Graham Johnston, BBA 1956, spent his life not only using business skills he learned at OU, but also being recognized as the only swimmer to have won six gold medals in four World Master Championships. Over his lifetime, he set 124 National Masters records, 81 World Master records and 16 Master Long Distance records – another achievement unparalleled by any other swimmer. In 1998, Johnston was inducted into the International Swimming Hall of Fame. He also is a 2003 inductee into the International Masters Swimming Hall of Fame and most recently was inducted into the Texas Swimming Hall of Fame in 2009.

Johnston is a South African native and a pioneer in college athletics as the first foreign-born athlete to earn a full scholarship at an American college. While at OU, he achieved NCAA All-American status three consecutive years and met his wife, Janis Thompson, during their freshman year while she earned a degree in elementary education. In 1955, on the day of their graduation from OU, they were married and Johnston went to work for Gardner Denver selling mining equipment which took them to South Africa, New York and Chicago over the next ten years. In 1962, Johnston began selling heavy equipment for such companies as E.L. Lester and Waukesha Pearce in Houston. After his retirement in 1996, Johnston became the head swim coach at Briar Club and still coaches while swimming competitively today at the age of 79. He and Janis have five children and nine grandchildren.

James Dodson, BBA 1958, recently was recognized along with his wife, Jeannie, by the Santa Barbara County Chapter of the American Red Cross. The organization’s new facility, the Dodson Preparedness and Response Center, has been named in their honor. Dodson retired in 1984 after serving as president of the Koss Corp., Hanksraft Corp. and Campbell-Hausfeld.

William Hetherington Jr., BBA 1970, has been appointed by Gov. Brad Henry to the Oklahoma Court of Civil Appeals. Prior to this appointment, Hetherington was a district judge in Cleveland County. He has experience in private practice and was a special district judge.

Frank Lay, BBA 1971, has been promoted to executive broker at United Country All Star Real Estate and is a member of the Arkansas Realtors Association. Before joining United Country in 2006, Lay worked in commercial banking for 23 years.

Charles Ehin, PhD 1972, published his third management book, The Organizational Sweet Spot. Ehin is an emeritus professor of management at Westminster College in Salt Lake City. He has authored several groundbreaking management books, including Unleashing Intellectual Capital, which details how human nature supports or undermines workplace collaboration and innovation, and Hidden Assets: Harnessing the Power of Informal Networks, which explains why people can be physically controlled but not managed.

Med Fadel, MACC 1973, is chief executive officer for BetaMED Inc., a leading regional provider of durable medical equipment and supplies. He is a certified business manager and has served as COO of Gila Corp./Municipal Services Bureau, chairman of MD Productivity, CEO of United Textile Co., managing director of Lecico Corp. and in various manager positions at Gulf Oil Corp.

Scott Stephens, BBA 1976, was promoted to detective with the Purcell Police Department. He has been a member of the Purcell department since 1998.
Steve Bajema, BBA 1981, has been with ConocoPhillips since his graduation from OU. Bajema, a former OU basketball player, currently serves as the national account manager within marketing’s general aviation group. He and his wife, Lisa, have two sons, Steve and Brian.

Jim Dancy, MBA 1982, co-founded Innovative Analytics in 2004 with the help of a Michigan economic development loan for life sciences. The company plans and analyzes clinical trial data for drugs, devices and bio-makers. Innovative Analytics was listed No. 350 on Inc. Magazine’s Fast 500 list for 2009, which recognizes fast growing private companies. Jim lives in Kalamazoo, Mich., and has two daughters.

Todd Tautfest, BBA 1983, is managing director and head of business development in the southeast region of Wilmington Trust. Prior to joining Wilmington, Tautfest worked in Southern Florida for Sanford C. Bernstein and J.P. Morgan. He also serves on the boards of directors for Open Hand and the Atlanta Botanical Garden.

Cory Trautvetter, BBA 1983, joined Hotel SystemsPro, a Web-based hotel management solution enterprise, as the senior director, e-sales and e-marketing systems. Prior to joining Hotel SystemsPro, Trautvetter was with Hilton Worldwide for 16 years. He works in the Dallas office and holds a law degree from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

Curt Harrington, MBA 1985, is a partner at the patent and tax law firm of Harrington & Harrington in Long Beach, Calif. Harrington has been appointed vice chair of the California State Bar Board of Legal Specialization Taxation Law Advisory Commission for 2009-2010. His firm also has been issued a Multiple Activity Provider Approval this year, which designates the firm as the only one in California approved for tax specialization education as a multiple activity provider.

