

GPED Alumni Newsletter 2012-14

Part 1

News Ending June 30, 2014

Dear Friends,

It's been over two years since we have compiled a GPED Newsletter. Many things happened over the last couple of years but, basically, I (Mouzon) am to blame for the hold-up. In the summer of 2012 Marie Kelley gave me the Newsletter to add any additional news I might have before sending it out. Shortly after that, I had sudden cardiac arrest caused by ventricular fibrillation (*some of us will do anything to get out of work!*). Only about 1% of the population with this condition survive but, determined that I would do my part on the Newsletter, Marie saved my life—*she literally did save my life!*—so I could get back to work! And, I am eternally grateful to her. Kamal Saggi, our Director, Marie and I were taking **Antonio Carlos Campino (Class of 1967-68)** to lunch at the University Club. I collapsed at the front door; Marie ran inside the University Club and found a doctor who kept me alive until the ambulance arrived. I was out a couple of months but am totally fine now and, I must say, very happy to be at work!

Unfortunately, we didn't get to take **Carlos** to lunch—so, we hope he will come back to Vanderbilt and we'll try this again!

Once back in the office, I was behind and didn't complete the Newsletter. Marie retired the following June (2013) and we did not fill her position with a permanent employee until very recently. At long last I have turned my attention to this the Newsletter. We are making an effort to record all the messages that our alumni have written, and also to seek information on Face Book and LinkedIn. *Undoubtedly, we will miss many pieces of news* but, if you will let us know, we will add them in the next issue. We do hope to have a “regular” newsletter again, once a year, from now on. **My BIG NEWS is that I spent a week in Korea in December 2013 as a guest of Shim, Seop and his family. I will post more information about that soon on our website.**

Since we are now online, we can add pictures. Some of the pictures are new—some are not so new but we thought you might enjoy seeing them. For some of you, we could not find pictures. So—maybe you could send us some!

We are just now going “live” on our new web site, so this news is getting old. We will have more to follow soon. If we have missed news from this period, we will try to include it in our next newsletter which will be coming out in the fall of 2015. We will no longer be mailing ne because of the cost of printing and postage.

* In the original Newsletter, four errors were found which, we hope, have now been corrected. These were notes about Tsidi Tsikata, George Ferguson, Patrick Jordan and Stephanie Bassil. So sorry there was incorrect information/pictures in the original Newsletter. Hopefully the news is now correct. These were mistakes made by me and totally unintended. –Mouzon

Marie Kelley



In June 2013, Marie Kelley retired after 20 years with the GPED. All of you who know Marie will certainly understand how much we miss her! We see each other fairly often and I must say Marie looks just GREAT!



We had a going away party for Marie before she retired. It was during summer so many of the students were not here—but we did have a lovely group of people. Everyone wanted to wish her well!



Marie does have a computer at home. Her email address is:
van.m.kelley@gmail.com

Marie and her husband Pat

Marie's Retirement Party



*Celebration for
Van Marie Kelley
On the occasion of her
Retirement
From the Graduate Program in
Economic Development*

*Vanderbilt University
May 24, 2013*

Remarks at Marie Kelley's Retirement Party

As most of you know, Marie and I have worked together for probably longer than either of us would like to admit because, in so doing, you have some idea about our age. Marie came to Vanderbilt in 1991. She worked in the Economics Department for a year and we stole her away the following year for the GPED. The two of us have worked together for the past 21 years. It will be a big change not having Marie in the office as a co-worker and most of all as a friend.

Our friendship has taken us many places—particularly Christmas shopping many years to Boaz, Alabama and Calhoun, Georgia where we would leave in the middle of the night after claiming our Christmas Club checks so we would be sure to arrive at our destination when the stores opened. Marie, I will miss you! –but we can still Christmas shop!

Among many office duties (including those pesky little “other duties as assigned”), Marie has written our annual Newsletter and compiled and continuously updated our Address Roster. Now, that may not sound like a lot at first—a Newsletter—but we keep in close touch with our alumni and our newsletter often runs 50-60 pages—filled with news from our alumni all over the world. Big news—like “Muhammad Yunus wins the Nobel Peace Prize” and “Abdiweli Ali, Professor at Niagara University, takes a leave of absence to assume the position of Prime Minister of Somalia”—things like that.

And, our alumni “stay on the move” so keeping updated addresses is no easy task—and we have current addresses on approximately 900 of our 1100 or so alumni who are living.

So, these are monumental tasks and Marie has handled them beautifully. She has also planned field trips—everything from seminars at the World Bank, the IMF, the Federal Reserve and the Federal Trade Commission to hotel and charter bus arrangements and keeping track of us all—making sure we are where we are supposed to be.

And, Marie has been involved with the Worley Fund since its inception. She was in on all the initial planning and launching of the fundraiser to help students in the Program. The Worley Fund represented the *first* effort by Vanderbilt to raise money from International Alumni. And, I believe there was great surprise by the Development Office at the response. This year, the fund generated enough interest for our Program to be able to make 4 awards of \$2,500 each to very deserving students.

And, several years ago, when we had a student return to Rwanda for a visit—and get stuck there when the war broke out—Marie was here to help with our fundraising campaign which raised enough money to bring him back safely where he continued his studies, and earned the Ph.D. She worked tirelessly that summer to contact people about our effort, and wrote all the follow-up notes and thank-you notes to everyone who contributed.

Marie has been involved in “everything that comes our way.” The students are our family—and we love them as our own. Marie has helped so many along the way—far too many to mention today. She has helped them find housing, helped them with their course registration and all the assorted paperwork for audits, graduate credit, taking courses outside the program, drops, ads and everything related—many times “making this happen” after a deadline had passed. She has truly cared for our students and helped them in so many ways.



Money Tree presented to Marie

Aside from our “duties” we have had many very memorable experiences in the program—probably enough for at least a two-volume work—but I will recount probably my favorite experience.

On one of our field trips to D.C. Marie and I had basically “retired” for the evening in our hotel room—in fact, I was fast asleep and missed all the excitement of the evening.

There was a knock on the door. Marie, who thankfully had a nicer-looking nightgown than I, answered the door for one of our students and presumably two of his D.C. friends. When Marie asked our student who his friends were, the “friends” identified themselves as FBI . . . to which Marie replied: “Sure, sure, and I’m Queen Elizabeth. Inviting them in, she asked “What can I do for you guys?” They again stated they were with the FBI and Marie, acknowledging that they were “cute” asked our student to introduce his friends.

At that point, I suppose, they flashed their badges and said that our student (who had a fabulous, new camera with a long-range lens), had been taking pictures of the White House, the Capitol, etc. They had apparently been following him our entire “sightseeing” day. Marie claimed the student as our own, The FBI returned his camera which they had confiscated, and all was well.

We have shared many interesting and wonderful experiences over the years and have many great memories. I will always cherish the years I have worked with Marie! I wish you all the best with your new-found “freedom.” I hope you can relax and enjoy every minute of it! I love you!

. . . Mouzon

Marilyn Whiteman Fels

Look who came to visit our office this spring! That’s right! Marilyn Whiteman Fels—and doesn’t she just look as lovely as ever! Marilyn, I don’t know how you do it! She is pictured



with Mouzon in the GPED office. Marilyn came by the office to see Luis Paulo Rosenberg who came to visit. We had a group of students come by and all had a great time just sitting around the office talking about a little bit of everything—the GPED, the upcoming World Cup, what’s important to study in Economics and many other topics. It was great to see Marilyn! We hope she will come by often!!!!

Marilyn and Mouzon



Kamal Saggi

Please view our web site to keep up with Kamal and all his activities. Kamal’s travels took him to Turkey last year and visited several of our alumni. **Aclan Acar (Class of 1985-86)** organized a wonderful dinner with **Zekeriya Yildirim (Class of 1974-75)**, **Sureyya Serdengecti (Class of 1985-86)** and **Mustafa Gurtin (Class of 1977-78)**. He had a wonderful time! We appreciate our alumni who so graciously hosted him in Istanbul!

Kamal’s big news is: He now holds an endowed chair and is “Frances and John Downing Family Professor of Economics.” And, just before we put this Newsletter on line, he was also named Chair of the Department of Economics. He is continuing to serve as Director of the GPED. We hope he will take care of himself and not be too over-burdened.

Ana Regina Vides de Andrade



Ana Regina (**GPED Class of 1988-89**) has officially joined the GPED as Associate Director. She serves as academic adviser for our students and is helping students locate internships, among many other duties. She has also been very helpful in job placement and advising students who are continuing for Ph.D. study. And, she teaches Project Evaluation for our students—a very popular course! Her big news is that her older daughter, Gabriella, is a medical doctor, is married, and has a son. Her younger daughter, Regina is a GPED Student!!!!!! We are so happy!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Please see more about Ana Regina on our web site.

Shijie Shi

Shijie Shi (**GPED Class of 2011-12**). In 2014, Shijie was hired full-time in the GPED office as Assistant Director. She is teaching Stata to our students, helping with advising and admissions, among many other duties, and, yes, she is the person who is constructing and updating our web page. We now have full control of our web page (rather than trying to update it through the Department of Economics) so we will be able to keep information much more up to date. We are so happy to have her as a permanent part of the GPED program office!



Class Notes

Class of 1957-58

Tso-Yung Wang (Class of 1957-58). We heard news about Tso-Yung from **Heh-Song Wang (Class of 1968-69).** Heh-Song told us that Tso-Yung gave a one day seminar in Taipei on May 12, 2012 and the topic was “National Economic Development.” Over this last half a century Professor Tso-Yung Wang has made tremendous contributions to Taiwan’s Economic Development and service to his government. We are so proud of you Tso-Yung. We hope you read our Newsletter and maybe you will drop us a note. We would love to hear from you!

Francisco Domingo. In January 2014, Mouzon heard from Nina Domingo, the granddaughter of Francisco. She had earlier found class photographs on the GPED web site and had seen a picture of her grandfather. She noted that the photographs were no longer there. Yes, we had a problem when something on the web site was changed. We will try to get the photos back on line. In the meantime, Mouzon wrote to Nina and offered to send a copy of the photograph in the mail. We do have a few extra class pictures if any of you have lost yours—we can try to replace them for you. We heard from Nina the next day and mailed a photo to her. She said her Grandfather is living in Bakersfield, California close to her parents.

We hope you are doing well, Francisco. We would love to hear more from you.

Class of 1961-62

Marianne Ziver. We want to thank Marianne again for sending us a generous donation for the Worley Fund in December 2011 and again in 2012. You will note that this Newsletter is extended this year. We will have news from all of 2012 and the remainder of 2011 in this Newsletter. It will be on our Website! This was very kind and generous for her to do and we appreciate it so very much.

Marianne sent us a very nice letter, received in December 2012. She said in February 2012 she cut back on her working hours, so she no longer gets up early. She said later in the day she is active and does the usual chores of shopping and all. She pursued her hobby of making alphabet necklaces for children and semi-precious stone necklaces for women. That sounds like something I would enjoy doing!

I (Marie) am retiring this year, June 7, 2013. It has been wonderful working here and in particular in the GPED. I have met so many people from around the world and made many friends. I will miss it here, but I am just ready to retire. So retirement, maybe I will take up a new hobby, such as making necklaces or something like that!

Marianne said that she lived here for 5 years, but doesn't feel like she knows Nashville at all! She said she didn't even get to the Grand Ole' Opry. She said she thinks the GPED should take their students on a tour of Nashville. I think they would all love that and thank you for the idea. Thanks for your newsy letter; we always appreciate hearing from you every year.

Class of 1962-63

Mohammad Abdallah Nasr Tantawy. A year ago last July we received an e-mail from Nasr's son, Ashraf. Ashraf is a Ph.D. student in the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science Department, here at Vanderbilt. He was defending in the fall of 2011 so I would imagine that he has already received his degree. At this time we didn't even realize that Nasr had a son here at Vanderbilt.

Ashraf sent us a letter his father had written about his life and also pictures when he was here at Vanderbilt. A couple of the pictures were of President John F. Kennedy when he was here at Vanderbilt campaigning. They were very good pictures and we thank him for those.

Here is the write-up on Nasr that he sent us. He joined the GPED in the years of 1962-63 representing his ministry, the Ministry of Planning in Egypt. He said he found the teachers and the program so interesting that he changed his training course to an academic one. He then finished his courses required for the Master's degree. One of his favorite teachers was Professor Fred Westfield. He was planning on going ahead and getting a Ph.D. but due to some personal reasons he had to return home.

After he returned home he got married in February of 1964. Over the period of 1964 through 1973 Nasr and his wife had four children. He has three daughters and one son. Amany, his oldest, is an accountant; the second daughter, Iman, is a lawyer; and his third daughter, Amira, is a dentist. His son Ashraf is an engineer.

In 1972 Nasr completed his research project (thesis) and received his Economics degree from Vanderbilt. However, the idea of getting the Ph.D. never left his mind. Although he got promotions from General Director, to Under-Secretary of State, then First Undersecretary of State, and finally a Consultant to all Ministers of Planning (1992-2006). He said, he "could not forget that he could have received his Ph.D. if he had stayed in the U.S."

So he wants everyone to know and do not be astonished that his age of 80 years old he is very close to getting the Ph.D. this year! This was written in July 2011 so I expect that Nasr has his degree now. Wow! This is so wonderful that you have been able to complete a life-long dream. Congratulations! We are very impressed with your determination and all you have accomplished since leaving Vanderbilt. Thank you so much for the wonderful pictures and your interesting letter.

In December 2013, Mouzon had a lovely email Christmas and New Year's greeting from Nasr. He said "All of us will always dream of seeing you, visiting Vanderbilt, and Nashville." What a wonderful thought! We would love to see you! I hope you can come to visit. It would be wonderful having you here!

Abdelmonim E. Fareed. We were very saddened to learn that Abdelmonim E. Fareed passed away in June 2013. After completing the GPED program in one year, he continued for Ph.D. study at Vanderbilt and taught International Trade in the Department. In 1967 he began teaching at the University of Tennessee-Nashville and earned the Ph.D. in 1970. Fareed was a lifelong friend of the GPED and was a supporter of the Worley Fund from its initial year forward. Fareed is greatly missed.

Class of 1963-64

Ching-Ing Liang .We heard some news about Ching-Ing from **Heh-Song Wang (Class of 1968-69)**. Heh-Song told us that he ran into Ching-Ing at a seminar in Taipei on May 12, 2012. It is nice and we always like to hear when GPED alumni run into other GPED alumni at different places in the world! Ching-Ing was attending the conference where **Tso-Yung Wang (Class of 1957-58)** and was putting on the conference. We would love to hear from you directly Ching-Ing!

Class of 1964-65

Anis Salib. We had the pleasure of seeing Anis when he came to Vanderbilt when Mohammad Yunus was here. Anis brought his wife Rhonda and some friends with him who were very happy to hear Mohammad Yunus speak. They got to meet him too, which made them very happy. It was so nice seeing Anis and Rhonda.



In December 2012 and January 2013, Anis sent us his annual donation to the Worley Fund. He has been so faithful over the years in contributing to the Fund. We appreciate his kind support of the GPED!

Anis is always good about keeping in touch with us. Although we do not see him often, we hear from him regularly. He always kept in touch with **Abdelmonim Fareed (Class of 1962-63)** and he was in touch with Fareed's family at the time of Fareed's death. I know he was a comfort to Fareed's family. We are not too far away from Anis so we hope he can come to visit us sometime in the near future. We would just love that!

Class of 1965-66

Aly Ercelan We heard from Aly or Mouzon did after her cardiac arrest in 2012. He apparently has a great sense of humor as he wrote to her, “Sorry to hear that you will now trigger alarms at airports!” This is true. Thanks for the info. I am sure Mouzon was happy to get this news, if she didn’t already realize that!

Hernan Puentes Mouzon and Sultan received a beautiful interactive Christmas e-card from Hernan and Beverly which had a lovely scene wishing us a wonderful Christmas and a new year filled with peace, joy, and good health. It played White Christmas! Although I (Mouzon) had seen some similar cards before, I had not seen this one and it was amazing. It was so good to hear from them. At that very time we received another donation from them for the Worley Fund too. They have always been so supportive of the Worley Fund. We appreciate every donation we receive. Hernan and Beverly are among alumni who send us an annual donation.

We received another donation from Hernan and Beverly in this past year. We missed them in D.C. in March 2013, as they were in Chile for the winter and they weren’t getting back until a couple of days after we left there. Really sorry we missed you but I know you loved not being in DC during the winter months. We think of you all often and also wish you a wonderful year!

Mohammad Yunus. We had the pleasure of having Mohammad Yunus spending the day at Vanderbilt on Monday, April 2, 2012. Of course his schedule was fun packed, as I guess



he is very used to by now. He did meet with the GPED group and let everyone have an individual picture made with him, as well as a group picture with him. He gave a talk in Wilson Hall with a reception following in Wilson Hall lobby. Earlier in the day he had met with the Chancellor, the Faculty of Economics, Political Science, Manna Project Students, and Ingram Scholars. After the reception, Yunus was whisked away and left on a plane out of Nashville. It is such an honor and excitement when

Yunus gets to come home to Vanderbilt. We loved having him here and of course our students were so happy to get to meet him. We look forward to his next visit here!

Class of 1966-67

Javier Gisbert. Javier and Bobbi Sue sent us a lovely Christmas card this year. It was red with “Feliz Navidad” written across the front of the card. We hear from them every Christmas and look forward to their holiday greetings! I hope you all are doing well; drop us a note sometime. We would love to hear from you!

Apichai Puntasen. Mouzon was talking with Rosemary Worley one day and Rosemary brought Apichai in the conversation. Rosemary was talking about great Thai food and about Apichai in general. Apparently Apichai must have made Rosemary some delicious Thai food while he was here and Rosemary has not forgotten it. Mouzon looked to see if we had an address for Apichai and could not find one but found an e-mail address for him. She did reach him.

He wrote back and recalled his days here at Vanderbilt. He told us that he is now retired from teaching from the Faculty of Economics at Thammasat University and from the position of Dean of the Faculty of Management Science, Ubon Ratchathani University. He is now the Director of the Institute. He said for us to thank Rosemary for remembering him and for Mouzon to give Rosemary a big hug from him.

It was very nice hearing from Apichai. We will have his new address in the current Alumni Roster.

Class of 1967-68



Antonio Carlos Campino. In early September of 2012 we were delighted to have Antonio visit us here in the GPED. It was so nice meeting him. Antonio came to our office and we had a very nice visit with him. He gave each of us a beautiful leather bookmark from Brazil. Thank you so much Antonio. Antonio got to look in the picture album and see his class picture and he enjoyed seeing the picture.



We were taking Antonio to lunch but as you may know that is when Mouzon collapsed with a sudden cardiac arrest right at the front door of the University Club. Needless to say we did not get to have lunch that day with Antonio. It was nice getting to meet him and have him come to our office. We hope he will contact again in the near future!

Class of 1968-69

Suhas Ketkar. Mouzon e-mailed Suhas on March 29, 2012 letting Suhas know that Mohammad Yunus was coming to Vanderbilt to see if he could down at that time and join us. As it turned out he could not get away at that time. We did find out that he will be teaching a course this summer (2012) in Budapest from July 16th through July 29th. That sounds great, Suhas—for you and for the students!

We have heard from Suhas a few times since then and always enjoy getting updates on him and **Kusum Ketkar (also of this class)** and the family. Do keep in touch, Suhas!



Heh-Song Wang. We received an e-mail letter from Heh-Song on July 23, 2012. He was writing to tell us about a one day seminar he attended on May 12, 2012. The seminar was titled, National Economic Development and was given by **Tso-Yung Wang (Class of 1957-58).** It was attended by more than 500 economists, bank representatives, students, and government officials. Professor Wang has made tremendous contributions to Taiwan's economic development in his half-century of service to the government. There were also two other GPED alumni at this seminar and they are **Ching-Ing Hou Liang (Class of 1963-64)** and **Kao Chao Lee (Class of 1972-73).** It was so nice hearing this news of four of our alumni attending the same conference.

Heh-Song said in addition to teaching his course, "Financial Crisis and Financial Reform," at the Fu-Jen Catholic University in Taipei, he has been engaged by Taiwan's External Trade Promotion Council to prepare a booklet entitled "Asian Development Bank Business Opportunities." The Ministry of Economic Affairs has made it a top priority to promote Taiwan's trade with developing countries, and it is hoped that the publication will be useful to Taiwan's manufacturers and consultant firms as they pursue ADB contracts, and ultimately help to promote trade relations and technology transfer between Taiwan and neighboring Asian countries.

Congratulations to you Heh-Song for all of your past accomplishments and on-going accomplishments! We are so proud of you. Thank you for your very informative letter. We were very happy to hear from you. Always keep us posted!

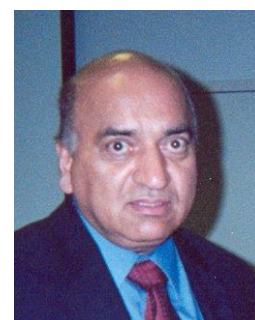
Class of 1969-70

Jane-Yu Ho Li. Thank you so much Jane. We received Jane's annual donation to the Worley Fund. We are so grateful and appreciative of your support of the GPED and helping us to help others. Again, thank you so much. Please try to drop us a note and let us know how you are doing. We would love to hear from you!

Jose Alfredo da Luz. Jose found us on our website and was particularly happy when he found the picture of his class and the names of his classmates. Jose told us about some of the things he has done since leaving Vanderbilt. He said he went from Vanderbilt to the University of California at Berkeley and from there life took him many directions. He worked with many organizations and in more than thirty-five developing countries as a Consultant and Staff of the International Trade Centre (UNCTAD/WTO), in Geneva.

Currently he has been selected for a post of International Relations Manager at SEBRAE, the Brazilian equivalent to the US Small Business Administration. Congratulations on your new position, Jose. You have done a lot since leaving here. It was great hearing from you. Thank you for all the information about what you have been doing since leaving here. Write us again if you have the time; we loved hearing from you.

