arlo Schenk '08 (nursing) June 25, 2010 at the Silver Saddle Ranch in Carson City.

Music alumni amplify inspiration

Hosted by the University, the annual Reno Jazz Festival welcomes some of the best jazz students, musicians and educators in the country and draws hundreds of school bands to perform at this popular event. The 49th annual festival was held April 7-9 on the University campus, and this year three alumni, Brian Landrus '02 (applied music), Sam Minaie '06 (applied music) and Warren Walker '04 (applied music), '04 (marketing), returned to their roots to serve as adjudicators/clinicians and give back—to an event and to the University they say influenced, motivated and prepared them for career success.

Landrus, a woodwind specialist, currently lives in Brooklyn, N.Y., working as a freelance musician, composer, producer and educator, and has recently started his own record label, BlueLand Records. Walker, a Grass Valley, Calif., native, now lives in Paris and is the leader and saxophonist for The Kandinsky Effect, a progressive jazz trio. Minaie is an electric and upright bass expert, who has toured extensively around the world.

"I'll never forget the moment of being in Lawlor Events Center and feeling the communal passion for jazz," Landrus says, remembering his days at Nevada.



Sam Minaie '06

"This was right around the time when I knew I'd be dedicating my life to music."

Landrus plays baritone saxophone, bass saxophone, bass clarinet, bass flute and alto flute. "The entire faculty helped by teaching me all the fundamentals, yet still allowing me to pursue my own voice," he adds. "I can't imagine a better setting to learn and grow."

Landrus praises professors Ed Corey, David Ake, Larry Engstrom, Peter Epstein, Hans Halt '99 (applied music), '01M.M. (music), Andy Heglund and Leonard Neidhold for his early success and motivation.

These faculty members currently make up the Program in Jazz and Improvisational Music in the music department. They lead by example through their work

as researchers, writers, composers and performers. Many perform together in the faculty group, The Collective, and have formed many trios and other small groups using a variety of instrument combinations. In addition to producing several CDs featuring original music, some have published books. Their productivity is an inspiration to the students in the program.

Walker says: "The faculty at Nevada are incredible. They helped me find my own voice on my instrument and in my work as a composer."

Walker is considered a rising star in the European jazz scene. In addition to The Kandinsky Effect, he performs with a duo called Duplex, and a quartet called Dirty Elegance.

Minaie, who has taught at other universities since graduating from Nevada, says his experiences at Nevada were invaluable and essential to his musical development:

"The jazz program and faculty at the University of Nevada, Reno are extremely well rounded. They are open to new ideas, yet tied into the tradition."

With an eye toward the future, jazz faculty member and director of the Reno Jazz Festival Larry Engstrom looks forward to continuing the program's successes.

"I am really proud of the work of our faculty and the success of our students," Engstrom says. "It is an honor to have worked with so many talented students."

—Nonie Wainwright '08