Randall Hunt, BBA 1985, has joined Arvest Equipment Finance, where he is responsible for new business development and account management of commercial equipment finance and lease transactions in Oklahoma and Kansas.

Scot Clevenger, MBA 1986, was named vice president of capital markets for Encore Equities, LLC. He has more than 20 years experience in real estate, technology and financial services, and will cultivate investor and partner relationships and identify projects that meet the company’s investment criteria. Clevenger joined Encore after serving as vice president of sales for Rainer Capital Management, LLC.

Michael Denton, BBA 1986, has been selected as senior vice president of the specialty property department at Argo Group International Holdings, Ltd. Denton has 22 years of experience in property underwriting with General Star Management, USF Reinsurance and Hartford Insurance Group.

Donald Dillingham, BBA 1986, joined the board of directors at the Beard Company. Dillingham is the president of Oak Hills Securities Inc., president of Avondale Investments, LLC, and vice president of Merit Advisors. Avondale Investments, LLC, was recently selected by the U.S. Department of the Treasury to be one of six firms to help manage the reduction of the Capital Purchase Program and the Emergency Economic Stabilization Act. He has earned his CPA, CFA and CFP and teaches MBA Entrepreneurship classes at Price College. Dillingham is a member of the board of directors of Gulfport Exploration Inc.

Bryan Hennessey, BBA 1987, is vice president of tax for E*TRADE Financial Corp. He spent nearly 20 years in public accounting before joining the company in 2007. A licensed CPA in Virginia, New York and Illinois, Hennessey is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants. He is active in his community, serving as an officer of a homeowners association and sports booster club. Hennessey is married with three children and resides in Herndon, Va.

Bradford Benson, BBA 1988, has been appointed by Oklahoma Gov. Brad Henry to an associate district judgeship in Tillman County. Benson has spent most of his career in private practice and lives in Frederick with his wife and three children.

Michael Horstmann, BBA 1989, is serving his second term as president of Associated Collection Agencies of Colorado & Wyoming Inc. Beginning his career with the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, Horstmann currently is president/CEO of Agency of Credit Control Inc., an accounts receivable management company that he has owned and operated since 1993. Horstmann has served as an executive and board member for the Western Collectors Association and as a national director for the Association for Credit and Collection Professionals International.

Karen McGinnis, BBA 1989, is corporate controller and chief accounting officer for Cymer Inc. Prior to joining Cymer, the licensed CPA served as chief accounting officer for Insight Enterprises Inc.

Lori Scott McWilliams, BBA 1989, has been named the regional managing partner of Deloitte Financial Advisory Services LLP. McWilliams is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants. She is a founding member of the United Way of Metropolitan Dallas Women of Tocqueville and serves on the board for Big Thought, one of the nation’s leading nonprofits focused on building partnerships that allow all children access to quality learning opportunities. An active supporter of OU, McWilliams also is a board member of the Steed School of Accounting and an honored member of the OU President’s Associates.

Jeff Agosta, BBA 1990, has been appointed executive vice president and chief financial officer at Devon Energy Corp. Starting with the company in 1997, he served most recently as senior vice president – corporate finance and treasurer. Agosta is chair of the MBA Board of Advisors at Price College.

Steven List, BBA 1990, is a business consultant for mid-size companies and has been appointed to the board of directors of Graymark Healthcare Inc. Prior to going into consulting, List served as senior vice president and CFO for Mattress Giant Corp., a managing director of Crossroads, LLC, and a senior manager for KPMG.

Margaret Randazzo, BBA 1990, has been promoted from controller to CFO of Akeena Solar Strengthens Management Team. During her career, the CPA served in various financial management capacities for Arthur Anderson LLP, Star-Telegram, Knight Ridder, the Modesto Bee and Merced Sun-Star.
Jill Wallace, BBA 1990, is vice president and chief financial officer of the Samuel Roberts Noble Foundation. Prior to joining the foundation, she spent 14 years with Noble Energy. Wallace has her CPA and lives in Ardmore with her husband, Sam, and their two sons, Jackson and Parker.


Brian Tuite, BBA 1992, was selected as a chief business development officer of SquareTwo Financial in Denver, Colo. Prior to joining the company, Tuite was a sales and marketing executive for Bank of America’s credit card division and senior executive vice president for MBNA.

Matt Hunter, BBA 1993, is executive director of Community Shares of Minnesota, a federated fund composed of 44 grassroots organizations with a mission to build community. Hunter is an ordained minister with the United Methodist Church and came to Community Shares from Friends for a Non-Violent World.