Anwar Chaudhry. We recently learned that Anwar is an Advisor/Consultant to the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank and Director of the Centre for Public Economics, and Distinguished Visiting Professor of Economics, Southwestern University of Finance and Economics, in Chengdu/Wenjiang, China. Congratulations, Anwar, on all your accomplishments. We are so proud of you!



Class of 1970-71

Abdallah Bouhabib. Abdallah Bouhabib sent the Worley Fund a generous contribution in April 2013. We want to thank him so much for his continuous support. We hope he, Julie, and the family are doing well and we would love to get a note from you too Abdallah!

Luis Paulo Rosenberg. On Friday, April 4, 2014, we had a wonderful visit with Luis Paulo Rosenberg. Luis was visiting the Center for Latin American Studies at Vanderbilt and came over to the GPED to visit with our students and Staff. Marilyn Whiteman Fels came to see him too! We had a grand reunion! Luis is one of one of the most successful investment bankers in Brazil. He is a former Presidential Advisor and has recently been featured in Forbes, The Economist and The New York in his role of Vice President of the Corinthians soccer team! It was amazing to talk with Luis and learn about what all he has accomplished.



We also talked about other alumni including **Jose Savasini** and **Ibrahim Eris**, who work at Rosenberg and Associates. Many students came by to meet him and we all enjoyed our time with him. We hope to see you again soon, Luis. You should make a plan to come often.

Class of 1972-73

Leonardo Cardemil. Leonardo and Flor sent us their annual donations for 2012 and again in 2013 for the Worley Fund. This means so much to us that we can give students a little boost with tuition money. Thank you so very much for your continuous support for the GPED students.

Leonardo and Flor were coming to our reception in D.C. but they wrote us note telling us they had to go out of town unexpectedly. We missed seeing them.

Flor and Leonardo's "**Big News**" is that they just had their 5th grandchild born, Elena, born on April 1st, 2013. Congratulations to the Grandparents!

Leonardo said he continues to do consulting with a think tank in D.C. He is engaged in a Middle-East project. Thanks for you Leonardo. Good to hear about both of you.

Leonardo has been in touch with Mouzon several times this year. We were hoping he and Flor could come to Nashville in early May and that he could speak at our Annual Awards Dinner. However, he had plans to be in Chile at that time and could not. When he wrote back to us (in Spring 2014) he told us that his daughter Cristina and her husband Daniel are expecting their second child. As it turns out, Cristina works for the Center for Disease Control (CDC) in Atlanta—which is located on the campus of Emory University. Mouzon's daughter Sherry works at Emory. So—Mouzon and Sultan go to Atlanta very often. They are hoping Sherry will have a chance to meet Cristina and Mouzon and Sultan hope to see the new baby—and of course Christina and her husband AND Leonardo and Flor when they are in Atlanta. I think we should have many possibilities to meet as we both have two grandchildren (all boys!) in Atlanta. We will look forward to that!

And last, but certainly not least, we want to thank Leonardo and Flor for, once again, sending a very generous contribution to the Worley Fund. We appreciate this more than you can know! The fund is growing and is able to help 3-4 students each year with a sizeable gift.

Sultan Ahmed Chawla. Sultan visited our office with his lovely wife this past spring. We had a wonderful visit talking about the earlier years of the Program, looking up his class in our picture album and sharing updates about GPED Alumni.

Sultan and his wife were here only for a very brief visit. We would love to have you back when you can spend more time. It would be great!

Kao Chao Lee. Kao Chao was attending a conference in Taipei given by **Tso-Yung Wang (Class or 1957-58)**. The topic was National Economic Development. We were very happy that **Heh-Song Wang (Class of 1968-69)** wrote us and told us about the conference and his GPED colleagues he ran into there. It would be so nice if we could receive a letter from you! Hopefully you will write us after receiving the Newsletter, which will be on our website this year instead of the mass mailing.

Bekele Tadesse. We e-mailed Bekele asking for his updated mailing address. He was very prompt in sending it to us. He said he is not been back here since 2004 and asked how everyone at Vanderbilt is doing and he misses Vanderbilt very much. It was great hearing from him.

Bekele sent us a very, very nice write-up about himself that was published in the “IT Telecom & Digest,” I believe it is a magazine published maybe in Nigeria. It is a very complimentary article about Bekele. Here is the beginning paragraph: “There are various categories of people in this world: those who watch things happen, those who marvel and wonder as things happen, and of course those who make things happen. But perhaps the most intriguing sub-class from the latter class are those who make things happen from virtually nothing, or from where, to the ordinary person, there is little or no hope at all.”

The article went on to say that when Ethiopian-born Bekele Tadesse first stepped onto the shores of Nigeria, he came like many Africans who are enamored by the sheer potential that is available in Nigeria, to see things for himself and convince himself that the confidence he has always had in Nigeria is not misplaced. Indeed, his confidence in Nigeria being the hope of the African continent became buoyed when he entered the country.

Yet, he had come as a consultant for one of the world’s telecom greats: Harris Corporation. His mission was simple – or so it seemed: to study the telecommunications needs of Nigeria and prove that Harris could invest in this world’s most populous Black Nation. Interestingly, Bekele, as he is fondly called, had arrived in Nigeria at a time when, to the ordinary eye, investment in telecom was like throwing your money into the ocean. But not for him; for the more he saw through the needs of the country the more he was convinced that any investment in Nigeria in the telecom arena would be like digging gold – for real.

This whole article is very lengthy, so without writing the whole article I will just say that Bekele has made it possible in Nigeria for almost everyone there to be able to have a telephone. He eventually started his own company and could offer phone—whether land phones or cell phones—to so many at a low rate. Bekele achieved this feat because of courage in the face of daunting obstacles. The many hitherto unconnected Nigerians became owners of Reltel phone lines, Bekele’s phone company.

His long years of sojourn in Nigeria have placed him at a vantage position of understanding the country’s business climate, just as his understanding of the political and economic horizons in his native country, Ethiopia, have given him insights into how regulatory and marketing issues in all of Africa can adequately be handled. Hence, he can confidently predict the system and take accurate managerial and policy decisions that are both forward-looking and beneficial to the ordinary person.

Wow! This is a wonderful article and we are so proud of Bekele’s outreach work he has accomplished in Nigeria and several countries in Africa. Way to go Bekele!

In May 2014, Mouzon received an invitation from Bekele to connect with LinkedIn. Of course she was happy to do so. LinkedIn provides a great way to keep in touch with our Alumni. We saw that Bekele is Managing Director and Country Representative at Ceragon Networks, Nigeria and Ghana. It’s always so good to hear from you Bekele. Keep in touch.

Class of 1973-74

Mohd. Sheriff Kassim. In early January 2012 we heard from Mohammad. He was writing to wish GPED colleagues and alumni all the best for the New Year and hoping that 2012 will bring more success to the program.

Mohammad said he continues to receive the GPED Newsletter and Alumni Roster every year and enjoys it so much. He said he has contacted several alumni in Malaysia and other alumni from his class elsewhere. He was in hopes that his message he sent to us will be received by others too.

After getting his diploma here at Vanderbilt Mohammad returned to Malaysia and returned to his government job in the Economic Planning Unit of the Prime Minister's Department. He became head of this unit in 1989 and later rose to become Secretary General of the Ministry of Finance. He retired in 1994, but not for long, as he became the CEO of a new government owned investment corporation called Khazanah Nasional Berhad, until 2003. After this he became a non-executive director in a few private sector companies, including two foreign owned financial institutions and continues this now. He is also currently President of the Malaysian Economic Association.



He also said that even though America is so far away, the Malaysian people watch a lot of American news from CNN, BBC, CNBC, and others, especially this being a presidential election year.

Thank you for writing and your New Year's Greetings. We are wishing that you and your family have a wonderful 2012 too.

Sultan Hafeez Rahman. Sultan Hafeez continues to support the James S. and Rosemary Worley Fund every year. We want to thank him for showing his support and care for our Program and supporting the students who receive these awards every year. We could not do this without the help from our Alumni out there. Thank you very much, Sultan!



Here's a little update on Sultan Hafeez' activities. Sultan joined the International Growth Centre (IGC) Bangladesh team as Country Director in 2013. He was previously Director General of the South Asia Department at the Asian Development Bank. Previous to this, he served as Director General of ADB's Pacific Department, as Deputy Director General of SARD, and as Director of operations coordination

for South Asia. He also worked in the Bangladesh Institute of Development Studies (BIDS). He was an adviser to the Ministry of Finance and Planning. He holds a Master's degree and a Ph.D. from Stanford University in addition to his Master's degree from Vanderbilt University.

Wow, you have really been busy since leaving Vanderbilt!—and doing such important work. We are so proud of you and all your accomplishments.

Class of 1974-75

Berati Arisoy. We found this photo on Facebook! Berati, what a nice picture—you will have to write and tell us all about it. It looks like a special occasion!



We also see Berati on Face Book from time to time but the writing is in Turkish so we often do not know what is written. We do enjoy the pictures, though!

Left: Berati Arisoy with Firdevs Şayan Arisoy and Korhan Arisoy

Muhammad Siddiqi and Yasmeen Modiuddin. Muhammad and Yasmeen are yearly supporters of the Worley Fund too. We want to thank them for their continued support and love of the GPED Program through their continuing donations. We talk to them occasionally by phone but have not seen them for a while. They are doing just great and still teaching at Sewanee (University of the South) on Monteagle Mountain in Tennessee. Thank you, Muhammad and Yasmeen! Hope to see you in this next year.



In May 2013, Yasmeen spoke at the GPED Awards Dinner. It was just wonderful to Yasmeen and Muhammad join us for the dinner and for Yasmeen to speak! We do hope to see you again soon!

Zekeriya Yildirim. Mouzon wrote Zekeriya and a few other Turkish alumni who live in Istanbul and for whom we had email addresses or fax numbers. This was to tell them that our Director, Kamal Saggi, would be visiting Istanbul in July 2014. Zekeriya wrote a very nice letter back to Mouzon saying that he was on a trip abroad when my letter arrived but that the office of the Board at Sabanci Holding had reached him. He contacted **Aclan Acar (Class of 1985-86)** and asked Aclan to organize a dinner for Professor Saggi. How nice! We appreciate **everyone** who helped organize the dinner which was held on was July 7th, I must say that Kamal had a wonderful time! He sent me an email telling me how great it was to meet the Alumni who were there—**Aclan Acar, Sureyya Serdengecti (Class of 1985-86) and Mustafa Gurtin (Class of 1977-78)**--and also how very nice the dinner and restaurant were. Thank you Zekeriya and all our Alumni in Istanbul for being so welcoming! Now, it is your turn to come here. We wish all of you could come for a visit whenever it is convenient. It's always so good to see our alumni.



Class of 1977-78



Mustafa Gurtin. Kamal Saggi, Director of the GPED, traveled to Turkey in July 2014. He was in Istanbul on July 7th and had a wonderful dinner with alumni there (see **Zekeriya Yildirim, Class of 1974-75** above). Mustafa worked in Central Bank of the Republic of Turkey for 19 years and then worked as the Investment General Manager at Garanti Bank. Following this position, Gurtin became a Dışbank Board Member responsible for Risk and then worked as the General Manager and Chairman of Black Sea Trade & Development Bank in Greece. In April 2010, Gurtin was appointed as Finansbank Board Member.

Class of 1978-79

Tsidi M. Tsikata. We have been in touch with Tsidi several times in the past few years. I am so grateful and appreciative to Tsidi for arranging and wonderful seminar at the IMF again in 2011 for our group, when we were in D.C. The seminar was very good and we even got to hear Tsidi talk to our group. I know they were all very impressed with him, as well as the whole seminar.

In June we received a very generous donation from Tsidi for the James S. and Rosemary Worley Fund. Thank you for



your continued support of the Worley Fund and your personal contribution, by giving our current students an excellent seminar every year at the IMF!

At some point Tsidi visited us. He has a daughter, Sedina Tsikata, who is a Sophomore here! We need to contact her and meet her! Mouzon was out when Tsidi was here and really hated that she missed him. We always love to see our alumni who visit. Next time, hopefully we will all be around and we can get together. Let us know the next time you are down Tsidi. You have a GREAT reason to visit Vanderbilt!

Please tell Sedina to drop by any time to see us. We would love to meet her!!!!

Bijaya Nath Bhattarai. One of our students, *Sushil Khadka*, from Nepal, informed us that Bijaya was Governor of the Central Bank of Nepal from 2005-2010 (I hope we have the years correct). We were very pleased to hear this! Congratulations Bijaya! Somehow we had not known this earlier but *were so happy to learn this!* We are so proud of you!



Below: 20 Rupees ND (2005) signed by Bijaya Nath Bhattarai.



We in the GPED are always so pleased to learn of the many accomplishments of our alumni and the impact they have had all over the world!

Class of 1979-80

Marwan Awad. Marwan is currently Chief Executive Officer and General Manager of Jordan Ahli Bank (Jordan National Bank) Marwan has served as General Manager of Jordan Dubai Islamic Bank until September 30, 2006. He served as General Manager Qatar Islamic Bank. He also served as an Executive Manager of the Central Bank of Jordan. Wow, Marwan! This is quite impressive. Congratulations on your new position and all you have accomplished since leaving Vanderbilt!

We recently found the following article on the internet and it was so exciting to read about Marwan!



http://www.rj.com/en/board_of_directors.html

“His Excellency Mr. Marwan Awad joined Royal Jordanian's Board of Directors in 2012. Regarded as a visionary in the banking sector, he comes with 30 years of diverse experience in the industry having worked in the Central Bank, the Islamic Bank, the Industrial Development Bank and many other

commercial banks. Most recently he led the Jordan Ahli Bank as CEO and General Manager. Mr. Awad has also served in the public sector for 5 years as the Minister of Finance and Deputy Minister of Industry & Trade.”

Saiyed Ahmed Siddiqui. Saiyed visited us in early June, 2014. He came with his wife and son in law. His son in law is working in Nashville! Mouzon was out of the office and so sorry she missed him. Shijie was happy to meet one of our alumni! Saiyed, now that you have family working in Nashville, we hope to see you more often!

Class of 1980-81

Shigeyuki Hiroki. Shigeyuki, former Ambassador to Afghanistan, is now Consul General of Japan in New York. We were very excited that Shigeyuki was coming to Vanderbilt to give a seminar to our students and meet with them. Then, at the last moment, he had to cancel, as he was very sick with the flu. I know he was disappointed, as we were too. Hopefully we can have him here again sometime in the near future!



Then one day, Wednesday, May 29th, I (Marie) was alone in the office and who walks in but Ambassador Hiroki. It was an honor to meet him. He was in Nashville only for the day but wanted to stop by our office and see it. I am so sorry Kamal Saggi and Mouzon Siddiqi were not here to meet with him. At least I had the thrill to meet him, as I am retiring soon and probably won't get a chance to meet him again. He is a handsome and quiet man! It was a delight to meet him, even if it was for a very short visit.

Jin-Tan Liu. He is currently a Distinguished Professor of Economics at National Taiwan University and Research Associate. We just came across a wonderful article on the internet, co-authored by Jin-Tan entitled:



Parental education and child health: evidence from a natural experiment in Taiwan

Shin-Yi Chou, Jin-Tan Liu, Michael Grossman, Theodore J. Joyce 12 December 2007

The Conclusion of the article follows:

“We used a natural experiment in Taiwan to ask: Does an increase in parental schooling improve infants’ health? Our answer to this question is yes. Moreover, mother’s schooling is a more important than father’s schooling – suggesting that the mechanism connecting education and health is not solely related to income. Perhaps the most important implication of our results is that they suggest substantial payoffs in terms of health to efforts by developing countries to increase the amount of compulsory schooling and invest more resources in the educational sector.”

I am sure you have done tremendous amount of research, Jin-Tan. This article was very interesting and I hope will result in more attention being paid to greater investments in the educational sectors of countries.

Class of 1981-82



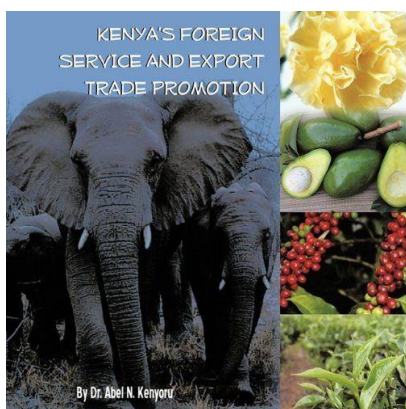
I Made Gde Erata. We located I Made Gde after a long time. He is from Indonesia and we located him in the Web. I Made Gde is the newly elected Chairman of the LPEI’s (Indonesian Export Financing Institution) Board of Director’s in Jakarta. Congratulations I Made Gde! I hope when you read this year’s Newsletter you will see this write-up about you and drop us a note so we can hear from you personally.

Class of 1982-83

Dimitris Nonikas. Dimitris e-mailed us on November 25th, 2011 after receiving our Newsletter. He said he enjoys receiving the Newsletter and sent along his CV and e-mail address, dnonikas@cityofathens.gr, in hopes that his classmates or other alumni would like to contact him. He would love to hear from you! Currently Dimitris works in the Municipality of Athens Department of International Affairs and has been in this position since 2004. He is responsible for the planning, financing, and implementation of international projects. According to his CV he has given many, many seminars, has done extensive research, and has had many publications. He has not had a dull moment since leaving Vanderbilt according to all he has listed that he has done! Thank you for sending us your CV. We are happy to hear what our Alumni have been doing since leaving here. Hopefully, after reading about you, others will send us their CV too. We hope that your classmates will get this and contact you. Write us again when you can. Thanks so much!

Class of 1983-84

Abel Kenyuru. Abel wrote us in July, 2011 and we were delighted to hear from him, as it had be a while since we had heard from him. Currently he is working as Adjunct Faculty since May 2009 at the United States International University teaching both undergraduates and post-graduate students. He teaches the following courses: International Financial Mechanisms, Politics of International Economic Relationships, International Political Economy (IPE), International Organizations, and Conflict Issues Development. In the fall semester 2011 he began teaching Theories of Development and Underdevelopment. He also was planning to introduce a Masters course on International Trade and Financial Institutions. He said currently (in 2011) he had 65 undergraduate students taking IPE and 30 MA International Relations taking Conflict Issues and Development. Abel said that with his GPED background and his experience in government and as a Chief Economist and Diplomat he is really enjoying teaching.



Abel is working on his second book, A Diplomat in Detention. While Abel was in London he also had a book published on Kenya's Foreign Service and Export Trade Promotion. You can find the book on-line at Amazon.com or Author house publishers.

Abel also let us know that he is running for Parliament in August of this year (2012). Of course he has our support and we wish him the best of luck. Thanks for writing and telling us all about your last few years. Always keep in touch! We also learned on LinkedIn that Abel is having a work anniversary. He has been with the East Africa Diplomatic Consultants for 6 years (May 2014). Many congratulations, Abel!

Elsa Lourdes C. Coll. We found this lovely picture of Lourdes on Facebook in Spring 2014. We do get messages on face book fairly often from Lourdes but they are usually in Portuguese and we usually do not have someone around who can translate. However, it was great to get this wonderful picture!



Class of 1984-85

Myriam Quispe-Agnoli. We were delighted to have Mariam come in April 2014 to speak in the GPED Forum. Myriam is a research economist and adviser to the community and economic development (CED) research and policy team of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta. Myriam’s fields of specialization are international economics, trade and finance, open macroeconomics, and economic development. Her current research interests include economic impact of immigration, small business financing, unemployment and underemployment, and the impact of financial architecture on community and economic development.



Her topic at the GPED Forum was “Unauthorized Immigration and Electoral Outcomes.” GPED students had a chance to talk with Myriam before and after the seminar. Myriam, we just loved having you here and would like to have you visit more often—Atlanta is only a short 4 hours away!

Class of 1985-86

Aclan Acar. GPED Director, Kamal Saggi, traveled to Turkey in July 2014 and was in Istanbul on July 7th. Aclan organized a wonderful dinner for Kamal to meet with GPED alumni in Istanbul. In addition to Aclan, the guests at dinner were **Zekeriya Yildirim (Class of 1974-75), Sureyya Serdengeçti (Class of 1985-86), and Mustafa Gurtin (Class of 1977-78).**

Aclan serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Dogus Otomotiv (since 2006). He joined Dogus Group in 1990 and has held various managerial positions in finance, retail and automotive sectors. He has served as the Assistant General Manager of Garanti Bank, General Manager of Bank Express and Osmanli Bank, and Chairman of Garanti Insurance, the Garanti Pension Company and Tansas.



Aclan, we hope to hear directly from you during the coming year. Write us with any news or updates. We would love it!



Enver Guney. Mouzon heard from Enver via LinkedIn last July. I think Mouzon found him on LinkedIn or maybe he found her. Anyway, Enver said he had enjoyed Professor Kathryn Anderson's visit to Turkey. He has visited the United States almost every year but has not been able to schedule a trip here in Nashville. We hope this will change with Enver and one day he will make back to Nashville!

In December and January Enver and Professor Kathryn Anderson sent each other New Year's greetings. Enver said that his daughter, Fulya had completed her studies in San Francisco and would be starting to work at Westernized Productions Company in San Francisco. Berkay, Enver's son, is in New York for graduate study in Architecture at Parsons School of Design. Enver said he is doing well so far!

Enver is currently Managing Director and Board Member at Uni-Mar Energy Investments in Ankara. It was just wonderful hearing all about you from Professor Anderson! We do hope you can come for a visit in the near future!

Sureyya Serdengeçti. Sureyya is currently a Senior Lecturer at TOBB Economics and Technology University in Ankara and also is the Director of the Stability Institute at TEPAV in Ankara, which is a Think Tank. Before this Sureyya was Governor of the Central Bank of Turkey from 2001 through March 14, 2006. We are hoping that our Director, Kamal Saggi, can meet Sureyya on his visit to Istanbul in July 2014.

