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## University Lake School Alumni Profiles

### Julie Dittkof – ULS Class of 07'

Julie currently resides in Houston, Texas where she works as a Senior Geoscientist for ExxonMobil. Julie uses seismic data to view images of the subsurface and determine if there is oil and/or gas in the ground. She is a part of ExxonMobil's Mexico - New Opportunities Team where she is exploring uncharted, undrilled territory. During her free time, Julie enjoys exploring Texas, cheering on the Packers and her alma mater - Ohio State. She also volunteers on various United Way projects around the city of Houston.

#### Education:

- Graduated with Bachelor of Science in Geological Sciences from the Ohio State University in 2010
- Graduated with Masters of Science in Geophysics from the University of Texas in 2013

#### Professional:

- Senior Geoscientist at ExxonMobil Exploration Co. (present)
- New Ventures – Deep Water/Frontier Technical Review at Shell Oil and Production Co. 2012

Julie has published several publications in addition to presenting at conferences, earning awards and honors for her research.

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### Tom Dunlop – ULS Class of 99'

Tom currently resides in Denver, Colorado where he works as a Deputy District Attorney. He recently purchased his first home. In his free time, he enjoys white water rafting, biking, skiing, woodworking and spending time with his Mastiff, Lenore. He also participates in many charity walks and fun runs to support multiple victims groups.

#### Education:

- Graduated with Bachelor of Arts in History from Colby-Sawyer College in 2003
- Graduate study in Modern Standard Arabic from Harvard University in 2004
- Graduate study in International Relations/Arabic from University of WI Milwaukee in 2005
- Awarded Juris Doctor from University of Denver Sturm College of Law in 2014

Professional:

- Deputy District Attorney at District Attorney's Office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Judicial District – Denver, CO (present)
- Legal Extern at The Honorable Jack Berryhill, 1<sup>st</sup> Judicial District – Golden, CO 2012
- Personal Aide to US Senator Michael Bennet – Denver, CO 2010
- Certified Whitewater Raft Guide at Adventures in Whitewater – Winter Park, CO 2010

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**Ashley Dolhun RN – ULS Class of 99'**

Ashley currently resides in Milwaukee, where she is a registered nurse at the Zablocki VA Medical Clinic. She traveled to Nepal this past April to provide medical care after the massive 7.8 earthquake that devastated the region. "The Nepalese culture gave me new perspective on better living, kindness and of course piqued my interest to do this type of work all over again."

Education:

- Graduated with Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from University of Wisconsin Milwaukee in 2005.
- Graduated as a Certified Nursing Assistant from the University of Wisconsin Milwaukee in 2008.
- Graduated with an Associate Degree of Nursing from Cardinal Stritch University in 2011

Professional:

- Residential Counselor at Rogers Memorial Hospital 2008
- Registered Nurse at Columbia St. Mary's Hospital 2013
- Research RN at Marquette University (present)
- Registered Nurse at Zablocki VA Medical Clinic (present)

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**Dr. Emily Ciccone - ULS Class of 01'**

Emily current resides in Carrboro, NC where she is a combined Internal Medicine and Pediatrics resident at the University of North Carolina. Emily is planning a career in hospital medicine and global health, and also considering specializing in infectious disease. Emily lives with her partner, Matt, who is a post doctorate student in electrical engineering at Duke. They enjoy spending time with friends and family, exploring all that the Triangle area has to offer in terms of restaurants, music, farmers markets and traveling to the beaches or mountains of North Carolina during their rare weekends off together.

Education:

- Graduated with Bachelor of Arts in Biology from Grinnell College in 2005.
- Graduated with Master of Health Science in International Health - Global Disease Epidemiology and Control from John Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in 2009.
- Graduated with a Doctorate of Medicine from University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health in 2013.
- Current Resident in Internal Medicine and Pediatrics at University of North Carolina.

Awards/Recognition:

- Resident Physician Global Health Scholarship, University of North Carolina School of Medicine
- Global Health Framework Award, John Hopkins Center for Global Health

- Published over seven articles in addition to oral and poster presentations.

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## 2014-15 Featured Young Alum Profiles

### Payden Sra – ULS Class of 07'

Payden currently resides in Washington State, where she loves all the outdoor activities the state has to offer. In her free time she enjoys going on hikes, paddle boarding and snowboarding. During the week when she isn't working, Payden volunteers at the Kitsap Humane Society training dogs. Volunteering at the Humane Society has also given her a new addition to her home, a recently adopted tortoiseshell kitten named Shazam!