Gary Hanna, BBA 1995, has been appointed CEO to Energy Partners, Ltd. He has almost 30 years of executive experience in the energy sector with Admiral Energy Services, Gulfport Energy Corp., DLB Oil & Gas Inc., Hanna Oil Properties, and Tetra Technologies Inc. and its affiliates.

Jeff Ritenour, MBA 1996, MBA 2001, was promoted to senior vice president of corporate finance at Devon Energy and also will act as the company’s treasurer. He has served in various capacities for the company including, most recently, vice president of acquisitions and divestitures. Ritenour was an auditor for Ernst & Young prior to joining Devon in 2001.

Jen Basford, BBA 1998, MBA 2001, owns her own studio, 3 Girls Photography. She went into business with the help of her cousin, Michelle McIntosh, and custom designed her one-of-a-kind studio in Edmond, which she named in honor of her three daughters.

Matt Porter, BBA 1998, MBA 2001, has been promoted from vice president of corporate finance to CFO, treasurer and secretary of Bronco Drilling Co. Inc. A CFA charter holder, Porter is a past president of the CFA Society of Oklahoma.

Zac Graves, BBA 2000, has been named executive vice president of operations at Bronco Drilling Co. Inc. A licensed CPA, Graves was the controller of Gulfport Energy Corp. and an accountant with KPMG LLP before joining Bronco.

Philip Houchin, BBA 2000, is the senior vice president and chief lending officer for Patriot Bank in Tulsa. Prior to joining Patriot Bank, Houchin worked with Summit Bank and Bank of Oklahoma. He and his wife, Katy, live in Tulsa.

Dennis Atkins, MAcc 2001, is director and CFO for EnviroXtract Inc, a technology company with an environmentally safe oil extraction process. Atkins, a CPA with licenses in Oklahoma and California, spent more than 25 years in public accounting, and has served as a director and CFO for various private and publicly traded companies. He is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and was a member of the SEC Practice Section and the Public Company Oversight Board.

Matt Colwell, BBA 2001, is a money manager for First State Investment Advisors. While at Price College, Colwell served as a team leader at OU’s Center for the Creation of Economic Wealth.

Matthew Webb, BBA 2001, is seeking the Oklahoma District 3 House seat. Webb is a life-long democrat and resident of Poteau. He manages the Spider Webb Farm Implements John Deere store and has taught computer classes at University of Arkansas and Carl Albert State College.

Jacki Raines, MBA 2002, is a finance and operations analyst for the Office of Global Programs at New York University and is pursuing her MBA at the NYU Stern School of Business. Raines also has worked with Duke Energy in Houston and Bear Stearns in New York City.

Andy Sherrer, MBA 2002, is the vice president of private banking at Republic Bank and has been named one of the 2009 Central Oklahoma’s 40 Under 40 by OKC Biz Magazine. Sherrer is a board member of the Norman Chamber of Commerce, chairperson of Norman Next Young Professional Organization, director of Thunderbird Clubhouse, member of Norman Kiwanis, and serves on the Price College of Business Division of Management advisory board.

Vaughn Graham Jr., BBA 2003, is an insurance agent with Rich & Cartmill Inc. Graham is on the Alumni Association board of Cascia Hall and is an advisory board member of the JC Penney Leadership Program at Price College.

Angela James, MBA 2004, is the department head of business at St. Gregory’s University. Her recent article about the relationship between self-leadership and self-regulated learning was published in the 2009 issue of the Journal of Business & Leadership.

Chris Roberts, BBA 2005, has been promoted to production planning manager at Nestle Prepared Foods in Solon, Ohio. A Tulsa native, Roberts and his wife, Lindsey, currently live in Streetsboro, Ohio.

Nate Parker, BBA 2003, began acting after graduating from OU. His breakout performance was Hakim in the 2007 film, Pride. Since the movie, he has starred in other civil rights-themed features, such as The Great Debaters, The Secret Life of Bees, and Blood Done Sign My Name. Parker’s newest film, Red Tails, will be released this year.

Derek Ensminger, BBA 2003, is an associate at the firm Hartzog Conger Cason & Neville. A graduate of the Oklahoma City University School of Law, Ensminger practices litigation and employment law.

Cheyenne Martin, BBA 2007, is the director of sales and marketing for Aldea, a fair trade import business in Austin, Texas. The company’s traditional Mayan scarves, which are handmade by Guatemalan artisans, are sold across the nation.

Jacob Matthew Hill, BBA 2008, received a silver medal award for the highest score over Windows II and III of the 2008 CPA exam. He is a staff associate for Ernst & Young in Oklahoma City.

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