Kamal Saggi, our director DID get to meet Sureyya at a dinner party on July 7, 2015. **Aclan Acar (of this class)** organized a dinner with Sureyya, **Zekeriya Yildirim (Class of 1974-75)** and **Mustafa Gurtin (Class of 1977-78)**. How nice that Kamal could meet with our wonderful alumni in Istanbul!



We still remember Sureyya's visit to Nashville a few years back when he came to Vanderbilt and gave a seminar for our GPED students. We really enjoyed seeing him and his wife on that occasion—and we hope you will come back for a visit!



Buthaina Shabani. Buthaina wrote back after receiving word about the GPED Alumni book we are going to put together. She said she often feels homesick for Vanderbilt, GPED, Nashville and the U.S. She enjoyed her time here so much. She sent us her CV and we can't wait to create this book. This is a very exciting a new project for us! Thank you for responding Buthaina.

Buthena just sent Mouzon this lovely picture. Buthena is great about keeping up from time to time. We always love to hear from her! She currently serves as the Public Relations Manager at Allman Schools in East Jerusalem.

Boubacar Traore. Boubacar sent Season Greetings and Best Wishes for the New Year to us this year. It was a beautiful card via e-mail from the African Development Bank. Thank you for thinking of us and it was good hearing from you.

Mouzon hears from Boubacar from time to time—and, even though the notes are often short—they bring back wonderful memories of when he was here. His class was the first to graduate after Mouzon came to the GPED.

Class of 1986-87

Abdiweli Ali. Please see the article below that was published in the Arts and Science Magazine at Vanderbilt in 2011. We are so proud of Abdiweli! We always knew he was destined for greatness.

An Arts and Science Head of State



Ali

ABDIWELI M. ALI, MA'88, has been named the prime minister of Somalia, the first College of Arts and Science alumnus to serve as a head of state.

Ali was appointed the acting premier of Somalia's transitional federal government in June after then-Prime Minister Mohamed A. Mohamed resigned. Soon after, Ali was named permanent prime minister and then overwhelmingly approved as prime minister by Somalia's parliament.

A Somali native, Ali came to Nashville in 1986 for Vanderbilt's esteemed Graduate Program in Economic Development. He spent two years in the College of Arts and Science, earning his master's degree in economics before returning to Somalia to serve in that country's ministry of finance and revenue.

Ali also holds a master's degree in public administration from Harvard and a doctorate in economics from George Mason University and was a fellow in Harvard's Kennedy School of Government. Most recently, he taught economics at Niagara University in Lewiston, N.Y., before returning to Somalia in late 2010 as minister of planning and international cooperation.

"I owe a lot to Vanderbilt University and it helped me at a critical juncture in my life," Ali wrote to his friends at GPED. "I am eternally grateful to all the faculty and staff members who kept me close and gave me a great opportunity to learn, grow and become the person I am today."

In one of his first policy initiatives, Ali appointed a national committee to tackle the severe drought affecting large parts of the eastern African country; approximately 11.5 million Somalis are suffering from famine. Other challenges he faces include leading a country affected by civil war, militant terrorism, piracy, religious conflicts, lawlessness and political uncertainty.

In May 2014, we invited Abdiweli Ali to speak at our annual Awards Dinner. He had previously served as Prime Minister of Somalia but, we thought, was back in New York. However, shortly before the dinner, he was elected **President of the Federated State of Puntland** and was scheduled in early May to meet with the Presidents of many African nations. He was, therefore, unable to join us—but, of course we understood! We wish him all the best as President of Puntland.

As far as I know, Abdiweli is our first alumnus to serve as Prime Minister of a country and as President of a country.

Abdur Rauf Chaudhry. Abdur Rauf has served as Secretary to the government of Pakistan in the Ministry of Housing and Works. He also worked in the Ministry of Textile Industry and at present he is Secretary of Education. Other assignments for his government have been Chairman Capital Development Authority (CDA). He has been Secretary and Joint Secretary in the Prime Minister’s Office, as well as other ministries. Currently Abdur is serving as Secretary in the Ministry of Information Technology and Telecommunications (MoITT) and is working as Secretary with the present Minister in the Federal Ministry of Education. Wow, Abdur! You have been a very busy person since leaving Vanderbilt. It was great hearing about you, which we did via the internet. If you receive our Newsletter send us a note!



Aminatta Omar-Sarr. Mouzon heard from Aminatta after she had e-mailed Aminatta regarding a current student interested in possible position openings in the African Development Bank. Mouzon contacted some of our alumni at the ADB and making them aware of our student’s interest.

Aminatta sent her congratulations to **Ali Abdiweli (Of this Class)**, on his appointment of the Prime Minister of Somalia. She stated, “ He has done us proud and we wish him great success in this his new assignment.”

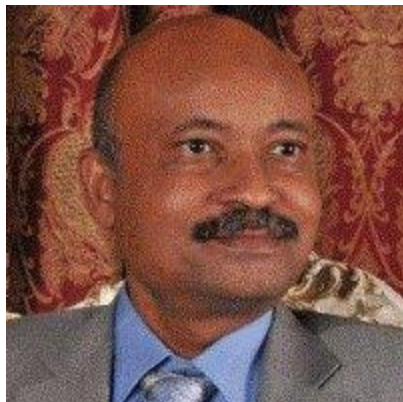
Thank you Aminatta for your kind words and helping your fellow GPED colleague out!

We found out from LinkedIn that Aminatta is celebrating 22 years as an Economist at the African Development Bank in Tunisia. That doesn’t seem possible! Write us about yourself in this coming year.

By the way, we found this great picture of Aminatta in our file!



Mohamed Abdel Rahman Salih. Mohamed wrote us last December to send us New Year's greetings. He was also writing to request a copy of his thesis which seems to have disappeared over the years. We were happy to tell him that we did have a copy and we forwarded a copy of his thesis to him.



Mohamed told us that he left Dallas, Texas about two years ago. He has accepted a position as Associate Professor at Taibah University in Medina, Saudi Arabia. Congratulations on your new position! This is great news!



Toru Ishibashi. We received an e-mail note from Toru in May 2013. He said that he saw the Alumni Roster 2009 on the internet and noticed we didn't have any contact information on him. So he wrote us and gave this information. He has been working as a Development Consultant mainly in the field of Human Resource Development for the past 25 years. Toru also gave us his contact information.

Thank you for contacting us and giving us your contact info. Continue to keep in touch!

Class of 1987-88

Faisal Batubara. Thanks to **Aryan Wargadalam (of this Class)** we learned that Faisal was a candidate for Governor of Jakarta! Good Luck, Faisal! Of course we hope you win! We will be pulling for you. Now I don't know at this time whether the election has taken place or not, but either way we wish Faisal the best!

Sam Morley, former Director of the GPED, went to Indonesia in 2011 and saw many of our alumni. Unfortunately he was not able to see Faisal as he had hoped. I guess schedules just didn't allow them to get together—we hope they will next time!





Sirima Bunnag. We hear from Sirima from time to time—usually a short note but it is so sweet of her to keep in touch. Mouzon heard from Sirima on her birthday last November. Then, on Facebook, we came across this wonderful picture. We believe it is at Chulalongkorn University where Sirima teaches. What a lovely picture! We would love to know the occasion.

Eui-Dong Chung. We found Eui-Dong the web. He is currently Vice-Chairman of KSD (Korea Securities Depository). Eui-Dong was also appointed Chairman of the Initiation Committee. This committee was formed by the Golden Bridge Financial Group. This committee was begun realigning all subsidiaries as a control tower of the group. It was good hearing some news about Eui-Dong!

Hilzahra. Thanks again to Aryan's visit with us we found out about some of his classmates from **1987-88.** He told us that Hilzahra is working at Bank Indonesia and that she has **5 Children!** Wow-- congratulations Hizahra and good luck! I am sure they will turn out to be wonderful young adults/adults!

We found this lovely picture of Hilzahra on Facebook. It brings back such wonderful memories of when you were in the GPED.



Ibrahima Sory Sangare. Ibrahima is another alumnus who we found on the web. Thank goodness for the web, it has helped us locate so many that we have lost over the years. Mouzon sent an e-mail to him and he dropped her a note saying he would love getting news from the GPED. So now he is back on the Alumni List.

Ibrahima is currently Permanent Secretariat of the Strategy for Poverty Reduction in Conakry, Guinea. We hope after he receives the Newsletter this year that he will write us!

Edi Effendi Tedjakusuma. Edi is currently at BAPPENAS. We found out this through Aryan Wargadalam when he and his wife visited here. Wish we could know more about him. Write us, Edi, when you have a chance.



Aryan Wargadalam. Aryan and his wife Fitri came to visit us one day last spring. It was very nice having them here for a visit. Aryan was in Nashville for an Exhibition of International Home Furnishings Market. Aryan is a Director in the Ministry of Industry in the area of Forrest and Plantation Products. He told us that 85% of Rattan that comes to the U.S. is from Indonesia.

Aryan and Fitri told us about their children. Their son, Taufiq (Tofi) is 25 and is in the Trade Department with the government. Angela is 22 and is studying Economics at Indonesia University and Yasmine is 19 and she is at Bandung Institute of Technology studying Industrial Engineering.

It was so nice meeting Aryan and Fitri. Glad too to hear about your children and we also heard about several other alumni from Aryan! You will be hearing what he told us about them throughout the Newsletter. Thanks Aryan! We hope you get back to Nashville again and we get to have another visit with you.



Class of 1988-89

Ana Margoth Arevalo We heard “**Big News**” about Ana from **Teresa Deras (Class of 1990-91)**. Ana got a job at the Central American Council of Superintendency. Basically, Teresa said in translation this is a regional entity that regulates and supervises banking activities. Congratulations to Ana! Well-deserved and I am sure she will do great there! With this job she will now be living in Panama City, Panama. We hope to hear from her directly and get contact information for her.



Ana dropped us a note in March telling us about her move to Panama. She said she has been adjusting to her move to Panama and is doing well. She said she has been traveling a lot to the U.S. and takes advantage of shopping when she comes here. We hope some time she will get to travel to Nashville. She sends her love to all of us in the GPED. Thanks Ana for you lovely note!



Pictured here are Ana Arevalo, Mouzon Siddiqi, Luis Fernando Gomez and Teresa Deras. The picture was taken at the GPED 50TH Anniversary Celebration.

Kadir Aslan. Actually, Mouzon received three pictures from Naciye, Kadir’s wife. These were pictures of Kadir and his family and Mouzon when they were here in Nashville. Thank you for sharing the pictures with us. I wanted to post them here but I can’t find them at the moment—think I took them home to show my family and have “put them in a safe place” that I hope to discover soon!

Naciye writes Mouzon a couple of times a year. She wrote on Facebook and wished her a Happy Birthday and then in December she wrote her to wish her a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know Mouzon appreciates Naciye and Kadir remembering her. Mouzon says she remembers you both, and your children Ilkay and Miray like it was yesterday when you were here.

Mr. Darsono. Mr. Darsono is currently at Bank Indonesia and is Director of the Economic Division. We learned this from **Aryan Wargadalam (Class of 1987-88)** when he was visiting here. We want to thank Aryan for giving us information on several GPED Alumni in Indonesia. Now I just hope that some of these he told us about will now write to us and give us a little more information on themselves and their families! Is that asking for too much? I don’t think so!

Subagio Dwijosumono. When **Aryan Wargadalam (Class of 1987-88)** visited here he gave us some information on some fellow Indonesian’s who were GPED students at one time. He told us that Subagio was Deputy Director General of the Bureau of Statistics. Way to go Sabagio!

We did hear from Subagio after one of our current students sent out a letter to alumni regarding the GPED making a book about our alumni. It really has been nice hearing back from so many. This is what Subagio told us about himself. Subagio said that he and his wife, Sri Rahayu have a son, Muohammad Ghufron Ramadhan and he is 10 years old.



Sabagio also mentioned how much he enjoyed our Southern Trip we used to take. So sad we don't do that one anymore! He said he loved the trip to D.C. also. When Sabagio wrote us he said that due to his age, being close to retirement he is no longer in a structured position and is now doing research and gives lectures at a college for statistics. I am sure you are a very good Lecturer, Sabagio. Thank you for writing.

Sutikno. We found out from, again, **Aryan Wargadalam (Class of 1987-88)** when he was visiting here that Sutikno is currently Head of Bank Indonesia in Semarang. Congratulations to Sutikno! This sounds like a very important position and a huge job. Write us sometime we would love to hear from you!

Julius Momata Gichana. We found Julius on the web and found out that he is Chief Finance Officer of Ministry of Planning and National Development in the office of the Prime Minister in Nairobi. We would love to hear from Julius. I hope he receives this and this prompts him to write us!

Shufen Huang. Shufen sent Christmas and New Year Greetings to Mouzon this past December. She and her children have been in North Carolina where Shufen has been working on her Ph.D. at the University of North Carolina since 2011. Hope you are really enjoying your time here.



Inci Parlaktuna. We learned from Face book that Inci Parlaktuna is the head of the Women's Studies Center at Eskişehir Osmangazi Üniversitesi in Eskişehir, Turkey. The Center is working on a project on gender-responsive budgeting. This sounds like a very important Center and a very interesting project. We are so proud of you, Inci! Keep up the good work and stay in touch with us.

Ana Regina Vides de Andrade Ana Regina send us information about an internship for a Data Analyst that our students may be interested in applying for this job. We always are interested in getting information about possible internships for our students and we thank Ana Regina for thinking about us.



Ana Regina has had a “**Really Big Spring**” with her family last year! Her oldest daughter, Gabriella, finished Medical School at Vanderbilt and was married a few weeks later and her youngest daughter, Regina, graduated from University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.



I guess at least a year has passed since we wrote the news above. Gabriella and her husband Brady now have a son, Evan. He was born in June 2013. Here he is at 3 and a half months. How adorable. I, Mouzon, must agree with Ana Regina that being a grandmother is just the best!

We got to see Regina, Ana Regina’s youngest daughter, on our Field Trip to Washington, D.C. in March 2013. It was wonderful to see her and to catch up on all she is doing. **Our Big News** is that Regina will join us as a GPED student in Fall 2014! We are so happy!

In March 2014, Ana Regina and her husband Hernan went to El Salvador to celebrate the wedding of their niece, **Susana Delgado (Class of 2011-12)**.

Class of 1989-90

Abdelghani Barre. When he was enrolled as a current student, Dustin Tracy (Class of 2010-11) ran into Abdelghani on September 8, 2011. Dustin was searching for thesis data in Social Services in Nashville. Abdelghani works for Social Services here in Nashville. He asked about the Program and Mouzon and Marie. Mouzon has run into him from time to time but not too often. Abdelghani, we would love to see you!!!!

Abdelghani is an Immigrant Coordinator and is a member of Nashville Workforce Network where we found the following listing:



Abdelghani Barre
Metropolitan Social Services
Chair of Pilot Sub-committee

Metropolitan Social Services (MSS) provides a range of services to help Davidson County residents who are in need. These services promote positive change for individuals and families in times of crisis and economic hardship.

Services include:

Information & Referral, Counseling, Case Management, Homeless Services, Senior Nutrition, Homemaker Services, Burial Services, and Planning & Coordination

This is wonderful work, Abdelghani. We are so proud of your help to so many people in Nashville.

Dian Trian Djani. Dian wrote us a very nice letter last July asking about everyone in the GPED. He said that he thinks of us often and wishes everyone good health. He said he certainly misses Vanderbilt since leaving here. Dian comes to New York at least twice a year during the General Assembly at the United Nations but never seems to have the time to come to Nashville. We hope one year he will be able to make it here!!



Dian told us that he is currently the Ambassador/Permanent Representative of Indonesia to the United Nations, World Trade Organizations and other International Organizations in Geneva, Switzerland. He said he is also the Indonesian Ambassador to UNCTAD, the World Health Organization (WHO), World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO), the International Labor Organization (ILO) and other international organizations. Wow, sounds as if Dian has his hands into many things! Congratulations on all you are doing, Dian. You must stay busy 24/7!!

It was good hearing from Dian after all these years. We do hope that he will come to Nashville on one of his visits to the U.N.

Yong-Hwan Kim. We learned from **Ki Sub Nam (Class of 1993-94)** that Yong Hwan was promoted last February Chairman and President of Korea Exim Bank. Wow, that's great!



Here is an article from the Korea Times from January 2014.

“Export-Import Bank of Korea (Korea Eximbank) CEO Kim Yong-hwan, left, poses with Murali Ramakrishnam, general manager of ICICI Bank, at the Indian bank's building in New Delhi, Wednesday, after signing an agreement to increase its credit line for the bank from \$800 million to \$1 billion. The money is expected to support Korean companies operating in India.” *Courtesy of Korea Eximbank*

Congratulations to Yong-Hwan! We are very proud of you!

Jose Sulemane. We found Sulemane on the Web and see that he is currently IMF Resident Representative for the Central Bank of Kosovo. Congratulations Sulemane! Kosovo joined the Fund in 2009, becoming its 186th member. We hope Sulemane is enjoying his new position. I'm sure he is doing a great job!

When you have a chance write us about yourself and your family. We would love to hear from you!



Sudarno Sumarto. On his trip to Indonesia in 2011, former GPED Director Sam Morley met with Sudarno and brought us “up to date” on his activities. Several years ago, Sudarno started a Think Tank called SEMARU. Professor Morley said Sudarno spent the “last academic year”—maybe 2010-11?—at Stanford. After returning to Indonesia, he became one of the policy advisers for the Secretariat of the national team for the acceleration of poverty reduction which also works directly under the Vice President.

Professor Morley said that Sudarno is in charge of a huge survey project in which the government is going to go out and survey all the poor people in the country—about 100 million. This sounds like a huge—but very, very important—undertaking. We wish you all the best, Sudarno. We would love to hear more about you, your work and your family.



Maxton Tsoka. Maxton wrote us in December telling us he had just finished his Ph.D. studies at York University in the United Kingdom. His research topic was: [“Poverty is the eyes of the beholder: Comparative analysis of community based and means-testing household poverty assessment”](#). Congratulations Maxton!!! Maxton said he will head home and continue to work with the University of Malawi.

He told us about his children. His youngest child, Grace, was born in 1998 is now 16. He said his children are proud of him and he just received a face book message from his first born Charity, saying that she is proud of him. He said he is in the UK with his wife and three of his children, Faith (third born), King David, (fourth born), and Grace. Charity and Hope cannot be with them because of age restrictions.

He said he has never forgotten his GPED experience. He said he enjoyed his whole 20 months here. Maxton, thank you for your kind words and congratulations again! Thanks for writing and keep us posted from time to time.

Sevqi Boz. Sevqi Boz works for the Undersecretary of the Treasury. Mouzon wrote Sevqi a quick note and heard back the same day— June 7, 2014 “Dear Mouzon, thank you for your kind words. I also miss you and I am very happy for communicating you after all those years...Best regards.” It is just great to hear from you and remember the time when you were in the Program! We do miss you!



Class of 1990-91

Teresa Deras. We hear from Teresa often and she is doing just grand! She wrote us in September 2011 to let us know that **Ana Margoth Arevalo (Class of 1988-89)** is now working at the Central American Council of Superintendency. Teresa said she didn't know the exact translation is but it is basically the regional entity that regulates and supervises banking activity. Teresa said that they are all so happy for her. It is a big step in her career, and well deserved. She has moved to Panama City, Panama. Teresa said she will miss being able to see her whenever she goes to El Salvador. Thanks Teresa for this news!

Teresa e-mails me (Marie) frequently and I enjoy hearing from her whether it is some news or a joke she sends my way. Teresa called in March to check on Mouzon. This was when Mouzon was very sick and she just wanted to keep posted on Mouzon. Teresa never forgets us and keeps in contact with us all the time. We always enjoy hearing from her.

Look at the picture we received from **Kirsten Funes Deras (Class of 2006-07).** (Teresa's daughter). She was in Honduras for Christmas 2013 and sent this picture. Kirsten, of course, is in the center, Teresa on the right and Teresa's mother on the left. Honestly, Teresa, you have not changed one day since you were here. This could have been taken when you were a student! How do you do it?



Hassan Ali Din Mohammad. Hassan wrote us in March 2014 to say he had not heard from us in a long time. Yes, I'm sure it's true. I think of our alumni so often but get busy or lazy and am not good about writing. Hassan said that he and his wife will be visiting London and hope to visit the U.S. in June or July 2014. WE DO HOPE THEY CAN COME. Mouzon wrote to him—hope he got the note—saying to please come if they can!



Hassan Ali Din Mohammad and his wife Rukhsana

On July 31, 2014 Hassan and his wife Rukhsana came to Nashville! It was just wonderful having them here again! They have not changed at all! The two of them had been visiting Rukhsana's sister in Chicago and took a couple of days to come to Vanderbilt. We caught up on all the news. Hassan retired from Government

Service as Senior Chief, Foreign Aid [Grade 20]. But he didn't quit work! He is now working with a USAID-funded program in Sindh Province, Pakistan.

Their oldest son completed his MBA in Finance and working with the National Bank of Pakistan. He is married and has 1 child. Their youngest son completed ACCA from London. He plans to marry next year. Their daughter has been married 12 years and has 3 children.



Mr. Rizki Ferianto, MA: "Indonesia is becoming a critical regional hub."

Rizky Ferianto. Rizky was one of our Indonesian alumni that Sam Morley met while he was in Indonesia in 2011. Rizky is the Deputy for Politics, Law and Security Affairs at BAPPENAS, the planning agency for the Government of Indonesia. Your job sounds very interesting, Rizky. It also sounds like a lot of responsibility and work. I'm sure you are very good at it, though. We have thought so much about the 90's when you and other Indonesian students were here. It was a great time. And, you have all returned home to make great contributions. It really makes us proud! We hope to be able to hear from you during the coming year—or, better yet, maybe you could come for a visit!