#### Education:

- Traveled abroad through Costa Rica School for Field Studies to study tropical ecology, natural resource management and sustainable development in Atenas, Costa Rica 2009
- Traveled abroad through Trinity College to Cape Town, South Africa to study environmental history, poverty development and globalization at the University of Cape Town 2010
- Undergraduate in International Studies with a focus on sustainable development from Trinity College 2011

#### Professional:

- Great White Shark Identification and Research Intern at Marine Dynamics 2010
- Marine Mammal Department Intern at the Shedd Aquarium 2011
- Manatee Care, Training and Research Intern at Mote Marine Laboratory 2012
- Animal Care and Training Intern at Navy Marine Mammal Program 2012
- Marine Mammal Trainer at Navy Marine Mammal Program/SAIC (current)

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### Heath Nunnemacher, BSME, MBA – ULS Class of 03'

A hands-on and articulate mechanical engineer, Heath holds both a BSME and MBA from Michigan Technological University. Heath is an experienced leader, managing global engineering teams and is currently responsible for system level iMac global product quality as a Product Quality Manager within the desktop operations group at Apple. Additionally, Heath founded his own rally team in 2005, Nunnemonster Rallysport LLC and sits on the Board of Directors for Galland Henning Nopak, Inc. In his free time, Heath enjoys mountain biking, serving as a National Ski Patrol member, rock climbing and backpacking.

#### Education:

- Undergraduate in Mechanical Engineering from Michigan Technological University 2008
- Masters of Business Administration from Michigan Technological University 2010

#### Professional:

- Quality Engineer at Charter Automotive 2012
- Product Launch and Advanced Product Quality Planning at Charter Automotive 2013
- Product Quality Manager, Desktop Operations at Apple, Inc. (present)

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**Lauren Boyler - ULS Class of 01'**

Lauren was one of the first ULS "lifers" for K-12. She shared this fond memory of her ULS experience with us - "a step stool that my dad made for us to reach the sink in Mrs. Dorn's classroom still resides in one of the kindergarten rooms today."

Lauren is currently engaged to her fiancé, Michael Falk, and is busy planning for her wedding in May. She is also a full time student at Marquette University, pursuing her Doctorate in Physical Therapy while working as an approved clinical instructor and teaching assistant, also at Marquette.

**Education:**

- Undergraduate in Kinesiology from DePauw University 2005
- Masters in Sport Administration from University of Louisville 2007

**Professional:**

- Graduate Assistant Athletic Trainer at the University of Louisville 2007
- Licensed Athletic Trainer at Aurora Sports Medicine Institute (present)
- Director of Sports Medicine, Youth Sports Camp at Camp Shutout (present)

Lauren has had the opportunity to work with national and international athletes during her career and is looking forward to continuing her education and serving her community.

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**Dr. Adam Wegner – ULS Class of 97'**

Adam and his wife, Mary are proud new parents to their baby girl, Addison, who was born in December 2014. They currently reside in Sacramento, CA where Adam is an orthopedic surgery resident at the UC Davis Medical Center and his wife Mary is a postdoctoral fellow in neuroscience, also at UC Davis. In addition to being new parents, they enjoy all that California has to offer - including skiing, hiking, wine tasting and traveling when possible.

**Education:**

- Undergrad in Chemistry from the College of Wooster 2001
- Ph.D. in Neuroscience from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine 2008
- M.D. from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine 2012
- General Surgery internship at University of California – Davis Medical Center 2013
- Orthopedic Surgery resident at University of California – Davis Medical Center (present)

**Awards/Recognition:**

- David R. Freedy Memorial Award from Vanderbilt University School of Medicine in 2012 (Awarded to a graduating student whose character, integrity, and courage provide inspiration to others.)
- Orthopedic Research and Education Foundation – Resident Clinician Scientist Training Grant (\$20,000) in 2015
- Orthopedic Trauma Association Resident Research Grant (\$20,000) in 2015
- Published over ten peer-review articles and eight abstracts.

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**Dr. Cathi (ULS Class of 04') and Mark Reese (ULS Class of 05')**

Marc (04') and Cathi (05') met at ULS - they were a stage couple in Oklahoma! and decided to make it permanent. They got married in Oconomowoc in 2010 and settled in Indianapolis. They have a beautiful two year old girl, Charlotte. They enjoy spending time as a family, going to the Children's Museum and exploring the city of Indianapolis by bicycle. Charlotte love to color, dance and give plenty of hugs and kisses. They are enjoying their second year of home ownership and working through all the challenges that come with a 1910 home. They love craft beer, good wine and local food, and can frequently be found at the farmers market and local eateries.