Here's a link to a very nice story about Rizky and his important work with BAPPENAS.
<http://www.unodc.org/southeastasiaandpacific/en/indonesia/2012/05/country-programme-launch/story.html>

Mohamad Ikhsan. We heard from former GPED Director Sam Morley late in 2011. He had traveled to Indonesia and met several of our alumni. Ikhsan invited Professor Morley to his house for dinner where he got to meet Ikhsan’s wife and three boys. He really enjoyed seeing Ikhsan and meeting his lovely family. He said the boys were “super cute!” Ikhsan is a Professor of Economics at the University of Indonesia and serves as a special adviser to the Vice President of Indonesia. This sounds great, Ikhsan. I must say they are lucky to have you! We are very proud of you and hope to hear more from you during the year.



Marwanto Harjowiryo. It was great to get news of Marwanto from former GPED Director Sam Morley when he visited Indonesia in 2011. Mr. Morley saw Marwanto at lunch with Ikhsan. He said that Marwanto is Director General of the Fiscal Balance Department of the Ministry of Finance. And, to quote Mr. Morley: this is a “pretty big deal.” I can just hear



him saying that! He is so proud of you all! And, yes, this sounds like a very big deal. We are delighted to hear that so many (if not all) of our Indonesian alumni are so very influential in their home government. You all are bound to make a very positive difference in your wonderful country. It makes us so proud of you!

Well, **the big news**, is that on November 27, 2013, Marwanto became Director General of the Treasury. This is very big news, indeed! See below. We usually make pictures a little smaller to save space, but this picture was so good, we didn’t want to change it at all!

Marwanto Harjowiryo

“Born in Yogyakarta on June 6th, 1959, Marwanto earned his bachelor’s degree from Faculty of Economics University of Gajah Mada (UGM) in 1983 and his postgraduate from Vanderbilt University United States in 1991. Then he received his Doctorate Degree from UGM in 2009.

Marwanto, who started his carrier as civil servant of Ministry of Finance on December 1, 1983, was promoted as the Head of Public Relations Bureau in Secretariat General during 2004 – 2006. He also served as the Expert Staff of Minister of Finance on State Expenditure and Executive Director of Bank Pembangunan Asia during 2009 – 2011. Started on January 21st, 2011, he served as the Director General of Fiscal Balance Ministry of Finance. Then he was inaugurated as Director General of Treasury on November 27, 2013.” *Copyright Ministry of Finance of Republic of Indonesia.*

Cheon-Sik Yang. We learned from **Ki Sub Nam (Class of 1993-94)** that Cheon-Sik



served as Chairman and President of the Korean Exim Bank before **Yong Hwan Kim (Class of 1989-90)**. So we have had two GPED Alumni as Chairman and President of the Korean Exim Bank. We found this very nice picture of Mr. Yang on the internet. It’s just great to be able to keep up with so many alumni this way. Mr. Yang, it seems like only yesterday that you were here! We hope you are doing well and would love to hear from you.

Way to go Korean Alumni! It was great getting this news and we want to thank **Ki Sub Nam** for this updated news!

Class of 1991-92

Suwareh Darbo. When we heard from Darbo last summer he told us he is applying for Ph.D. study at Birmingham University. He said he has been planning for some time to go back to school and get a Ph.D. in Economics. He said it has been hard for him to do with his workload and family commitments. He said he has not given up and on the advice of a staff member in the Bank and former professor at Birmingham he decided to pursue this adventure. We wish Darbo the best of luck and we know he will do just great. Keep us posted Darbo!

We just heard from Darbo again recently. He wrote us back after telling him about the GPED Alumni book we will be creating on all our alumni or at least those we can find or write us back. Darbo wrote how the GPED has changed the lives of hundreds of people around the globe as well as their development landscape. He made so many nice comments about the GPED and we do appreciate it and so glad it has been so very rewarding for so many. Thank you, Darbo.

In June (2013) Darbo wrote to say that he had been reassigned to Sudan which is a non-family duty station. He had planned to bring his wife and daughter to Nashville to stay while he is in Sudan. Darbo wrote Mouzon about hotel accommodations but, when she wrote back, she was unable to reach him by email. Darbo, we hope that you are well and that your family is safe and settled. Please do contact us with updated contact information if you can. We would love to hear from you!

More recently, we have learned that Darbo is serving as Sudan Country Economist in the African Development Bank. Here's a link to an article with recent information about Darbo's position at the AfDB. This is wonderful news Darbo! Many congratulations! Please write and update us!

<http://www.afdb.org/en/news-and-events/article/afdb-launches-the-2013-african-economic-outlook-in-khartoum-sudan-12605/>

Swarna Gunaratane. We received a lovely Season's Greeting card again this year from Swarna and Guna. The card was the official Season's Greeting card put out by the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. Very nice! Thank you, Swarna and Guna. Hope the two of you are doing well. We think of you often. Drop us a note sometime; we would love to hear more from you.

Pictured at right: Deputy Director CBSL (Economic Research Department) Swarna Gunaratne at a press conference representing the Central Bank of Sri Lanka. (from 2007).



Hwie Liong "William" Kwan. We have learned that William works with the Indonesian Pluralism Institute (IPI) in Indonesia. He formerly worked with the Indonesia Conference on Religion and Peace - ICRP and Redaya Batik.

Mouzon received the following note from William on December 24, 2013:

“Dear Mouzon & family, Merry Christmas 2013 and Happy New Year 2014. May the best health, success, peace and happiness be yours forever in the coming years. Best wishes, William Kwan & family”



We found this picture of William (seated at left) on Facebook. We see quite a few pictures but the writing is usually in Indonesian so we are not exactly sure what all is said. We do love seeing the beautiful pictures, though!

It was very easy to recognize you in the picture because you have not changed at all!

Leonard Tampubolon. In February of 2012 we received a recommendation letter from Leo for a prospective student for August 2012. So, we learned that Leo is Director for Macroeconomic Planning, National Development Planning Agency for Indonesia (BAPPENAS).

Quite an impressive sounding job, Leo! Write us when you can and congratulations on your position.



On January 20, 2014, Mouzon saw on Facebook at it was Leo's birthday! She wrote a quick note and found this picture on face book. Very nice!

I don't know where this picture was taken but it sure looks like Leo is having fun! Good for you! What a wonderful picture!

Lukita Tuwo. Sam Morley, former GPED Director, brought us news of several of our Indonesian alumni after his visit in 2011. He met Lukita for lunch and had a very nice visit. Wish we could have all been there! Lukita is now Vice Minister of Planning at BAPPENAS. Luki, Mr. Morley had such nice things to say about you. It made us want to see you! Maybe you can come our way sometime.



Jariya Wongsathuaythong "Knott". Here's a very recent picture of Knott—posted on Face book on June 7, 2014. Wish I were there!!!!

Jariya is Senior Vice President at ITD, Chief Executive Officer at Bhakabhumi Development Co., Ltd. and Representative, Middle East Region at ITD.



Class of 1993-94

Madikaba Camara. Carmara is Minister of State of Guinea for Economic Development and Minister of Economy and Finance. We found out about Camara on the Web. Congratulations to Camara on his important position! We are very proud of you.



Ilhan Canli. The only news we have on Ilhan is that he connected with Mouzon on Facebook. Now we would like to hear more from you Ilhan.

We found this picture on face book!

Ilhan hasn't changed a bit! Would love to hear more from you Ilhan. Actually I would love to be there! Looks like a nice, relaxing place!

Amalia Lucena Rincones. In March 2013, we received a very nice letter from Amalia. She told us that they are all doing well. Richard is in Commercial Enterprise, their son Ricardo is now 14 and is a good boy, excellent student and a musician. He plays the violin at the National Young Orchestra System. Their daughter Lucia is 10 years old and an excellent student too. Lucia is into Gymnastics. Maybe we will see her in the Olympics some day!

Amalia continues as an Academic Professor at Central University of Venezuela. She is a Ph.D. candidate! She also serves as an International Consultant in Public Policy Economics. This past year Amalia had the opportunity to work with multilateral banks in several countries in Latin America. This year she plans on concentration on her Ph.D. and she has already defended her proposal. She has the opportunity to finish her research in the USA through Fulbright Faculty Development Program. She is planning to come to Vanderbilt for this. We can't wait!



Amalia, thank you for your informative letter! It was great hearing from you.

Well, Amalia, Richard and the children did make it to Nashville! We are so happy to have them here. We get to see Amalia quite often and hope to see more of her sweet family.

Chandra Mai. We couldn't pass up putting in this picture of Chandra Mai and his family we found on Facebook! My goodness, what a beautiful family! Chandra and his family live in Indonesia where Chandra works for the United Nations.



Ki Sub Nam Ki Sub wrote us last November right after receiving our Newsletter. He wrote to Mouzon and said the Newsletter made him sit right down and write to her. He gave us an account on all of his family. At the end of August 2011, he was promoted to Senior Executive Director of the Korean Exim Bank. Also he was appointed as one of the Board Members after serving two years as Executive Director. He is in charge of managing several key business sectors of the Bank.



Ki Sub told us that his wife, Hee-Kyung is maintaining her life with busy schedules by giving lectures at a college and working at an institution for consumer education in Seoul. He says that she still misses the memories of living in Nashville and Vanderbilt.

Ki Sub's daughter Soo-Jin has been working at a law firm in New York since her graduation from Harvard Law School. Ki Sub's son, Sung-Hyun finished his studies at Boston University. He is now preparing for the exam for transferring to a college in Seoul.

We want to thank Ki Sub for his nice letter that has updated us on him and his family. Thanks again for letting us hear from you, Ki Sub.

Wahyu Santoso Found these pictures on Face book—How Lovely!



Now, here's a great shot,
Wahyu!



Class of 1994-95

Saeed Al-Shidhani . The only word we received from Saeed this past year was a nice e-mail to Mouzon--one of those you really like and say this is worthy of passing on. I am sure Mouzon sent it on to many. Thanks, Saeed, but we would love to hear how you are doing these days. Write us when you can!

Moon Gyu Jeong. Moon visited Nashville in spring 2014. He has not changed at all. It was very hard to believe it had been a few years since he was at Vanderbilt! He hosted Marie and her husband Pat and Sultan and Mouzon for dinner one evening. We went to a Korean restaurant in Nashville and just had a wonderful time. Moon was here on a business trip. He has a company in Clarksville, Tennessee, which is not too far from Nashville. He also does business in Indonesia and frequently meets his friend, **Teddy Sianturi** of this class in Indonesia or Korea.



Teddy Sianturi. We are very happy to tell you that we had a very nice visit with Teddy in fall of 2012. He was in San Francisco, CA for work and made plans to come to Nashville to visit the GPED. He was also meeting with someone from Caterpillar Company and they made plans for him to visit the Caterpillar facility in Cornith, MS. Then he had three days free in Nashville. It was so nice having him here. Mouzon had a dinner with some of his friends from his church he attended while studying here and Marie Kelley was also there. We all had a wonderful time talking about the good times we had with his classmates, the field trips, the “Answer Key” -- copies of the words we had for the songs we sang while on our Southern Field Trip and many more events while he was here. He had pictures with him of his family that we enjoyed seeing. I think one night he went to dinner with Professor Kathy Anderson at Amerigo’s Italian Restaurant on West End Avenue. Teddy enjoyed visiting the old GPED Office and seeing the campus and all. We thoroughly enjoyed his visit with us. We hope he will be able to come back again in the future.



And he did! Teddy came back to visit in May 2014. Once again, he had not changed at all! We had such a good time. Teddy was here right after **Moon Gyu Jeong** visited. We were so sorry they were not here at the same time. But, they do get to see each other fairly often.

Class of 1995-96

Meissa Dieng-Cisse .Meissa commented on Mouzon’s Facebook page when she saw that **Teddy Sianturi (Class of 1994-95)** was coming to Nashville. She said that Teddy inspired her and she will think about coming to Nashville on her next vacation. That would be so nice having Meissa to come and see us. I hope she is able to make plans and be able to visit us here in the GPED. Meissa sent her best to all in the GPED! Thanks, Meissa!

Meissa wrote us again June 2012 thanking us for the Newsletter. She thanked all of us on continuing to send out the Newsletter every year. I know you must be wondering since she wrote in June to thank us, but she is talking about the most recent one that was sent out in the fall of 2011. We do appreciate hearing back from our Alumni that they enjoy receiving the



Newsletter. From now on it will be on our website ONLY. Only by special request will we mail one out. I hope this will be okay with everyone. Postage is high and the quantity we send out, not to mention the printing of all of these, breaks our budget. So we are now down to the old computer. This of course is the way to go, I guess to keep costs down. I am sure we will hear back from many regarding this.

Trong Khanh Do. We had a pleasant surprise when we received a call from “Linhngan Do,” Khanh’s daughter. We called her “Lena” when she lived in Nashville. She had come to Nashville to visit us and to revisit the places she remembers when their family was here while her father, Khanh was studying at Vanderbilt. Lena had just finished her Master’s degree at Villanova in Pennsylvania. Her degree she received was in Marketing and Public Relations.

Lena told us that her Dad, Khanh is Director of the Finance Department in the Ministry of Finance and Investments in Viet Nam.

It was such a pleasure having Lena here. She has grown up to be beautiful young lady. We hope that Khanh will drop us a line some time.

Gunaseelan Kunjan. Guna wrote us around the first of 2012 wishing us a Happy New Year to those in the GPED and our loved ones too. Thank you Guna. I hope that 2012 has been a good one for you and your family too! Guna said he cherishes his memories of the GPED he appreciates the Newsletter every year when he receives it.

He tells us his family is all well and his children have grown up. His youngest daughter Lois loves to pursue further studies in the US, probably because of her enjoyable experience as a kid in Nashville, he supposes. His two sons, Luke and Joel are successful in life. Luke is currently working in Australia. Guna is working in the Ministry of Finance, in Malaysia as Deputy Under Secretary in the Tax Analysis Division. That is the office where he worked before coming to Vanderbilt.

It’s always nice hearing from you Guna; thank you for your very nice comments about our Program. Take care and keep on writing us!

Robert Mosko . Robert has become one of our faithful supporters of the GPED and the Worley Fund. He sends us a check every year for the past few years for the James S. and Rosemary Worley Fund. We appreciate his thoughtfulness so much.

We recently found this great picture of Robert on the internet and learned that Robert is a Senior Risk Management Analyst at Raymond James Financial Inc. in the Tampa/St. Petersburg, Florida area. Sounds like you are doing great, Robert. And, what a wonderful picture!

We hope to hear from you directly in the coming year!



Roberto V. Penaloza . Roberto wrote asking for his degrees to be validated for Ecuador. So Mouzon took care of that for him. Here's a little information about Roberto. He has been working as a Statistician for [Vanderbilt University's](#) National Center on School Choice. He is actually located in Ecuador. After completing his M.A. and Ph.D. degrees at Vanderbilt, Roberto served as visiting assistant professor of economics in the Williams School of Commerce, Economics, and Politics at Washington and Lee University. His current research focuses on statistical methodology and data analysis techniques for exploring student achievement patterns in traditional public schools and charter schools.



We just learned **BIG NEWS** about Roberto. In January 2014 he just accepted a research position at Notre Dame University. He and his wife, Maria Agustina, moved again to the U.S. live in a Mishawaka, Indiana at about two miles from The University of Notre Dame where he work as a Researcher. "We just purchased a new place to live after renting for four months. My sister and nephew came from St. Petersburg to visit us in March, and now, my aunt from Miami is visiting. Everything's great here. I hope you are doing well. Please say hello to Marie and your husband." How nice to hear from you and Maria Agustina!

Nirmal Shiwakoti. Nirmal called our office on September 13, 2011. He was with his family in Texas. He had just returned from Sudan after completing a six month assignment with the UN. He will be back in Nepal when he returns from Texas. He asked about Professor Maneschi, Professor Anderson and Marie Kelley. He said he had recently spoken to **Roberto Penaloza (of the Class)** and Professor Andrade. He said that Bafa and his boys are all doing well. His boys are now 17 and 13. Can't believe they are that old already! Nirmal continues to work for the Ministry of Finance in Nepal. Thank you so much Nirmal for the phone call and the updates on you and your family. We look forward to hearing from you again in the near future.



Class of 1996-97

Peng Seng Gho. We recently found news of Gho Peng Seng on the internet. We learned that he serves as Director of Percetakan Nasional Malaysia Berhad. Gho also sits on the Board of Technology Park Malaysia Berhad. He has served as an Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Defense and Assistant Secretary of the Ministry of Agriculture. Gho was appointed as Principal Assistant Secretary, Ministry of Finance and has serve in this position since June 1998.

My goodness! Looks like you have been very busy, Gho! And your positions sound very impressive. We hope to hear from you directly in the coming year.

Pil Sun Kim Pil Sun wrote us after getting a request from us for comments on the GPED for our upcoming book on Alumni. He did not give any details about being here other than he has wonderful memories of here. I hope maybe he will write more later. Pil Sun is working in Jordan now for a new IPP Project. He believes he will be returning to Korea next year. Thanks for the updates Pil Sun.



(left) We found this wonderful picture on the internet!

Impressive!

All of us in the GPED office are very envious of your agility!



Rohani Bin Salleh Rohani wrote us last fall telling us that he and his wife were planning to come to Nashville for a few days during their vacation the following spring. We were so happy to hear this. Rohani kept his word and they did come to see us in the spring of 2012. We were delighted to see him and meet his lovely wife. It was a great “reunion” for Marie and Mouzon—we just loved having them here!

For some reason, we don’t seem to have a picture of their visit to Nashville—send us one by email if you have one so we can share it in our Newsletter. We did find this very nice picture of Rohani on the internet.



Iskandar Simorangkir Iskandar wrote a nice letter to Mouzon and wishing her a Happy Belated Birthday. She appreciated Iskandar thinking about her.

He told us that his wife, Gloria Jane and his daughters Dita and Cesilia said to tell Mouzon hello. Dita is a senior in high school now and Cesilia is a freshman at the University of Indonesia. It does seem possible that his girls are that old already! Now let’s see - Iskandar wrote us in November 2011, so you can move his daughters up a

couple of years. I guess Dita actually has graduated from high school and Cesilia must be a junior in college by now!

He told us he received his Ph.D. three years ago and at the same time was promoted to Head of the Economic Research Bureau of the Chief Economist at Bank Indonesia. Wow, congratulations Iskandar! Way to go!!! In addition to that Iskandar is teaching graduate level courses at Pelita Harapan University in Jakarta. When he wrote us the letter he had just returned from presenting a paper in Portugal and Spain.

It was great hearing from Iskandar and we want to thank him for all the great updates. Hope all continues to go well for the whole Iskandar family!

Class of 1997-98



Ratbek Dzhumashev. Ratbek is currently a Lecturer at University in Melbourne, Australia. We got this new from LinkedIn. We wish we knew a little more recent information on Ratbek. This is all we have until we hear directly from him. If any of you contact him please have him contact us.

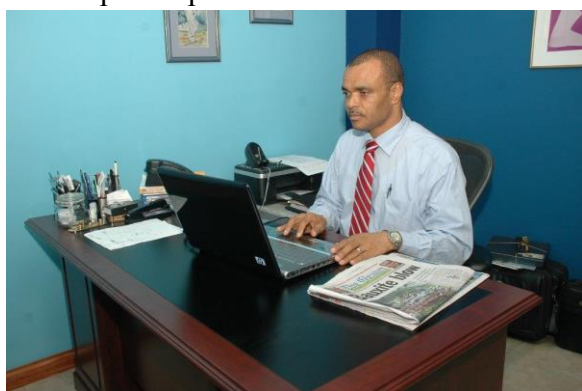
Bongani Gigaba. Bongani holds the position of Managing Director at Toto Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd. He works in Investment Management and is living in the Johannesburg area of South Africa. Bongani, it was so good to see some news about you. We think of you often and miss you! Hope all is well. Write us whenever you have a chance.



Dennis Hickey. We heard from Dennis a couple times this year. Dennis wrote Mouzon in January and also called at that time too and asked for the Alumni Roster. He told us he keeps in contact with **Rohani Salleh (Class of 1996-97)** and Rohani had told him that he and his wife would be coming here to visit us. He also keeps in contact with **Bongani Gigaba (of this Class).**



Dennis is a Director and Vice President of an investment firm, Money Masters Limited, (MML) in Kingston, Jamaica. This is a Licensed Securities Dealer he manages the marketing and business development portfolios.



Dennis also told us that his daughter, Brittany will be 16 in November 2012. Wow! She has grown up! She must be 17 now!

In the spring I received a call or e-mail from Dennis; I can't recall which right now. I guess it was an e-mail because I think I would remember speaking with him. Anyway he wanted an e-copy of the newsletter and the address roster. I gladly sent them on to him. I don't know what Dennis

does with his Rosters but we have sent him 2 plus the original one last fall! I guess he must be putting them to good use!!



Frederico Sarguene . We heard from Frederico in October of last year. He misses the people and the overall GPED environment. He currently owns a small business consulting, tourism and transport company called "Consultoria, Transportes e Turismo do Zambeze (CONTRATUZ), Lda." based in the second largest city in Beira, Mozambique. The company operates buses and heavy duty Freightliner trucks. We wish him the best of luck in his business and we look forward to hearing from him always.

Kakhramon Yusupov. I (Marie) heard from Kakhramon on my birthday again this year. I appreciated getting the birthday note from him so much! He sent his hellos to everyone and especially Mouzon. It is always nice to hear from Kakhramon. He said he was in a hurry and could not write much but would write again soon! Still waiting, Kakhramon – any time!

We do know that Kakhramon is teaching at Westminster International University in Tashkent (WIUT). His fields are Econometrics and Math for Economics. His recent research is in the areas of Development, household economics and public economics.



Class of 1998-99



Hulya Bayir. Hulya is currently Branch Manager of T.C. Ziraat Bank in Ankara. She is responsible from the establishment of a new branch and new team. Also, she is responsible for all loans and operational processes such as marketing, loan approvals, and all operational transactions.

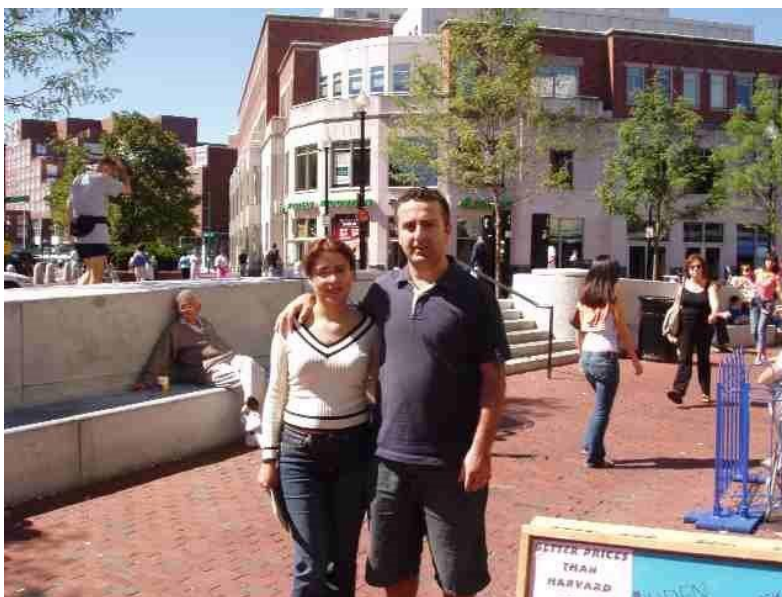
Hulya, we would love to hear more from you and Ilker and the family. We saw a lot of pictures on Facebook but were not sure who they were. Drop us a note whenever you have a chance.

Arman Kashkinbekov. We received a beautiful New Year's e-mail card from Arman this past New Year's 2013. It was a beautiful picture of a fireworks display. He sent his best wishes. He is working as General & Customer Business Manager at Rolls-Royce Energy Kazakhstan & Uzbekistan.



Bagrat Tunyan and Lilit Davonyan . Mouzon found Bagrat on LinkedIn last December. LinkedIn told us that Bagrat is Assistant Director of the Regulatory Policy Committee in the United Kingdom. Other than this news this is all we have on Bagrat for this year. Maybe he will write us some time and we will have more information at that point.

Mouzon wrote to Bagrat and Lilit in December 2013 to let them know that **Kirsten Funes Deras (Class of 2006-07)** would be moving to London with her husband Joseph Smith (who is from London). Bagrat wrote back on December 10, 2014 to say they were both doing very well. He said Lilit was currently in Egypt on business. Bagrat said he was busy at work and looking forward to Christmas



break. Their son Daniel is 8 years old! I can't believe it! It seems like only yesterday when you and Lilit were here in Nashville. Bagrat said he and Lilit would be happy to help Kirsten in any way they could. We did learn that Kirsten and Joseph will not be moving to London for about one more year. Joseph's company asked him to stay in the U.S. for another year.

How nice to know our alumni are so welcoming to other alumni! It is just wonderful!

Class of 1999-00

Udeani Alawattage. Udeani telephoned us here in our office on May 3, 2012. He called to let us know that he was in Toronto and had been there since April 25th. He is planning on bringing his family there in August. He is on leave from his bank and will be studying "Banking Studies" there.

Udeani is Director of the Center for Banking Studies at the Central Bank of Sri Lanka.



Rustam Duspayev Rustam appeared on LinkedIn on Mouzon's e-mail and it shows where Rustam is the Head of the Credit Risk Division at the Development Bank in Kazakhstan. We would love to hear directly from you Rustam, write us!! Well, some time has passed and it now looks like Rustam's new position is: Advisor to Chairman at The Integrated Securities Registrar in Kazakhstan. Congratulations Rustam!

Hassan Mirzaev We were delighted to see Hassan in D.C. at our Alumni Reception. We had a wonderful visit together. He is a Store Manager at a Walgreens in D.C. He seems very happy and his wife and daughter are doing well. It was very nice seeing him and we enjoyed talking together. We hope we get to see him and his family some time.



Raushan Tulepbaeva Raushan sent Mouzon a Christmas and New Year's e-card this past year. It was a beautiful card with Dean Martin singing Silver Bells and a wonderful snow scene. We hope to hear more from you Raushan!

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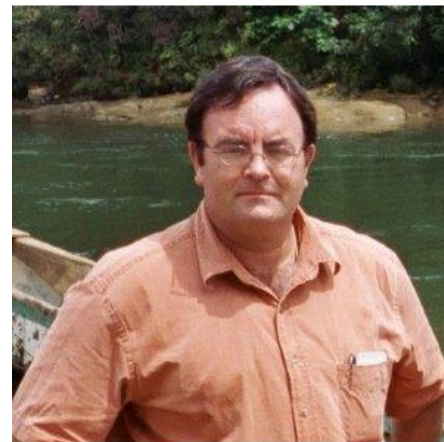
Class of 2000-01

Peter Redvers-Lee We found the following information for Peter:

*Peter Redvers-Lee
Professorial Instructor
International Development Program
School of International Service
American University
4400 Massachusetts Ave NW
Washington DC 20016*

At American University, Peter teaches courses in:

Community Development
International Affairs Statistics and Methods
International Development
Micropolitics of Development
Mixed Methods for International Community Research
Mixed Methods Research
Program Evaluation
Quantitative Analysis in International Affairs



This is great! We are so proud of you, Peter. Do keep in touch with us!

Iksang Lim Iksang Lim wrote Mouzon on Facebook. He just wrote to say hello and said how much he misses us here. He said he hopes to visit Nashville in the future.



Iksang wrote in May 2012 asking for verification of his attendance here at Vanderbilt and that he did receive the Master's degree. Iksang is now attending Yonsei University Graduate School and they wrote asking for the above information for Iksang. We wish him the best in his studies!

Ebralie Mwizerwa. Ebralie sent Mouzon birthday wishes via e-mail this year. I know Mouzon appreciated her thoughtfulness. Ebralie told us that she has now officially taken her husband's name as her last name due to being a US citizen, as of March 2010. Her name is now Ebralie Mwizerwa. Good



hearing from you Ebralie!



Ebralie Mwizerwa posted the left picture on Facebook on 6/6/2014.

A group from Meadows Presbyterian Church, in Charlottesville, VA, a partner of The Outreach Foundation, left the US yesterday to visit friends at the PCEA Tumaini Riamukurwe, in Nyeri, Kenya. Both Tumaini and Huruma are homes to over 200 orphans and

vulnerable children being cared for by the Riamukurwe parish members. Your support through the Outreach foundation has made this home a place of blessings. Thanks for your support. For more information please contact ebrialie@theoutreachfoundation.org.



Kurt Scheib. Some time ago, we found Kurt on LinkedIn and see that he is teaching 7th grade at LEAD Academy in Nashville. He is a Social Studies Teacher. I am sure he is a wonderful teacher. Even though Kurt lives here we don't get to see him. I am sure he stays busy with his personal life, as we all do. If you receive this Newsletter Kurt, give us a call some time.

More recently, we have found that Kurt is the Track and Field Coach for Portland (Tennessee) High School, where he also teaches Social Studies. I know you are a great teacher and I'm sure Portland High is proud to have you!

Tatiana Muntean. We received the sweetest and cutest Christmas card from Tatiana and family. She wished us the best in 2013 and we are hoping that 2013 has been and a very good year for them too.

To my surprise, one day in May 2013, I (Marie) looked up and there is this lovely young girl standing in front of my desk. It took me about 2 seconds to realize who she was. She was Tatiana's daughter Sabina! She looks so much like Tatiana and just a beautiful young lady! Sabina had a friend with her and they were just taking a casual road trip and she wanted to come to Nashville and see it again and to visit an old friend of hers. We was so happy to have her come to the GPED! She was just a young child when Tatiana was a student here and I remembered her well. She is in college, I believe she said in Ontario, maybe. Gosh time does fly. Tatiana and Sasha you have raised a beautiful daughter!



Tatiana has done many things since leaving Nashville and completing her Ph.D. at Boston College. She taught three years at Trent University, served as a Senior Economist with the Ontario Ministry of Research and Innovation and currently is a Senior Economist with the Ontario Ministry of Finance. My goodness! We congratulate you on your positions of leadership in such important institutions!

Class of 2001-02

Assel Baimukhanova and Yerlan Manataev. We had lovely Christmas and New



Year's greetings from Assel in December 2013. She and Yerlan are doing well. They live in Almaty now and have three children: 10, 5 and almost 4—a son and two daughters. That just seems impossible! Time passes so fast! Assel said she works for Deloitte & Touche in their tax department. Yerlan is planning to run his own business and, she said, he is

busy with that. Yerlan was previously Deputy Chairman at Alliance Bank.



Assel had just learned that Marie had retired and remarked how much we all must miss her! Yes, we do! However, we do keep in touch and see each other fairly often—which is so nice. Assel had also heard that I had sudden cardiac arrest. I am totally fine now. Assel also asked about Sultan. He, too, is doing very well. We really miss Assel and Yerlan—wish we could see you both and the children. I'll bet they are sweet and beautiful.

Assel, send us picture of yourself.

Abby Cordova. Abby joined the Department of Political Science at the University of



Kentucky in Fall 2012. She will continue her research in comparative politics. She studies the effects of crime, poverty, and economic inequality on the democratic process in Latin America. Her field research has taken her to Guatemala, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Panama and Guyana.

Her husband, **Dominique Zephyr (Class of 2005)**, works in the Applied Statistics Laboratory at the University of Kentucky.

Considering how close you are to Nashville, we hope to see you occasionally—whenever you might have a chance to visit!

Osayi (Ovbiosa) Akinbosoye. Osayi has now left Nashville and moved to



Northbrook, Illinois. She was offered a wonderful job she could not refuse. She is now a Research Advisor, Enterprise Analytics at CVS Caremark Corporation. Congratulations on your new position! We will miss you here but wish you the very best in this new undertaking. I am sure you will do an outstanding job!

Pictured here are Osayi, her husband Akin, Osayi's mother and their son David. David is six years old now and he has a baby sister named Zoe who must be about two or three years old now.

Here is a more recent picture of Osayi and information about her job.



Osayi (Ovbiosa) Akinbosoye, Ph.D., PAHM
Advisor, Analytics and Outcomes Research, CVS Caremark Corporation

Location: Greater Chicago Area

Industry: Pharmaceuticals, CVS Caremark Corporation

Damira Mambetova

Here's some information we found on Damira—maybe on LinkedIn.

Senior Underwriter Property Facultative Insurance
Cologne Area, Germany

Current: Gen Re

Gen Re is a leading property/casualty and life/health reinsurance company. We are owned by General Re Corporation, a reinsurance holding company for global reinsurance and related operations and a subsidiary of Berkshire Hathaway Inc.



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Gen Re is headquartered in Stamford, Connecticut. A network of more than 45 branch and subsidiary offices are located globally in key markets.

Nazym Zhaksybekova. Nazym sent Mouzon New Year's Greetings in early January of this year. We would love to hear more from you Nazym! Send us a note when you have a chance. Check out the gorgeous picture of Nazym. What a beautiful bride!



Class of 2002-03



Rauan Amanbekov. We recently learned that Rauan has been a Partner at Integris Capital—a venture capital and private equity firm in Kazakhstan—for two years. This sounds very important, Rauan, and very interesting. Rauan handles Mergers and Acquisitions transactions and mandates assignments, capital raising and financing structuring, strategic and financial advisory, due diligence and valuation, and other related consulting services. Sounds like a lot of work Rauan. Sounds like a lot of work! We are very proud of your success! Keep in touch!

Alex Maisuradze. Alex Maisuradze works as the Head of Support Services for the UNOPS.



Alex has sent us many wonderful pictures from his travels. We will try to “catch up” with him and post more information in our next Newsletter.

Lynn Jittivanich. Lynn is currently working for the Shell Company in Bangkok. She works as a Brand and Communication Manager and in Retail Marketing of Fuels. We found out this information from a questionnaire we sent her.



Kuban Kubayev. Kuban called our office on August 28, 2013. He was going in October to Geneva, Switzerland to work in the Embassy in Geneva for the next two years. Sounds like a wonderful place to live to me! He will be working in the Field of Economics.



He told us his “**Big News**” that he is now married and also has a 2 year old daughter. Congratulations Kuban! Thanks for calling and catching us up on your news!

Enjoy Switzerland!

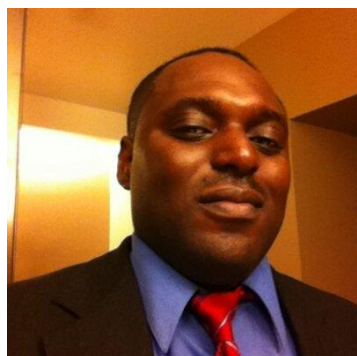


On Christmas day, 2013, Kuban wrote to Kathy Anderson and Mouzon ”Wish you Merry Christmas! Miss you very much!” We miss you too, Kuban!

Adriano Ubissee We got a very brief note (comment on a face book picture) from Adriano Ubissee. We need a picture and some more news from you, Adriano. We learned that Adriano got married in 2010. He works at the Ministry of Planning and Finance, I believe, in Maputo, Mozambique. Write us a note, Adriano, whenever you have a chance. We found this picture on face book. I believe this is you. Is this your family? Looks like you all are having a wonderful time. Wish I were there!



Class of 2003-04



Kofi Anim On April 8, 2013 I got a note from Kofi. He was asking if we were coming to D.C. and he hoped he had not missed us. Well, the answer to that question is yes, he did miss us. We were in D.C. the first week of March, so he did miss us. Sorry we didn't get to see you Kofi and the sad part is that this was our last trip to D.C. We are no longer making the trip to D.C., so I guess if anyone in the D.C. area wants to see us you will have to come to Nashville.

Kofi said he is working at the Financial Systems & Controls DC Water. Good hearing from Kofi and we are sorry we missed seeing him. Keep in touch Kofi!

Mher Baghramyan In November, 2012 we received a newsy e-mail from Mher. First of all his "**Big News**" is that he is now married and at that time that he wrote us he said he has a lovely 6 month old baby daughter. He sent us a really cute picture of her and, of course, she is precious! Congratulations, Mher! We are very happy for you. We love getting pictures from all of you and seeing your families.

He asked about our families and grandchildren. Our families are all doing well. I have 10 grandchildren and Mouzon has 2 grandchildren. He also asked about the GPED and faculty and students. All is well with faculty and students. We are having the largest class ever this coming fall (2013) around 45 or so! I (Marie) am retiring on June 7th, 2013. I hope that Mouzon can handle this large number and that she hires someone who can really help her.



Mher says he has enjoyed getting the Newsletter and Roster over the years. One was not sent out in 2012 so this Newsletter will be from 2012 through 2014. This Newsletter will be on our new website and you may ask for the Roster to be e-mailed to you. The expense of mailing has gotten out of hand and too much for our budget. So hope these continue and they get on the website for all of you.

Mher said that he does very little research now and spends most of his time with the business he started a couple of years ago. The business a trading company, they import various building and construction materials, mostly from China, for wholesale/retail in Armenia. He said he imagines someday he will be working with a business and the company may be run by another GPED alumnus from China. That will be cool!

Thanks for writing and the picture. You wrote us a very newsy letter and it was just great. Take care and keep in touch with the GPED!

Arthur Shaw The “Big News” we received from Arthur is that he got married on January 27, 2012. Congratulations Arthur! We are so happy for you. His wife’s name is Yildiz. Arthur said he has a new job and relocated in Istanbul, Turkey. Congratulations on your new job too Arthur.



Arthur told us that he is at Mathematica Policy Research after being at IRIS Center for the past six years at the University of Maryland. He said fortunately he is continuing to do the work he loves, “managing surveys and helping with program evaluations.” He will be working with more experienced people and going to new places.

Arthur’s wife, Yidiz has a one-year position to teach English composition and literature at a Turkish university.

Thanks Arthur for your very newsy letter. It was great hearing from you. Keep us posted from time to time.

We later learned that in November 2013, Arthur became an Extended Term Consultant at The World Bank in Washington, D.C. His duties include supporting development of CAPI software; assisting with methodological experiments aimed at improving agricultural data and providing aid with data collection in sub-Saharan Africa. Congratulations Arthur! This is impressive. We are so proud of you!

We also learned from LinkedIn that Arthur is a Research Analyst at Mathematica :Policy Research in Washington, D.C. Metro Area International Trade and Development. It also tells us the he is an economist with experience designing, managing, and implementing national surveys of household living conditions in developing countries. He is also experienced quantitative research with experience analyzing complex household data sets using an array of packages (SAS,SPSS, Stata) for professional research and evaluation projects. Sounds very impressive Arthur!

Sang Soo Park In March of 2014, Sang Soo celebrated 3 years of teaching at Korea University. After completing his M.A. and Ph.D. at Vanderbilt, Sang Soo taught at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and then, in 2011, accepted a teaching position at Korea University. This is wonderful news, Sang Soo. Write us during the year and tell us more about you, your family and your work. We would love to hear from you.



Class of 2004-05



Tehara Clarke. Manager, National Geographic Society, St. Kitts and Nevis. This summer, we came across news of Tahara on LinkedIn and Facebook. How nice it was to see your lovely picture and to know that you are working for the National Geographic Society. We need to hear more from you! We do hope you can have a chance to drop us a note soon. It would be great!

Alireza Ebrahim Alireza sent Mouzon a nice Christmas and New Year's Greeting card this past year via e-mail. That was very nice of him. Alireza currently holds the position of Financial Economist with the Office of the Comptroller of the Currency in Washington, D.C. His job involves working with National Banks Supervision, Financial Institutions Risk Management, Stress Testing, and Research.

We saw Alireza on our Field trip in 2012. Mouzon and her husband Sultan also had dinner with Alireza, his wife and daughter. I believe the Ebrahims have a second child, but I am not sure if it is a boy or girl. Alireza, you will have to let us know. We would love to hear more from you during the year. We will no longer be taking our group to D.C. but hopefully you can come to Nashville with your family for a visit!



Bradley Davidson. We have been following Bradley's activities since his graduation. As many of you know, he was a founder of Empower Alabama and, more recently, has been named Executive Director for the Alabama Democratic Party. You can read more about Bradley on line but we wanted to highlight his activities here.



Bradley Davidson New Executive Director for the Alabama Democratic Party

by: **mooncat**

Tue Feb 08, 2011 at 20:34:58 PM CST



Bradley is pictured above with President Barak Obama.

Not much surprise here, but Chairman Mark Kennedy has named **Bradley Davidson** as the **new Executive Director of the Alabama Democratic Party**. Davidson succeeds Jim Spearman who resigned last week.

Davidson is young, energetic and a believer in organizing, fundraising and building the party from the bottom up. Some may remember him as the driving force behind Empower Alabama, an organization that recruited volunteers and block captains across

Alabama. The paragraph below is taken from an email Davidson wrote in 2007, as Empower Alabama was getting off the ground. Emphasis mine.

A lot of the people I've spoken to in the past couple of weeks have mentioned feeling powerless. Powerless to do anything about the special interests who seem to control our future. Powerless to hold public officials accountable. Powerless to stop government being run by lobbyists and their contributions. My response has been the same each time. **There are two kinds of power: organized money and organized people. It's time for the people of Alabama to get organized.**

Since graduation from the GPED, Bradley has worked tirelessly to empower the people of Alabama—especially the poor—helping them to be active participants in elections and policy decision making. We are so proud of Bradley!!!! Keep up the good work!



Arti Bajaj Judd “Two years in the making and we both made sure to wear some cotton today since that is the gift for the 2 year mile! We have had much love and happiness between us and around us...so fortunate! Looking forward to many more years ahead!” Arti Bajaj Judd and Jeff Judd.

We are so happy for you both! Many, many congratulations on your first two years together! What a wonderful picture of the two of you!

We recently learned that Aarti has a new job as a Research Analyst with SMG - Service Management Group—Congratulations Aarti!

She has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Missouri-Kansas City from August 2012-present teaching Undergraduate Quantitative Research Methods (Statistics).

Aarti has also served (August 2011-present) as a Research Associate with the Kansas City Area Education Research Consortium (KC-AERC) at the University of Missouri-Kansas City where she conducts policy and evaluation research. This sounds so interesting and I am sure you are just great in this position!



Konstantin Egorov Konstantin finished his program in the Owen School in 2011 and



Mouzon had a very nice going away dinner for him. We are going to miss him but we know he will go far with the education he received at OWEN. Konstantin was a Consultant at Almazy Anabara JSC. In July 2012 we heard from Konstantin again and he is now working with Halliburton as a Financial Analyst. Congratulations on your new job! We look forward to hearing from Konstantin in the near future.

Well, not too long ago, we have a WONDERFUL SURPRISE. Konstantin visited Nashville. He has returned to his Russia and works for the government. Guess what he was doing in the U.S.? He was **buying** several airplanes for his government! Mercy! How exciting is that!

We saw Konstantin twice in the past year. The first time, when he was was in the United States to purchase several airplanes for his government. That seems like a fun thing to do—but a seriously important job too! It's always great to see Konstantin—he is able to come to the U.S. every year or so—and never changes. He always has his wonderful smile and great, warm personality! We hope you can come again soon, Konstantin! Maybe your government could use a few more planes ☺



Metin Hassu. Continues to work for the Turkish Competition Authority. He serves as an Expert on Competition. His position includes Industry, and Market Research, reviewing company information, investigation, reporting, and presenting competition (Antitrust) cases. We found Metin on the Competition Authority's Web page and noted that his Third Term Expert Thesis was: "Competition Law and Air Transport Sector." It's so nice to be able to read about what our alumni are doing after they graduate! Write us more or send along a picture when you have a chance!

Iahli Patale. Iahli called our office one day and it was great hearing from her. She is now in Nairobi, Kenya. Iahli is head of the Finance and Administration Departments at the United Nations OCHA (Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs). OCHA is responsible for bringing together humanitarian actors to ensure a coherent response to emergencies. The aim is to assist people when they most need relief or protection. A key pillar of the OCHA mandate is to "coordinate effective and principled humanitarian action in partnership with national and international actors". This is an outstanding humanitarian organization and we know that Iahli plays a very important role in its work. Iahli, we are so proud of you!