**Education:**

- Marc - Graduated Summa Cum Laude with an Undergrad in Aerospace Engineering from Saint Louis University
- Marc - Masters in Acoustics from Penn State University
- Cathi - Graduated Summa Cum Laude with an Undergrad in Spanish with a minor in Biology from Saint Louis University
- Cathi – M.D. from Indiana University School of Medicine

**Professional:**

- Marc - Currently working in the speaker and microphone industry, with plans to open his own consulting business in July.
- Cathi - Chief Resident in Family Medicine at St. Vincent Hospital (present)

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**Tyler Hogan – ULS Class of 04'****Education:**

- Undergrad in Religious Studies from the University of Virginia
- Masters in Commerce from the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia
- Masters in Business Administration from the Harvard Business School

**Professional:**

- Entrepreneur; founding partner of East Range Partners (present)

**Unedited:** My wife, Kira, and I have been living in Boston for the past 2.5 years. It's been a great experience, and we moved here shortly after getting married in June of 2012. Kira is a 6th grade math teacher at a turnaround charter school in Dorchester. She was part of the founding team there, and it's been incredible to watch both her and her students grow over the past few years. I graduated from business school at Harvard in May of 2014. Following graduation, I formed an investment company, East Range Partners, with a close friend. Our goal is to identify and acquire a small business, which we plan on owning and operating for the next 5-10 years. It has been quite the adventure so far! Financial analysis has become a rather critical element of my daily routine. and I'm thankful for the math skills I acquired as a high school student under the guidance of Mr. Bronner and Mr. Smith.

True to my ULS roots, I try to spend as much time as possible outdoors. Kira and I find ourselves in the surrounding mountain regions every other weekend. I've become a moderately obsessed rock climber,

and I'm currently waiting for feet of snow to melt so I can get back to my favorite crags. Kira and I enjoy cooking together most nights of the week. I'm currently reading "Strange Glory: A Life of Dietrich Bonhoeffer," by Charles Marsh, which I highly recommend for the historically or theologically inclined.

While we've thoroughly enjoyed our life in Boston, we're eager to find a small business that will likely pull us toward a more rural lifestyle. We are excited about what's to come, though we will certainly miss the outstanding community that we've been blessed with in Boston. I think about my days at ULS frequently, and I'm thankful for all the fantastic faculty and administration that helped form the foundation upon which I currently stand. Thank you for your selfless dedication as educators and community leaders!

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### **Dr. John (Jack) O'Horo ULS Class of '03**

#### Education:

- UW-Madison 2006
- UW-Madison School of Medicine and Public Health 2009
- Board Certification of Internal Medicine 2012

#### Professional:

- Fellow at Mayo Clinic (present)

#### Awards/Recognition:

- Recipient of the Academic Clinician Award in Critical Care Combined Fellowship Program from Mayo Clinic in 2014.
- Recipient of the Teacher of the Year in Critical Care Combined Fellowship Program from Mayo Clinic in 2014.
- Sits on the Southern Medical Journal review panel.
- Sits on the PLoS ONE review panel.
- Published over twenty peer-review articles, as well as over twenty abstracts.

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### **Emily Metz-Meredith - ULS Grad '05**

Emily lives in Washington D.C with her husband Joshua and their 5 year old pug, Oscar. They are enjoying their first year of home ownership and learning all that goes along with it! Emily recently accepted a new job as the Vice President for Animal Care at the National Milk Producers Federation, a non-profit that works on behalf of America's dairy farmers.

#### Education:

- Undergrad in Mass Communications and International Affairs from The George Washington University 2009
- Cum Laude graduate of the Seton Hall Law School 2012

#### Professional:

- Litigation Assistant, New York Attorney General 2012

- Director of Communications, National Milk Producers Federation 2012
- Vice President for Animal Care, National Milk Federation (present)

#### Awards / Recognition

- Recognized as one of ***30 under 30 Rising Stars*** by PR News in Public Relations and Communications Nationwide
- Recognized as one of ***40 under 40*** by Vance Publishing for her contributions to the Agriculture Industry
- Recipient of the Golden ARC (Agriculture Relations Council) on behalf of her work in the Agriculture Industry.

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#### Dr. Matt Opgenorth - ULS Grad '00

During his time at ULS, Matt was well known for his participation and athletic achievements on the soccer field. He went on to play NCAA soccer at Marquette, where he pursued a degree in Mechanical Engineering. Matt then moved to Denver, CO to attend graduate school, where he pursued his Masters and PhD in Mechanical Engineering. Matt currently lives in Denver, CO with his wife, Rachel, whom he met in graduate school. Together they enjoy many outdoor activities including rock climbing, running and skiing.

#### Education:

- Undergrad in Mechanical Engineering from Marquette University 2004
- Master in Science in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Denver 2008
- Doctor of Philosophy in Engineering from the University of Denver 2010

#### Professional:

- Mechanical Engineer, Rockwell Collins Government Systems 2006
- Graduate Research/Teaching Assistant, University of Denver 2010
- Senior Mechanical Engineer, Neumann Systems Group 2012
- Aerophysics Engineer, United Launch Alliance (present)

At Matt's current job, at the United Launch Alliance's Aerophysics Group, he analyzes the aerodynamic effects of their fleet launch vehicles that deliver satellites to various orbits in space for the U.S. Government. Additionally, Matt has authored four published articles about engineering and presented at multiple conferences.

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