Honorata Sulila Black. We saw Honorata on Facebook this year. She looked great from her picture, but we wish we had more news on her this year. Write us when you can Honorata, we would love to hear from you!

Chenyu Zhang. Chenyu has been in contact with the program on many occasions, and it's always nice hearing from her.



Chenyu also dropped us a note in March 2012 and said she is enjoying Denver and her new position as a Senior Pricing Manager. Her job is very challenging, but we are sure she faces these challenges with confidence and success.

Chenyu tries to balance her life by running, swimming and doing Yoga. She said she also moved closer to her company and now she can walk there when she wishes. She said thanks to facebook, linkedin, and other social media, she stays in touch with Weiwei Shi, Qing Wu, Xi Gao regularly. She said she also hears from Aki on facebook. Chenyu also gave us her update address. She also informed us of a Vandy Alumni Chapter in Denver that organizes events she's considering attending in the future. Thanks for your newsy note Chenyu. It was great hearing from you!

We received an e-mail from Chenyu on January 21, 2013. She told us she went home to China to visit her family in December. Unfortunately, she got sick while she was at home. She felt like it was because she overworked herself in the last year. So she plans on slowing her pace down in this next year and live a healthier lifestyle. That sounds like a good idea, Chenyu!

Of course Chenyu sends her best to all. Chenyu says she still loves Denver so much, especially in the winter. She said she does miss Nashville and misses me very much. So we are glad to hear that there is still a place in your heart for Nashville and all of us in the GPED. We also want to thank you for her annual support of the Worley Fund!



We had a GREAT VISIT from Chenyu and her parents in December 2013. They all came from Denver and visited us in the office. The group took lots and lots of pictures! Here's a picture of Chenyu and her parents taken in the office with our Director, Professor Kamal Saggi, and Mouzon. We do hope Chenyu will come often for a visit! And we hope your parents can also come back to visit Nashville!

(Left) Chenyu Zhang and her parents with GPED Director, Kamal Saggi, and Mouzon

Mouzon and Shijie Shi took Chenyu and her parents to PF Chang's for lunch. We had so much fun!

(Right) Lunch with Chenyu and her parents. Apparently Shijie was taking both of these pictures!



Class of 2005-06

We found these pictures from the Class of 2005-06 and couldn't resist putting them in the Newsletter!



Visaka Amarasekere. Look at the great picture we found of Visaka Amarasekere! This is Visaka's new profile picture on Facebook. Visaka works for the Ministry of Finance and Planning. We need to stay in closer touch and hope to have lots of information about Visakha in our next Newsletter.



Muhammad Amir Ansari

Senior Program Officer at Finance Department, Government of Sindh, Pakistan

After graduating from Vanderbilt, Amir received the Ph.D. degree, I believe in Public Policy, from New School University in New York.

After graduation he worked in the Sindh Cities Improvement Program (SCIP) before assuming his current position. We are so proud of you, Amir. Do stay in touch with us!

Xia He. We hear from Xia from time to time. She is doing well and stays busy with her



children. She usually sends us a card with a note at Christmas. We are always so glad to hear from her and to hear that she and her family are doing well! Xia and her family planned to visit us during the Christmas holidays in 2013.

However, Jisong was sick and they decided not to come at that time. We hope they can re-schedule! It would be just great to see Xia, Jisong, and their two sons.

Well, they made it to Nashville! Xia, Jisong, Kailin and Daniel came for a visit in May 2014! We had a wonderful time seeing them. Here's a picture of Xia with Mouzon and the two boys, Kailin and Daniel (above). The boys are so sweet!



Mouzon and Shijie took them horseback riding in Nashville and they had such a good time.

Jane Karonga Last year, Jane dropped by our office out of the blue! She does that occasionally and always surprises us. She was traveling to go see one of her sons and cut through Nashville on the way. She looked great and is doing well. We love it when we get to see her. She has been busy lately preparing for the African Union Heads of State and for the launching of the new AUC Building.

Jane is currently serving as an Economist at the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. We found out that Jane was traveling in Togo in early June. I'm not sure how much Jane travels—I'm guessing quite a bit. Well, we had a big surprise. Jane contacted Mouzon in January 2014 to say she was IN NASHVILLE!!!!!! **Rupa Gootam DeLoach (Class of 2005-06)** treated Jane and her son Terrence, and Mouzon for lunch on January 17th. Jane was just “breezing through”—we only had a short visit—but it was great to see her! Terrence, Jane's oldest son, has just started school at Travecca University in Nashville studying chemistry and physics. Mercy—that sounds hard! It was so good to see Jane and Rupa and Terrence and “catch up” on all the news. Jane is still working in Ethiopia as Programme Management Officer for United Nations Economic Commission For Africa. Impressive!



And, it was great being with Rupa! We hope to see more of Jane since Terrence is studying in Nashville. Jane looked just wonderful—she hasn't changed a bit since she was a student. Rupa also has not changed! There must be some secret here to staying so young. I need to know what it is.



Hyoung-Jun Kim. Hyoung-Jun sent Mouzon a message on Facebook Wishing her a happy Holiday season. Hyoung-Jun has been a Director at the Export Import Bank of Korea since July 2007. We would love to hear more from you Hyoung-Jun.

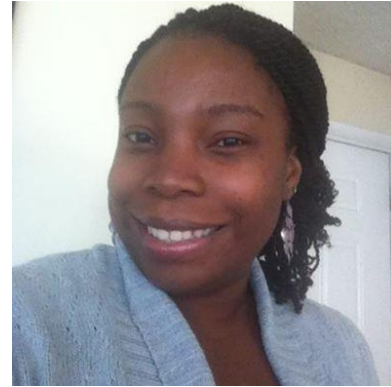
Weiwei Shi. We haven't heard directly from Weiwei in some time but we have learned that she has worked for Wells Fargo Securities in San Francisco since February 2012. We hope you are doing well, Weiwei! San Francisco is such a beautiful city. Congratulations on two and a half years with Wells Fargo! We would love to hear more from you in the coming year.



Ferhat Topkaya. Ferhat wrote and told us his twins Nil and Naz are now already 2 and ½ years old as of February 22, 2012. So, I guess they are over 4 years old by now! Ferhat sent us pictures which are just adorable. Thanks for writing and updating us. Keep updating us with you and your family.



Althea Wilson We found out that Althea is now working as a Corporate Partnership Manager for Plan International USA. This position entails the following: Being a steward for exiting relationships with corporate partners; soliciting and cultivating new partnerships with corporations whose philanthropic interests align with Plan's; writing institutional concept papers and grant proposals; producing donor reports, grant agreements, marketing collateral and website content. This company is located in Laurel, Maryland. Althea, this sounds so interesting!



Hideki Yoshimura We heard from Hideki last Christmas, 2012 when he sent us a beautiful card and a very cute picture of his family. Thanks Hideki! Write us about yourself and what you are doing and about your family too.

Hideki and his family sent us another Christmas card in 2013. Hideki thank you for the cards and sometime find some time to write us a note about you and your family.

On June 26 2013, we had a wonderful visit from Hideki. After he visited, he sent this picture and the note below to all his classmates.



Hideki Yoshimura

June 26, 2013

“Dear GPED alumni of 2006-07. Now I am on my business trip in Nashville and visited Vanderbilt a day before yesterday. Yes, Mouzon was working so hard for students as she had for us. According to her, however she had a health problem this spring, she is fine now and preparing for a lot (40+?) of students coming into Calhoun hall this summer.

I was sorry to hear that Marie just retired a couple weeks ago and I could not see her. Mouzon showed me how each of you guys doing well (including that some of you got babies). So let us write Mouzon and update information about you.

Looking forward to seeing you guys someday somewhere.

Love

Hideki Yoshimura — with Mouzon Siddiqi.”

Dominique Zephyr. We were so happy to learn that Dominique is working for the Department of Statistics at the University of Kentucky in the Applied Statistics Laboratory. His wife, **Abby Cordova (Class of 2001-02)** is teaching at the University of Kentucky in the Department of Political Science (see her listing under 2001-02. How nice that you are both at the University! Keep up up-to-date on everything! We would love to hear more from you and see you if you can get to Nashville!



Class 2006-07

Assel Abdrakhmanova. Assel wrote in December 2011. She told us her son is now 2 so I guess by the time everyone receives this Newsletter her son will be 5 or 6. She wished us a belated Happy Thanksgiving and an early Merry Christmas. Assel also made some really nice comments about our program and we thank her and appreciate it so much. Thanks for writing us.

Assel, wrote us on May 15, 2013 giving us updates for her contact information. She is looking for the 2012/13 Newsletter and Roster. Hopefully this will be going on the GPED website very soon! Thanks so much for keeping up with us.

Assel is currently working as a Senior Financial Reporter with the Caspian Services Group in Almaty, Kazakhstan. She has been with The Caspian Services Group since 2012.



Dana Alibekova. We heard from Dana this year. She wrote after she heard about Mouzon's cardiac arrest and wrote to wish her the best and to get well soon.



She apologized for not writing in a while but she said that she stays very busy with her kids. Her daughter, Adel, is now 3 years old and she has a son, Amir, who is over one year now. She is still on maternity leave! Wow! We don't get maternity leave anywhere close to that over here. I think we only get 6 weeks. That is nice that you have that much time off to be with your babies until they are 1 year old or more. Good thing you have there!! She said she spent the

summer in Almaty with her children. She visited with **Aknur Jumatova and Kuat Ibrayev (of this class).** Dana said that actually it is hard to catch up with Aknur, as she off on business trips outside of Kazakhstan.

Thank you Dana for your newsy letter and congratulations on your 2 children!

Marshall Carter Here's what we found about Marshall on LinkedIn:



Analyst, Public Finance (Municipal Bond Credit Ratings)
Moody's Investors Service, Chicago, Illinois
March 2013 – Present

Recommend municipal credit ratings; analyze financial statements, present recommendations to groups of peer per Moody's rating committee process, and author reports that outline factors driving issuer credit rating assignments
Extensive client-facing experience; lead conference calls and conduct in person site visits with local government officials, financial advisors, and bond underwriters to assess risks facing

This sounds very impressive Marshall. We guess you are staying very busy! Write us whenever you have a chance. Great Picture!

Chang-Kai Esteban "Steven" Chan. The **big, big news** from Steven this year is that he is married. We received the lovely wedding pictures and were just delighted to see the pictures of the happy couple! We hope to hear more from Steven during the next year. Are you all living in Taipei? Please email us with your contact information if it has changed. We love to have addresses for our alumni and try to keep them up to date!



What lovely wedding pictures of Chan, Cheng-Kai Esteban “Steven” and his bride Alice Lee.



George Ferguson What a great picture of George Ferguson with daughter! She is a little doll! I know you must be very happy! We miss you and hope you and your family are all doing well. This picture was on Facebook in June 2014. I’ll bet your daughter has grown a lot since this picture was taken. George is a Lieutenant Junior Grade at US Navy Reserve and Studies Christian Ministry at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky.



Kirsten Funes. Kirsten, bless her heart, is so good to us and checks up on us all the time. When we are in D.C. she is there for us and we have such a wonderful time being with her. She calls us and keeps us posted on all that is going and never forgets anyone's birthday. She is doing great and sends her best to everyone. She is still in D.C. and continues to work at the IADB. She has traveled home to Honduras several times during the year. I know how happy she is to get to visit with family and friends back home. We look forward to hearing from her every time she calls.



Pictured here are Kirsten with Muhammad Yunus when Yunus visited Vanderbilt for "Senior Day" to deliver the Commencement Address.



Kirsten and Joseph pictured above.



*Pictured at right are Kirsten, Joseph and Kirsten's Mom, **Teresa Deras (Class of 1990-91)** who traveled from Honduras for the wedding ceremony.*

Kirsten's **big news** is that on March 1, 2014, she was married to Joseph Smith. Joe is a native of England but has been working in D.C. They had a civil ceremony in D.C. and will have a religious ceremony in Honduras on March 7, 2015. Here are some beautiful pictures taken at the ceremony in D.C.



Daniel Goodman Daniel is another alumnus we get to see when we go to D.C. He is faithful in coming to our Alumni Reception there. Now that the group no longer travels to D.C., we will have to figure out a way to get Daniel here in Nashville! He is doing well there and looks like “Mr. Executive” every time we see him. He continues to keep his great sense of humor and we love it. Great seeing you!



Daniel is an economist with Washington Gas Energy Services, Inc. (WGES). Sounds like very important work, Daniel!

Aknur Jumatova. Aknur dropped Mouzon a note on Facebook some time ago asking how she and others were doing. She said she missed us so much. We miss you too, Aknur! Wish we could see you!

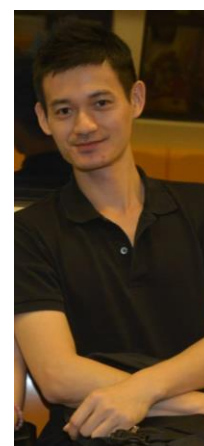
We found Aknur on LinkedIn although we didn’t find her picture. Aknur is an Associate Investment Officer at International Finance Corporation (IFC) where she has worked since 2008. She also worked as an Investment Analyst, PPP Transaction Advisory, Infrastructure—Europe and Central Asia with the IFC.



Jaehyeon Kim (Class of 2006-07). We hear from Jaehyeon quite often—and it’s always nice to “catch up” on what he’s doing. As many of you may know, Jaehyeon is pursuing a Ph.D. in accounting from the University of Hawaii. That sounds fabulous (except for the part about “accounting”—ha ha). I think living in Hawaii for a while would be very nice! I believe he has finished his coursework and is now working on his thesis. He is back in Korea doing that right now. In February 2014, he wrote that he would be presenting a paper “Religion and Corporate Governance” at the Korea-American Finance Association Conference which, I believe, was held in March. Sounds very interesting! Keep in touch with us Jaehyeon! Let us know the progress on your Ph.D.!

Xinghua Luo is a Specialist at Ping An Pay, working in the Financial Services Industry in the Greater New York City area. Xinghua, if you see this, please send us some information. I have seen you on face book but we would just love to know how you are—drop us a note when you can.

Are you still in New York City?



Olutola Oni Jordan Well I guess you know that Tola moved to Arizona to join her husband **Patrick Jordan (Class of 2007-08)**. We were very happy that happened! They became world travelers over this past year. It was great seeing all the pictures they sent us. They took a belated Honeymoon trip to Hawaii. Then later in the year they traveled all over Europe.



Here are two sweet wedding pictures!
What a lovely couple!

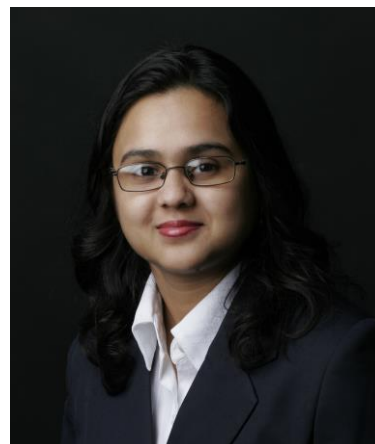


Guess what! Since our Newsletter has taken so long to go on line this time Tola and Patrick's **New "Big News"** is they had a baby girl, named Demi in May of 2013! She is a little doll. Congratulations to the both of them!



Demi at one year, attending a wedding with Mom and Dad—Tola Oni Jordan and Patrick Jordan.

Indrani Ray We heard from Indrani a couple of time over this last year. She is doing well and her daughter Anushra is now 6 years old—my goodness our children grow up so fast! Her husband, Achintya is doing well too. Indrani continues to work in Vanderbilt's Medical Center as a Quality Value Analyst. Thanks Indrani for checking in with us from time to time. She came to the office to visit one day during Christmas time and found out I was out because I (Marie) had knee replacement surgery. Then she wrote me towards the end of December checking on me and also wrote to wish me and my loved ones a Happy New Year. Thanks Indrani! It was great hearing from you. We hope all is well for you and your family!



Young Woo Rho Young Woo finished his Ph.D. at Vanderbilt in 2013 and has returned to Korea. He returned to work at the Maeil Newspaper to a very good position! We hated losing him, his wife Sunny and son Simon from Nashville! About the time Mr. Rho finished his Ph.D., Sunny finished her M.A. degree at Peabody. What a very smart family! Their son is in the 4th grade and will graduate this year from Elementary and be heading into Middle School. This is very exciting for a 4th grader and his parents too! He sends his best to all his GPED friends.



Young Woo, we are so proud of your whole family! We hope you can return to Nashville for a visit before too long. Hopefully you can vacation here!

Lin Yuan We heard from Lin about a year ago when one of our current students wrote to him ask him so send back some information on what the GPED Program meant to him and also to tell us about his current position. Lin sent back some very nice feedback about the GPED and how it affected him. Thank you, Lin for all your kind remarks. Lin is working in New York at Blackrock Asset Management, Asset Manager, Multi-Strategy in Research Analyst in Financial Market Advisory (FMA). Way to go Lin! This sounds like a very impressive job to me. Thank you to responding to our request for information.



Class of 2007-08

Eissa Al-Rumaithi Well Eissa took the “BIG STEP” last year and “Tied the Knot!” He got married! Congratulations Eissa! He had a beautiful wedding



in Miami on the beach. He sent us some wonderful pictures of the wedding look for them attached in this newsletter. We enjoyed seeing them so much and it looks like Eissa and Andrea had an absolutely beautiful wedding and a lovely party/reception following the wedding. I am sure everyone had a wonderful time. I know that **Kirsten Funes (Class of 2007-08)** attended the wedding and told us all about it and she sent us



pictures also. I think there were other GPED alumni there, but just can't recall at this time. We received some wonderful and beautiful pictures of his wedding. Well, we are very happy for Eissa and Andrea and we wish them the best for a happy future!

Mouzon just loves to pick up her ringing cell phone and hear Eissa on the other end of the line! Yes, he is so good to stay in touch with us. He and Andrea often call us from Spain where Eissa is a Ph.D. student. Of course, we wish they were here in the U.S. but we do get to stay in touch with them.

Eissa often calls us from Spain—to say “hello” and check on everybody. How sweet of you to always remember us! Sometimes Mouzon has a hard time hearing him on the phone because of the connection. Well, on June 9th, Eissa called from D.C. We had a great conversation and the connection was so clear! Eissa had been to a Conference in Canada—was sent by his University Department in Spain to the Conference—and was on his way home. This is the third conference he has been to on behalf of his Department. He was flying through D.C. and had plans to meet **Kirsten Funes Deras (Class of 2007-08)** in D.C. that evening. Eissa has completed his second year of Ph.D. study and has begun working on his thesis. His focus is “Corporate Entrepreneurship.” I can't believe Eissa has already finished two years of his Ph.D. studies. How time flies! He said that he and Andrea are both doing very well. We hope to see you both in Nashville before too long!



Andrew Conniff We hear from Andrew from time to time on facebook. He moved back to a couple of years ago. We have not seen him yet! Where are you Andrew? We get pictures of you and all your many friends on facebook, but that is about all we know about you. Write us a note.

We **have heard** from Andrew several times over the past couple of years and, in fact, saw him at the GPED Picnic in October 2013. It was such a nice surprise to see him there! One of our new students, Boris Rubbani, is the brother of **Swizen Rubbani (Class of 2008-09)** who is now at the World Bank. Andrew saw Boris and thought for a minute he was Swizen. He asked Boris if he were Swizen's brother—yes, Andrew was right!—they do look a lot alike! Andrew and Swizen, of course, had been classmates.



Andrew's latest news is that he has just recently moved to Arizona to work for American Express. **Patrick Jordan (Class of 2007-08)** works there and **Rob Bowron (Class of 2008-09)** also worked there before transferring to New York recently. We had hoped to see Andrew before

he left Nashville for Arizona but we missed him. Do keep in touch, Andrew! Good luck on the new job at American Express!

Manoj Kumar Dora We hear from time to time from Manoj. He and his wife, Danielle, are doing great! Manoj is continues his work and studies at Ghent University in Belgium. He has had several GPED alumni visit him over this past year. His visitors were: **Tola Oni (Class of 2006-07), Patrick Jordan (Class of 2007-08), and Shabani Ely Katembo (Class of 2007-08)**. I know they all had a wonderful time visiting together and seeing Belgium. They all sent us great pictures which we loved seeing here in the GPED. I am sure we will continue hearing from Manoj from time to time.

How happy we were to receive this lovely wedding picture!

Big News! Manoj and Danielle are expecting a son! We are so, so happy for you!

And more **Big News:** Manoj is completing his Ph.D. very soon (early 2014!)



And even More **“Big News”**. Just before finalizing the Newsletter, we received this picture of Manoj—just after completing his Ph.D. defense. Many, many congratulations!! Aayan Dora –Son of Manoj

and Daniella Dora. Isn't he a**DOR**Able!



Raffi Garcia I (Marie) heard from Raffi via e-mail in November 2012. I had total knee replacement surgery in November, and he had heard about this. So he dropped me a very sweet note and wishing me a speedy recovery. I appreciated his note so much. Miss you Raffi! Write us or call us sometime.

Rafi Garcia works at Booz Allen Hamilton.

Hujiaabudula Hasimu We were very happy that Hujia and his wife and children came to our Reception in D.C. last March. It was so wonderful seeing and visiting with them. Their children are just precious!

Hujia is now working at Maryland National Capital Park and Planning Commission in Riverdale, Maryland; he is the Senior Budget Analyst at the company. He is doing quite well and we look forward to seeing him again this next March too!



Patrick Jordan. Well, it looks like Patrick is going like gangbusters at AMEX. He has made the “Travel Scene” this year a couple of times. The first adventure he went on was to take his wife, **Tola Oni (Class of 2007-08)** on a honeymoon to Hawaii.

SEE Tola Oni (Class of 2006-07) above for a wedding picture and a picture of the new baby, Demi!

Pat sent us wonderful pictures from their honeymoon. I think Hawaii has to be a favorite destination for honeymooners, right! Then a few months later he and Tola took a trip and went to Europe. They also got to visit with **Manoj Dora (of this class)** and his wife, Danielle, in Belgium and had a wonderful time with them. Patrick e-mailed us pictures of their whole trip and I mean they sent us many, many pictures and they were just wonderful. I almost felt like I was there looking at them. Thanks for sharing your adventures with us! Thank you Patrick, for sending us interesting articles and things on Facebook. Continue to keep in touch with us!

Shabani Ely Katembo Ely is now working in the United Nations Environment Program's division of Technology, Industry, and Economics (DTIE) in Paris, France. He is a Consultant for Sustainable Consumption, and Production. He had done support and preparation of the UNEP's Governing Council and Rio+20, the United Nations Conference on Sustainable Development (UNCSD). He has also assisted in developments in the Rio+20 process at all levels (national, regional, and international) with regards to Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP). Ely supported the development and launching of the online SCP Knowledge Management Desk. Wow Ely, you have been extremely busy since we heard from you last.



Sometime when you get a chance drop us a line! We are so glad that you got to visit with **Manoj Dora (of this Class)** and we enjoyed seeing pictures of you and Manoj.

Ely was in contact with Sabrina Roshan, daughter of **Sardar Roshan (Class of 1975-76)**. Sabrina put Ely in contact with Sardar. Ely is very interested in current work in Afghanistan. He wants to make a positive impact on change in the Congo and Roshan is the person he believes can help him in this area. We hope that they did get to work together. I am sure we will hear more about this in the future.

Mouzon wrote Ely to let him know that we have one alumnus, Tannous Hanna Kass Hanna (Class of 2011-12) who has just completed his first year at the University of Toulouse and another alumnus, Ying, Yuting (Class of 2012-13) who will begin there this fall. Mouzon didn't know how close Toulouse was to Paris but thought perhaps they could "meet up" sometime. Ely said he would be happy to meet them!!!

As usual, Ely seems to be busy with so many things! He is working with the United Nations Environment Program in Paris where he manages Stakeholders, including farmers, women, the scientific and technological community including academic and research, children and youth, indigenous people, workers and trade unions, business and industry, non-governmental organizations, and local authorities. He is it is really fun! And I will bet you are really busy!

Ely said he has been proposed to be the president of the Vanderbilt Alumni Association in France—at least I think that's what he meant. He says he's thinking about it! Ely says there is a small community of Vanderbilt folks in Paris who often meet with the Ambassador and other US representatives. Sounds impressive. They are so lucky to have you there! When I first read Ely's email, I thought he said he had been proposed to be the President of France. Honestly, I wouldn't be surprised!

And, Ely is still working on an economic development project in Congo. He says we can see more about that at www.katembo.com

Well, keep up the good work, Ely—but don't work too, too hard. OK? Keep in touch!

Sait Mboob Sait phoned our office on July 31, 2012. He is now at USAID. He was working in the Orientation and Training in the Economic Bureau in Washington, D.C. He said that next summer he will be working in Thailand. I hope he gets contact information on the GPED alumni in Thailand. We have many there.

Early in this year (2013) Sait contacted me about us going to USAID on our D.C. trip. We were so happy when arrangements were made for us to go there for a seminar, thanks to Sait. Sait was out of the States at the time, but saw to it that our group could go there. Thank you ever so much, Sait, for all your efforts and arrangements. This would have been our first seminar at USAID after many years! Unfortunately, as it turned out D.C. had inclement weather that day and all Federal Agencies were closed down! So, to our disappointment, we did not get to go there. We just want you to know, Sait, that we do appreciate all the effort you went to for your GPED. Thank you!

In September 2013, the Staff at the American Embassy in Bangkok did a tribute to their University's football teams. Sait and a colleague are representing Vanderbilt. Click (control/click) here to see Sait! **This is a "Must See!"** Very clever. Thanks Sait for representing Vanderbilt so well!!!!!!

https://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_embedded&v=0KauxLLkKAo#t=28

Donovan Picarella Donovan wrote us and told us what he has been doing since leaving Vanderbilt. First he said he prepared for his deployment to Iraq with the Tennessee National Guard. He said this deployment was different from his previous deployment in a positive way. The Iraqi government had adequately taken control of its own domestic security and the economy was heading in the right direction. The U.S. Army was helping to start microfinance programs across the across the country to promote economic development. His unit's mission was to provide security for the withdrawal of U.S. Troops and equipment. His job was to provide intel analysis for his Unit.





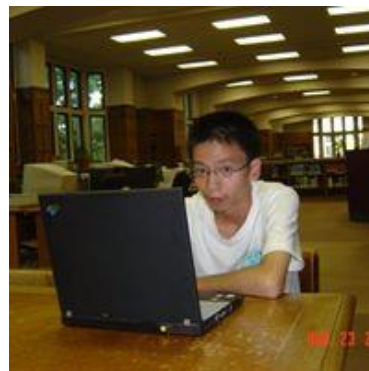
*Donovan Picarella and
Jessica Cole Picarella*

After his deployment and returned he married a beautiful girl, who he went to high school with. He instantly became a father of two sons, a 7 year old son, named Casey and a 10 year old son, named Cole. Now he and his wife have a baby girl named Harper Jane and, when he wrote us, she was 8 months old in January. Congratulations Donovan on your marriage and your children! We are very happy for you!

The Picarella Family—what a lovely picture!

Donovan said he is currently working for the Tennessee Department of Labor and Workforce Development as an Employment Security Interviewer for a mobile career center. He started Officer Candidate School the end of January. Congrats on your job and good luck in Officer Candidate School! Keep us updated. Thanks for your newsy letter and we were very happy to hear from you. Please keep in touch with us!

Dali Wang Dali sent us his new contact information last November (November 2012). He is currently employed at ShanDong Xinzhou a real estate company in Shandong, China. We hope that you are doing great and we sure that you are. Thanks so much for you contact info and remember to always keep in touch with us.



Ye Zhao (Joey) Joey just dropped by to visit us on July 30, 2012. He is now planning to go back to China on business for a while. He gets to go back to China about three times a year for a couple of weeks on business. That is so nice for him, as he can visit with his family and friends. Of course he is working and living in Nashville so we are lucky too that we get to see Joey from time to time.



Joey continues to work at Tianjin Morris Property Services, LLC as Executive Assistant. His position consists of assisting US headquarters to analyze real estate property management market in Tianjin China and assisting with daily finances, budget analysis

between US & China, and client development and management. Joey says he enjoys this job but he stays very busy. It was nice seeing Joey and we look forward to seeing him any time he gets to stop by and visit us.

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Part 3

Class of 2008-09

Talgat Akhmetov Talgat sent us a nice note on December 27, 2012 wishing us a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. We hope that 2012 has been a very good one for Talgat and his family!

Talgat was still in Kazakhstan at that time and said he is currently working for a bank. He said his wife and baby boy are doing just great. Glad to hear that! Talgat said he is pondering the option of doing a one year MBA, but has not decided on a school yet. Please let us know if you decide to go for the MBA. Great hearing from you Talgat. Continue to keep in touch!



Lindsay (Moffett) Conrad. Lindsay works as a Broadband Research and Planning Specialist at Connected Nation, Inc. in the Charleston, South Carolina area.

Connected Nation believes that states, communities, families, and individuals can realize great economic and social advantages when we accelerate broadband availability in underserved areas and increase broadband use in all areas, rural and urban, alike.

Connected Nation facilitates public-private partnerships to increase access to and use of broadband and related technology, creating dramatic results that translate into economic and community development, better education, higher quality healthcare, more efficient public service and improved quality of life. Connected Nation aspires to be recognized as an international market leader among organizations that work in the trenches to bridge the digital divide and increase opportunities that are enabled when people have the ability and desire to connect.

What a wonderful organization, Lindsay! And, they are so, so lucky to have you! We are so proud of you!

Lindsay was married April 16, 2011. The wedding was so beautiful and Lindsay looked absolutely stunning. What a sweet couple!



Abebe Hailemariam Abebe wrote us in early September (2012) to check on everyone in the GPED. He apologized for not being in contact with us for a long time. That's okay Abebe; we are just glad that you took the time to contact us now. Abebe is now living in Ontario, Canada and doing well.

Abebe's "**Big News**" is that he has a baby girl, named Hannah. Congratulations Abebe! He sent us pictures of his precious Hannah. Please see her attached picture.

Thanks for writing with you great news and write when you think of us from time to time and keep us posted with your life.

Bakhrom Mirkasimov We learned from Professor Kathryn Anderson that Bakh is now at the German Institute for Economic Research in Berlin, Germany. The program he is taking is called, Research Opportunity for Doctoral Students in the Economics of Development, Conflict and Insecurity. Thanks Kathy for your update on Bakh!

We received a letter from Bakh in June (2012). Bakh wrote us a very nice letter telling us about Professor Anderson being in Berlin and how much he has enjoyed her being there. He said he enjoyed reconnecting with GPED and Vanderbilt. He said he is doing okay and will be traveling during the summer (2012) to Uzbekistan, Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. He said he hopes to meet up with **Kakhramon Yusupov (Class of 1997-98)** in Tashkent. I hope that he was able to, but have not heard whether he did or not. He said he also met up with **Kuban Kabayev (Class of 2002-03)** in Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan.

Bakh said he hopes to come to the United States some time in 2013. We hope that he is able and we look forward to seeing him. He said he is eager to come to Nashville and visit us. He sent his best to all of us in the GPED and to any of his friends who may still be here.

Thanks for writing Bakh and hope to see you in Nashville.



In July 2013, Bakh wrote us to say he was going to try to visit us in Nashville. He had been in Washington and had met with Peter Redvers-Lee (Class of 2000-01), Jin-Ho Kim (Class of 2009-10), Swizen Rubbani (Class of 2008-09), and Tual Tuang (Class of 2008-09).

Bakh's **BIG NEWS** this year is that he got married on April 10, 2014 in Tashkent, Uzbekistan. His wife's name is Feruza. Bakh sent us this lovely wedding picture! Feruza is a beautiful bride and, Bakh, you look so handsome!

*Bakh and Feruza – April 10, 2014—
What a beautiful couple!*

Many, many congratulations to you both! We are all so happy for you! Bakh said he was currently in Tashkent but getting ready to travel in the summer to Kyrgyzstan where he will meet with Professor Kathryn Anderson. He also plan to meet with Kakhramon Yusupov in Uzbekistan soon. Please tell Kakhramon “hi” for us!

Ana Louise Stewart



Ana Stewart
Environmental Commodities
Location: San Francisco, California
Industry: Renewables & Environment
SREC Associate Director At SolarCity

We recently learned that Ana is working at SolarCity, a national leader in clean energy services. Solar City makes clean energy available to homeowners, businesses, schools, non-profits and government organizations at a lower cost than they pay for energy generated by burning fossil fuels like coal, oil and natural gas. Their approach is to install systems to the highest engineering standards while making the switch simple for our customers. Ana says they have revolutionized the way energy is delivered by giving customers a cleaner, more affordable alternative to their monthly utility bill. This is wonderful news! Good for you!!!!

Tual Tuang We heard from Tuang in the summer of 2012. He was in Nashville for the summer helping his father with the family business. He said everything was going great in school in D.C. We were in hopes to see Tuang when we were in D.C. but I guess he was busy with school work and couldn't make our Reception. Sorry we didn't get to see you Tuang. Write us or come by when you are in Nashville.

Tuang is enrolled in Ph.D, study at American University and from August 2013 also serves as a Quantitative Research Support Consultant and Trainer in the Center for Teaching, Research and Learning at American University. Sounds very impressive Tuang.

His duties include providing guidance on the design of research projects and the appropriate use of software packages such as SPSS, Stata, SAS, Eviews, Mathematica, Matlab, R, and GAMS. Tuang does walk-in training, group training, in-class training and private consultation for faculty members and advanced graduate students. I'm sure you must be a very appreciated and sought-after person at American University.



Tuang's **big news** is that he married on August 23, 2014! Congratulations! What a lovely couple!



Class of 2009-10

Lauren Davis Lauren wrote Mouzon asking if she had been in contact with Paul Worley regarding starting a Grameen Bank branch in Nashville. She said she would be very interested in this type of economic development work. I don't know what is happening about this, I have not heard. This would be a great thing if it happens.

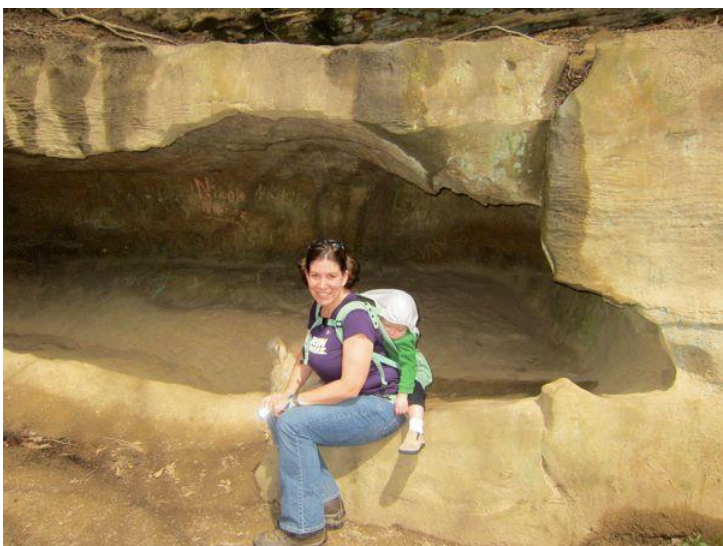
Mouzon got another note from Lauren in October after she saw Mouzon on local news regarding her medical emergency (sudden cardiac arrest). Yes, Mouzon was on TV here. We are just happy she is recovering nicely and back to her old self again!

As many of you may know, Lauren is working at Vanderbilt as a Manager, Data Coordination Center of the Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research (VICTR). It's just great seeing her occasionally and knowing she is close by. And, an added plus for Mouzon, Lauren and Garrett live in East Nashville very close to Mouzon. In November 2012, Lauren met with Kathy Anderson, **Ana Regina Vides de Andrade (Class of 1988-89)** and Mouzon for lunch. It was just great seeing her and "catching up" on all the news. The **BIG NEWS** was that Lauren and Garrett were expecting a baby! We were all so excited.



In early Spring, there was a lovely baby shower at **Keri's Wolf's (Class of 2010-11)** house—with Keri, **Collette Wheeler (Class of 2010-11)**, **Sarah Wong Tahiri (Class of 2010-11)**, and **Nicole Hinton (Class of 2010-11)**—all helping to make the occasion absolutely lovely. All five of the GPED alumni live in the East Nashville area close to Mouzon. The party was so fun! So, the **even Bigger News** is that baby boy "Kai" arrived in May 2014. Mouzon went to see him and he is just adorable! Lauren plans to go back to work a little later on.

Amanda Cook We saw a picture of Amanda on Facebook this year. Then Mouzon receive an e-mail note from Amanda on June 13th. She said that Ardian has started a new school and I assume that is a Day-Care since he is a baby. Ardian is happy at his new school. Glad to hear that! I am sure Amanda is doing great in school. It was wonderful hearing from her. Thanks for writing and continue to keep us posted. Send along some news for our upcoming newsletter.





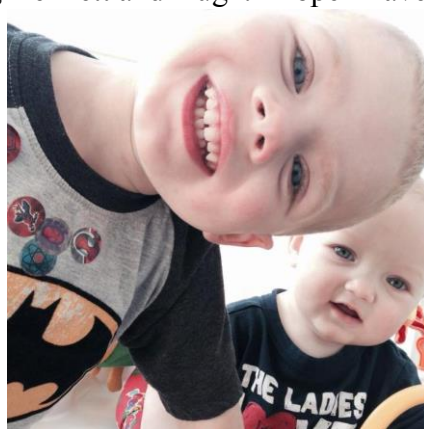
Leandro Faria We see from LinkedIn that Leandro is a Senior Analyst at Credigy of Deutsche Bank in Atlanta, GA. He has been there since December 2012. Congratulations to Leandro for his new position! Keep up the good work, Leandro!

Mouzon and her husband Sultan get to Atlanta fairly often to visit their daughter and her family and hope to see you on one of their trips.

David Fulton We hear from David from time to time. He and Whitney now have 3



boys, I believe: Avery, Bennett and Hugh. I hope I have that right! They are such a handsome family! Look at this great picture we found on face book of David and Whitney. No wonder their boys are so handsome! We also found this picture of their two youngest sons and one of “all the boys” in the family.



David is in the United States Army and, as far as I know, the family lives in Fort Benning, Georgia. David, write us a note when you have a chance. I hope I have all my facts straight here.

Daniel Holles From June 2013 to the present time, Dan Holles is working as a Transfer Pricing Specialist at KPMG in the Charlotte, North Carolina area. He is a Senior Associate in KPMG'S Economic and Valuation Services group. Before joining KPMG, Daniel worked for 2+ years as a Transfer Pricing Specialist with Ernst and Young.

We hope in the next few months to hear directly from Daniel—don't lose touch with us! We always enjoy hearing directly from our alumni and keeping up with the news.



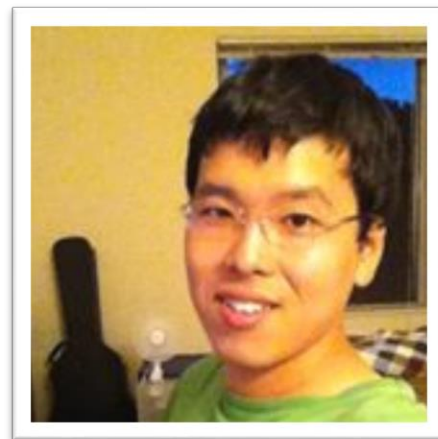
Yi Htu. Yi is currently an Associate at Ernst & Young in Atlanta.

In August, 2013 we received the following message from Yi:

“Hi Mouzon, Thank you for the endorsement. This endorsement triggered me to reach out to you and to see if you are doing alright these days. I heard Marie retired this year? Me and other Vandy alums miss you a lot and we ask about you whenever we get a chance to get together. I'm moving to Atlanta end of next month and I'm looking forward to living and working there. Hope things are going well on your end.”

What a sweet note from Yi! Later we received a note letting us know that she is now in Atlanta. I (Mouzon) will try to see her on one of my visits to see our daughter and her family. As Yi suggested, it would be fun to get together and “catch up.”

Shen Hui We heard from Shen Hui in February; we were trying to find his mailing address. He wrote back and gave it to us. He is currently studying for the Ph.D. degree at the University of Maryland. Keep in touch Shen Hui! Hope all is going well with your studies.



Zebulun Kreiter works at Marketing Management Analytics – MMA, the fastest growing marketing analytics firm. Zeb lives in New York City. We have quite a few alumni in New York City now. Do you ever see any of them? If you would like a list, just let us know and we can send that to you. We don't make the Address Roster available on our web page, in order to protect people's privacy, but would be happy to send you a list of fellow alumni in the City if you wish. Do you have any plans to come our way? We would love to see you. If so, just let us know! OK? It would be great!



Samuel Leof Sam is currently a Transfer Pricing Economist with Ernst & Young LLP in Minnesota. He's prepared transfer documentations for over 20 multinational companies using various transfer pricing methodologies. He drafts submissions to defend companies in penalty proceedings. He has provided advice on international tax problems and has also coached new tax hires and interns. Way to go Sam! Your job sounds very impressive. Write us when you can, even if it is a short e-mail. We would love to hear from you.



Liu, Si Liu, Si is now working for Sinochem International Tendering Co., a big corporation owned by the Chinese government in Beijing. This company is one which deals with government and industrial machinery purchasing. Sinochem's core businesses span over energy, agriculture, chemical, real estate and financial services. Liu, Si said she is very proud to be working there and she enjoys the working environment.

Mateo Perez-Rodriguez Mateo wrote us in January 2013. He wrote us and told us of his latest publication. He wrote and had published an article, as Guest Editor, in a major Mexican newspaper, El Norte, with a national reach, on December 30, 2012. The article touched on a tax increase in the State of Nuevo Leon (his home state) and the economics behind it.



He said he continues doing Transfer Pricing for Ernst & Young in Dallas, TX and will be promoted to Senior Economist in 2013. He said he worked on one of the largest projects the firm has ever had. He was analyzing the foreclosure procedure amidst the financial turmoil in late 2008. Mateo said he is the global person for one of the firm's projects, and his name is on the EY internal webpage.

Thanks for all your news Mateo. Keep up the good work and keep updated!

Mateo Perez-Rodrigue
Economist – External Consultant at Acuitas Capital Inc.
Dallas/Fort Worth Area Financial Services

Junliang “Julian” Tong Julian Tong is pursuing his Ph.D. degree in Health Services Research, Policy and Administration, Division of Health Policy and Management, School of Public Health, University of Minnesota, emphasis on Health Decision Science. He is a Research Fellow at Medica Research Institute in the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.

Julian, we think of you often and would love to hear more directly from you. Let us know what all you are doing—although I'm guessing your Ph.D. studies and your work probably keep you very, very busy.

Here is Julian's face book picture. Looks like he's having fun!



Johan Westenburg After graduating and leaving Vanderbilt and Nashville Johan sent us his new contact information. He is now living in Belgium. He said he had a good trip to Belgium and is doing great. We wish him the best of luck and we hope he continues to keep in touch with us.

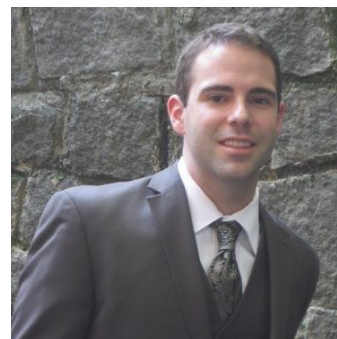
Principal at East End Economics
Location: [Bruges Area, Belgium](#)
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Class of 2010-11





John “Jack” Laing We received a nice quick note from Jack in September. He just wanted to say hello and check on everyone in the GPED. He was hoping to come to Nashville in October but found out he didn’t have time to come. So he said maybe in the spring or next fall. We haven’t seen him yet, but who knows, maybe we will see him in the fall.



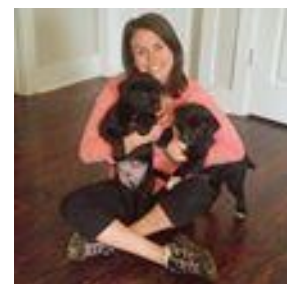
Jack is located in Atlanta, Georgia and works as an Attribution Manager and Business Application Programmer at IgnitionOne, a market research company. I (Mouzon) hope to see you sometime when we are in Atlanta visiting our daughter and her family. It would be great to “catch up” on all your news!



Rhona Murungi Rhona sent us her “**Big News**” on September 4, 2012, that she accepted a job with World Relief, as their East African Program Officer after she went back to Uganda. She said she took the job and is really excited about it and believes the GPED prepared her well for this job. She had to visit all of the four East African countries she will be in charge of supporting, although her job will be based in Baltimore, Maryland. She will get to travel back and forth to the East African regions 3 to 4 times a year. Currently when she wrote she was in Kenya, visiting the World Relief Offices. She was in Rwanda first for about 2 weeks, then she went to Congo and then Burundi and after that Kenya. That is such good news and we are so happy for Rhona. We know she will do a wonderful job and it is so nice that she will be involved with “hands on” work on poverty alleviation! Congratulations Rhona!

Keri Ann Wolfe Mouzon gets to see Keri Wolfe often because she lives in the Neighborhood (East Nashville) and also works at Vanderbilt. Keri recently joined the staff at Vanderbilt as a Manager, Health Information Systems Project.

Department: VICTR-- The Vanderbilt Institute for Clinical and Translational Research. It’s great having Keri in my (Mouzon’s) neighborhood—and at Vanderbilt. I hope to see her very often!



This spring (2014) Keri had a shower at her beautiful home for **Lauren Davis** who was expecting a baby boy. (The baby, Kai, has since arrived and is a beautiful baby!) He was born in Spring 2014.) Lauren and Garrett also live in the East Nashville Neighborhood! Many GPED alumni were at the shower including Lauren (of course), Keri, **Collette Wheeler (Class of 2010-11) and Sarah Tahiri (Class of 2010-11) and Nicole Hinton (Class of 2010-11)**. Collette Wheeler, Nicole Hinton, and Sarah Wong Tahiri also live in East Nashville. Mouzon is so happy to have so many friends close by!

Stephanie Bassil We received word from Stephanie when she returned home and got there safely. She expressed how grateful she was for all the kindness that was shown to her while she was here and that she will miss us. We do hope Stephanie will keep in touch with us!

I received a very sweet note from Stephanie on June 3, 2013. She said she was very lucky and got a job just 2 months after she went back home to Lebanon. She is working for Habitat for Humanity in Lebanon. She said she is very happy. I know she will be very good working for Habitat for Humanity. Congratulations on your job, Stephanie!



Stephanie said she hopes to save enough money to visit Nashville in about two years. That would be so wonderful if you can do that we will love to have you here. Even if I will not working here, Mouzon will let me know when you will be here and we can get together then! I hoping you get to come.

We found on LinkedIn that Stephanie is an Assessment Officer at Norwegian Refugee Council. This sounds like a wonderful organization, Stephanie! I know you are helping many people with your work.

Here's a nice description of the work of the Norwegian Refugee Council.

The Norwegian Refugee Council (NRC, *Norwegian: Flyktningshjelpen*) is a humanitarian, non-governmental organisation which promotes and protects the rights of people affected by displacement. This includes **refugees** and **internally displaced persons** who are forced to flee their homes as a result of conflict, human rights violations and acute violence, as well as climate change and natural disasters.



NRC is **politically** independent and has no **religious** affiliation. NRC is also the only Norwegian organisation that specialises in international efforts to provide assistance, protection and durable solutions for people affected by displacement.



Isil Tayyibe Bayram. We have heard from Isil several times since she graduated. As you will see from the lovely pictures, Isil married I believe fairly soon after graduation and she and her husband now have a lovely addition to their family! Pictured here are Isil and **Stephanie Bassil** of this class and, seated, are Isil and her sister who visited her when she was a student.



All the pictures are so beautiful, Isil! You look so happy and I am sure you are. Do keep in touch with us and let us know all about your life and work. We miss you!





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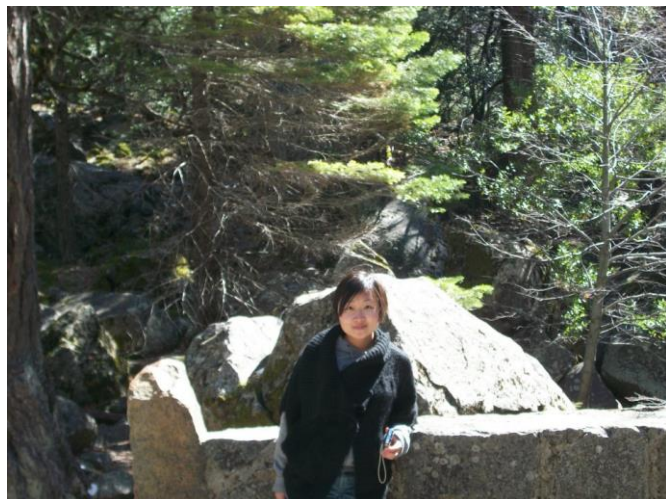
We have heard from Bizuayehu since leaving the GPED and he is now going for his Ph.D. at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, Illinois. He has begun taking classes. The big surprise to us and his “**Big News**” is that he got married since leaving here. I didn’t even know he had a girl back



home! Anyway he sent us some pictures and you will find them attached. The wedding pictures are just beautiful! Congratulations Bizuayehu and Sofia! We are so happy for the both of you. He said they have settled in Carbondale and doing well. Thanks for sharing your great news and the pictures too! Keep in touch!



Shijun “Leslie” Dong. Leslie wrote on Christmas Eve, 2012 wishing us a Merry Christmas and a Happy 2013. She said she wishes she had written us before then, but she had been so busy with work and adjusting to a big city, making new friends and everything. That’s all right Leslie; we fully understand.



She said currently she is working in Sinopec Headquarters Office in Beijing. She is doing international trade contract negotiations. She said it is a good balance of her communications major in college and financial knowledge she picked up at Vanderbilt. Congratulations on your job! Keep us posted. I am sure you will do just great wherever you work! We hope 2013 has been a good year for you!

We found this beautiful picture of Leslie on Facebook. Where were you?

Ana Gutierrez. Somehow I (Mouzon) have lost track of the dates that Ana has been in Nashville but she has been here at least twice since the last Newsletter. It's always so fun to have Ana here—with her energy and beautiful smile. On one trip, Mouzon and Sultan joined Ana and several of her Vanderbilt classmates for dinner at a new restaurant in Nashville. We had a great time “catching up” on what everyone is doing. I had some great pictures of the evening but have managed to misplace them ☹.



Ana is currently working as a Program Officer, Grants and M&E at AJH-USAID/Honduras. Youth Alliance Honduras-USAID (AJH-USAID) was established in 2011 to foster violence prevention areas and to work with highly-at-risk youth in the most vulnerable communities of Honduras. AJH-USAID has become the leading violence prevention program in Honduras which has proven to be successful, both for their technical content and their permanent physical interventions, which are strongly rooted and available to the community as a whole. What a wonderful organization! And, how wonderful that you are a part of this very important Program. We do hope to have you back in Nashville visiting us again soon!

Brian Hull Brian wrote us in September 2012 and said he and his wife were in D.C. and continuing to job hunt. He thanked us for all we do here in the GPED and said he tried to come by to say goodbye but no one was in the office. We are sorry we missed him!

Then in the spring we wrote back and forth for a while. Brian decided, with family help that he would come in May for Commencement. We are so happy they talked him into it. We got to see him and it was so nice to see him March down the aisle for Commencement! Congratulations again, Brian. Keep in touch with us!



Well, as luck would have it, Brian was offered a job in Nashville with the Tennessee Department of Education as Fiscal Manager, Office of Federal Programs where he worked from November 2012-June 2013. In July, 2013, the TN Department of Education offered Brian the position of Chief Innovation Officer, Office of school Improvement. We are so happy that Brian and his lovely family are in Nashville! He is pictured here with his beautiful wife Jung Mi and their adorable son Andrew on Andrew's first birthday! We hope to see you often now that you are settled in Nashville!



Francis Ratsimazafy. We are so lucky to see Francis very often—for two reasons: He is studying for the Ph.D. in Economics at Vanderbilt and his wife, Faniry, is a student in the GPED! Here is a great picture of the two of them! They are such a sweet couple! We hope to have them here for a least a few more years.

And, of course, even though Francis is now in the Ph.D. program, we still claim him as “ours.”

Kevin St. John Kevin is now a Strategic Planning Intern at Tervis. Congratulations on your job. We would like to know more about this and where you are located.

Kevin came back for Commencement! We were so happy to have him back here even if it was for just a day. Congrats to Kevin! Keep in touch!

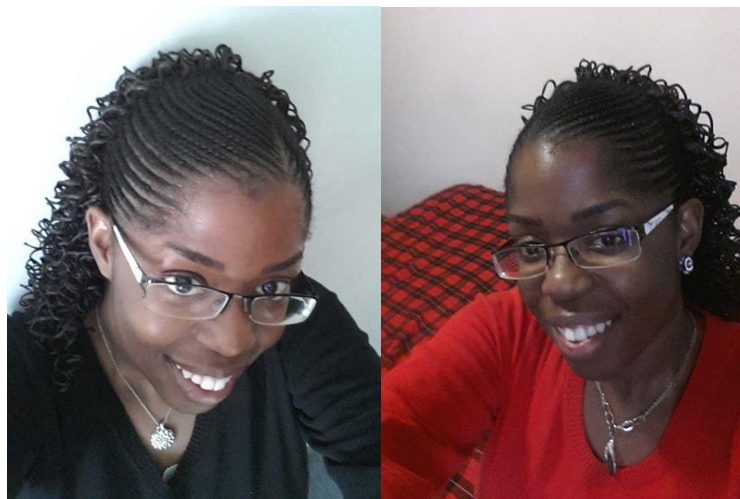
Not too long ago, Mouzon’s daughter Sherry gave her an “Alabama” insulated cup. Mouzon is a huge University of Alabama Football fan and Sherry knew she would enjoy the cup. Sherry said: “These cups are just THE BEST.”

The keep things hot or cold—and we just love them. What she did not know was they are Tervis products! Mouzon was just delighted and thinks about Kevin every time she uses the cup. It’s a small world!



Flora Kurasha Flora Kurasha – currently studying Economcis at the University of

Capt Town. Way to go Flora! She says she is working on her thesis.



Flora recently posted a “hello” on Mouzon’s Face book timeline. When Mouzon went to Flora’s face book page, she found wonderful pictures and a most wonderful video on UTube. Connect to the link below to see the beautiful, wonderful video of the Greenville College Choir (of which Flora was a member) when she was an undergraduate student at

Greenville College. The video is from a concert when the choir visited Budapest in 2008. I (Mouzon) had not seen this before and it is so lovely. I listened several times!

Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=E7DKyk5NhMY>

Dustin Tracy Dustin is now studying for Ph.D. in Behavioral Economics at Georgia State University in Atlanta. He visited Mouzon and brought lovely flowers to her when she was recuperating in Atlanta at her daughter's house following her cardiac arrest in September of 2012. Mouzon has seen Dustin several times since then. Her daughter's family love to get together with Dustin whenever they can. He bikes over to their house which is not too far, I think.

For the past two years, I believe, Dustin has sent the GPED notices about Ph.D. programs at Georgia State. This past year, they had programs in several areas of Economics—and were offering funding. Dustin, you are so thoughtful to do this. We circulate this information and, this fall, one of our alumni will be enrolling for Ph.D. study at Georgia State. We really appreciate your remembering all of us in the GPED, Dustin!



Hongryol Cha Look at the pictures we recently received from Mr. Cha. What beautiful wedding pictures—and how happy you both look! We are all so happy for both!



In Fall 2013, Hongryol enrolled in doctoral study at Temple University, Fox School of Business and Management in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is working toward the Ph.D. degree in Strategic Management.

I am sure he is doing very well. We hope to hear from you during the next year, Hongryol. Write us whenever you have a chance.

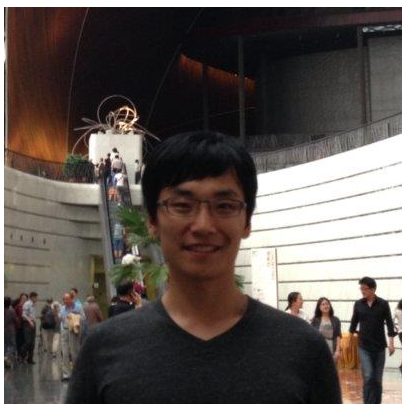


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Susana Delgado. Susana is currently working at FUSADES—she has been there since May 2012. Susana has represented El Salvador during international research conferences in Uruguay and Peru throughout the elaboration of Latin American public policy projects. She has performed macroeconomic and microeconomic research to evaluate market conditions with the purpose of reporting findings to top consultants for further analytical purposes and Contributed in the development of statistical and econometric analysis for the creation of socioeconomic public policy. My goodness! This really sounds very important—you must be very, very busy! Keep up the good work!



And look at the beautiful picture we have of Susana's wedding. What a lovely couple! Susana, we look forward to hearing more from you during the year so we can keep your friends posted on what you are doing. We would love to see you, too!



Lei Ge. We heard from Ge Lei “Ray” in August 2013. He had arrived at Georgetown University and begun Ph.D. study there. He wrote us a very sweet note thanking us for our help during his Master's study. I (Mouzon) don't know of anything I did to help but his words were very kind. Ray says he misses us—WE MISS YOU TOO!!!! But, you know, you are close by and hopefully we will get to see you before too long. We're getting ready for our new class—looks like we will have 40+ again this year ☺. We wish you all the best at Georgetown! Let us know about your first year!

Abhishek Jain. Abhishek Jain visited Nashville in early December 2013. It was just great seeing him! He went by to visit Mouzon and Sultan at their home and took an amaryllis plant. These flowers are usually seen



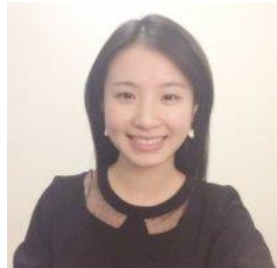
around Christmas. They grow on a tall stalk and have 4 blooms at the top—one facing each side. It bloomed a few days after we saw Abhishek and it was just beautiful! It was great seeing Abhishek. He gave us his address in Chapel Hill, North Carolina (which we have in our Address Roster). He has finished a year of his doctoral studies at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill and I guess is getting ready for next year! Abhishek, we are so proud of you! We hope to see you again before too long!

Seong Yun “Yun” Jeong. We heard from Yun several times during the year. It is always so nice to hear from our alumni! He was busy toward the end of the year sending applications for Ph.D. study. In November 2013, we heard from Yun—wishing Mouzon a Happy Birthday and also telling us that his sister was recently married. Congratulations to her and her husband! In December 2013 he wrote saying he heard Mouzon was going to visit Korea. He wished Mouzon a wonderful time there—and she had the best vacation ever! My goodness, Korea is beautiful, wonderful place! Yun offered to meet Mouzon while she was there but time just didn’t allow for a meeting. We will wait to see him in the U.S.!



When we heard from Yun on May 4th, his email was filled with good news! He will begin Ph.D. study at the University of Cincinnati this fall! So—since he will be close to us, we will be expecting a visit! Yun was also admitted to the University of Texas at San Antonio (and maybe other places?) but he chose Cincinnati. Of course, we are happy knowing he will be close by. Yun sent presents to Mouzon and Professors Andrade and Shintani after he was admitted—spreading the happiness around! That was so sweet of you to do that!

Mengying Liu. “Lily” is currently working as a Debt Capital Market Analyst at HSBC Securities Pluris Valuation Advisors LLC. Pluris provides valuation advisory services to clients world-wide, as well as daily marks services for high-volume clients and large institutions and portfolios.



As far as we know, Mengying is still working and living in New York—we hope to hear from her directly and learn more about her job, live, etc. Do you see other GPED alumni who live in New York? I hope so. We have several living and working in New York City!

Tannous Hanna Kass Hanna.

Tannous Hanna Kass Hanna pictured here at the TIGER Forum — with Fanny Mégret at Université de Toulouse. We hear from Tannous occasionally and it is always so good to hear from him.



In Fall 2014, **Yuting Yang, (Class of 2012-13)** also enrolled at the University of Toulouse. We know that they are in touch with each other there—and that is so nice to have old friends at your new university. We know that you both will do very well and wish you all the best. Tannous, write us whenever you have a chance. Last November, Mouzon received a lovely birthday card from Tannous and **Yuting**. How very thoughtful! We hope to hear more from both of you during the coming year!

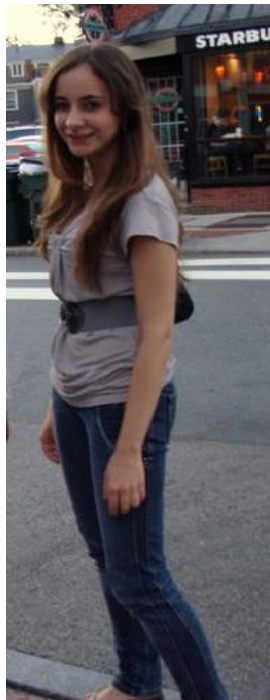
Armand Sim. Armand wrote us in May 2014 and said “This is Armand Sim. . . . I hope you still remember me.” Of course we remember you!!!!!!!!!!!!!! How could we forget you?! We were just delighted to learn that Armand has been accepted to for Ph.D. study in Applied Economics at Cornell beginning Fall 2014. This is just great news! He will be returning to the U.S. soon and will begin Math classes on August 4th.



During the past year—after completing the GPED Program—Armand resumed work as a researcher at his prior office—SEMURU, a think tank in Indonesia. He says he sees **Sudarno Sumarto (Class of 1989-90)** almost every day. Please tell Sudarno “hello” from all of us!

Armand shared the very sad news that his father passed away very unexpectedly from a heart attack on April 12, 2014. Please accept our deepest sympathy. It is always hard to lose someone you love.

Now that you will be at Cornell, we will hope for a visit sometime after you are all settled in. Best of luck in the coming year!



Ivana Stosic. We had a nice note from Ivana in Jul 2013 after we sent her diploma to her in California. She sent us her new address and said she had recently started working. She may have told us where she is working but I cannot remember at the moment. In any case, she said she would probably be in California for at least the next year.

Stay in touch with us Ivanna! We don't want to lose you if you move!

Eba Amanuel Tefera. Mouzon saw on Facebook that it was Eba's birthday in June 2014 and sent him a birthday wish. He responded and said he is now back in Ethiopia having a nice summer. We're glad you are getting a break and know you must be enjoying being with all your family and friends there. Eba promised to try to see us in the future—we surely hope you can come our way! We miss you!

Here's a picture we had of Eba from Vanderbilt. The only problem is that he is not smiling and I don't think I ever saw Eba when he was not smiling. 😊 I tried to put another "smiling" picture in but somehow didn't get it to copy correctly. We'll do better next year!



Class of 2012-2013



What a happy class! Pictured left to right are: Yuting Yang, Saad Tamman, Shao-Chu “Julia” Chen, Rebecca West, Anita Jathavedam, Istasius Anindito, Firman Hidayat, Ning Yuan Ernest Wang, Yizhao Jiang, Xinyu Qian, Tianren Zhao, and Mengya Zeng.

Istasius Anindito. What a lovely picture of Isasius and his wife in Copenhagen. They visited there on the way home to Indonesia after graduation. Wow, w ish we could all be there with you! It looks like a fabulous place! I know you all must have had fun.

How nice that you had time for a vacation before going back to work.



Katherine Looft . We were so proud to learn that Katherine is an Agricultural Economist at USDA in Arlington, Virginia. Wow, this is a big deal! The United States Department of



Agriculture is the United States federal executive department responsible for developing and executing U.S. federal government policy on farming, agriculture, and food. It aims to meet the needs of farmers and ranchers, promote agricultural trade and production, work to assure food safety, protect natural resources, foster rural communities and end hunger in the United States and abroad.

Wondimu Samuel Manalew.

Wondimu Manalew "Wonde" Wrote on June 7, 2014.

"How are you my mom? I am good! Am so sorry I took a very long time without writing you. Things have been so tough to me here...was very busy on wedding stuffs the first week I came and then honey-moon later..haha. The other problem has been internet..I haven't been going to internet cafe's often.. I couldn't post my wedding pictures on Facebook properly..It was other friends who tagged the pictures to me..things are different in poor countries..haha.



I am almost done with the wedding things now and can use internet very often outside. I will constantly be in touch with you...and I should do that. You have been everything for me during my stay in the last 2 years. You have been just more than a mom! I am very glad I have you in my life...I have never seen a good woman in my whole life! This is true, a m not exaggerating! I thank you forever..Lidiya likes you so much, she wants to visit you when she comes to the US. She said 'thank you' for the wedding gift and for all the things you have done for me in the last two years. I am now processing my VISA to go to the new school and hope I will be done very soon. I will let you now my progress!. I will also send you some printed pictures shortly. Please extend my greetings to Shijie and Prof. Saggi until I contact them”.



Thank you, Wonde, for your very lovely letter. You are too, too generous with your praise! We certainly loved having you as a student and as a student employee who helped us so much in the office. And, we now see more wedding pictures which I will put here. What a beautiful wedding!

Time to say “goodbye” for now. We hope to get the next Newsletter on line by the end of the 2015. So . . . if we have left you out, please forgive us and send us your news for the next edition. Any errors are unintentional. See you soon!