



the Scoop

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HOM-TV's Alumni Channel

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Ch-Ch-Ch-Changes.....

Are you interested in having an alumni reunion?

If so, drop us a line and let us know. We have traditionally held the reunion the same time as MSU's Homecoming. Let us know if you prefer this or would like us to organize one at a different time!!!

Rozann Staknis (93) dropped us the suggestion to post alumni email addresses on the HOM-TV website. If you would like your email address available to other HOM-TV alumni – please send your email address to guthrie@meridian.mi.us

Please visit our Alumni Update page as well. If your information is out of date please let us know as we are trying to keep the information current. Thanks.

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There have been a lot of changes over the past year at HOM-TV.

Matt Schuster (94) left at the end of June 2000 to pursue a new opportunity with Lake County as their Cable Television Coordinator. With Lake County, Matt is launching a new government access operation. The channel officially launched on January 1, 2001. Matt is busy producing three program series, developing an internship program, hiring a freelance staff, and developing plans for further expansion. Also, Matt recently was elected to the position of Vice-Chair for the Midwest Region of the Alliance for Community Media.

In October 2000, Phil Stewart was hired as the new Cable Television Coordinator for Meridian Township. Phil joined the HOM-TV staff with 25 years of experience in the television production field. Phil is a retired U.S. Air Force Officer and a former video production business owner. He most recently worked for Northern Arizona University as a Senior TV Producer/Director. Phil recently left his position with HOM-TV for a position on the East Coast.

Mark Gerald (96) left his position of TV Production Manager with HOM-TV in April 2001. Mark is now working for Michigan State University as a Producer/Director in their Instructional Media Services Department. Mark has the opportunity to work on a variety of projects for a wide range of clients.

Deborah Guthrie (96) was promoted to the position of Senior TV Production Manager in January 2001. Deb is being kept busy with the internship program, which now averages over 20 interns. Deb is also responsible for managing the freelance staff and the training programs. She is currently serving as the Interim Cable Television Coordinator.

Brian Dumont joined the HOM-TV staff in June 2001 as the new TV Production Manager. Brian graduated from Spring Arbor College with a degree in communication. He has worked at WLNS-TV and WLJ-TV in Lansing. Brian has also worked at CBS affiliate WSBT-TV in South Bend, Indiana and CBS affiliate WWMT-TV in Kalamazoo. Brian doesn't want to bore you with the details of his award collection from organizations like the Associated Press and the Michigan Television News Photographers Association. (You can call him for those details). Brian is originally from the Lansing area, is married to Jennifer, has three kids, and a yellow lab. Brian is looking for Optimus Prime or Megatron to his collection of Transformers. So give him a call to welcome him aboard.

Acting Station Manager: **Deborah Guthrie**

Production Managers: **Brian Dumont**

Station Secretary: **Robin Faust, CPS**

Lynn Herndon (87) recently dropped HOM-TV a hello via the website. You might enjoy a look at the alumni directory as well. Lynn can be found these days at WOOD-TV8 in Grand Rapids, Michigan as their Director of Special Projects.

Kerry Navarre (98) is now working in the Detroit area for Industrial Video in Livonia, MI. Kerry is producing and directing training, promotional and in-house videos. Kerry's first assignment was a paramedic training video.

Rozann Staknis (93) has joined the staff of Young & Rubicam as a Media Buyer. Rozann spends her time buying television and radio ad time for their clients.

Carmen Giddens (94) has relocated to the Detroit area as well. Carmen is working with Blue Sky productions, which relocated their offices to Livonia, MI. Carmen is busy editing two programs for the auto industry which air on PBS stations.

Meridian Township residents can now see another familiar face on the Lansing airwaves.

Emily Wagner (98) is waking up early to be the morning news anchor for CBS affiliate WLNS-TV 6. Their morning newscast has expanded to 2 full hours. Congratulations Emily.

Tiffani Underwood (99) dropped the HOM-TV staff a line from London, England where she is busy studying abroad.

Continuing with her studies, **Alicia Bradley (99)** is working on her MS degree in Communications at Indiana/Purdue/Fort Wayne

(IPFW) University. Alicia's experience at HOM-TV is proving useful as she is working as the technical director for Men's Basketball coverage. Alicia also produces Don's Sports Review for a weekly 7-10 minute sports program. Alicia is also editing sports packages and working in all areas of production.

Derrick Paulo (00) has returned home after graduation and is spending time catching up with friends and family. Derrick is wishing for some of Michigan's cooler weather – which I'm sure many of us wouldn't mind sending him this winter.

HOM-TV alumni were also hard hit when AT&T Broadband in Lansing laid off a number of employees in their local origination department.

Eric Bruining (99) has made the move to the windy city. Eric is working as an Assistant Editor for Manning Productions. Eric is enjoying his new job & his work has already been seen across the nation, as he has been busy editing video news releases.

Keith Thompson (98) also left AT&T Broadband to join fellow HOMer Tom Zwiernikowski as a Senior Producer for Star Choice Business Television. Keith is busy producing television programs for General Motors. The company is responsible for televising teleconferences and other company events.

Brian Eggleston (99) landed a position with WSYM-TV, FOX 47, in Lansing, MI. Brian is working as an Assignment Editor. Also joining the staff of FOX 47 is **Don Andrews (.)**. Don is now the Weekend Director for their evening news.

Evan Linnert (00) has also joined the staff of WLNS-TV 6 in Lansing. Evan is putting his skills to work as a Videographer along side **Rick Matthieu (99)** who is working at WLNS as a photographer/editor.

Tania (McLaughlin)

Bengtsson (93) has taken the step and gone full-time with her production company which she owns with her husband, and fellow HOMer, Brian Bengtsson. Second Wind Media Development is keeping Tania busy in South Bend, Indiana. Best wishes for success with your company.

Kerry (Mernin) Fairweather (93) is the proud parent of a baby born in 2000. Congratulations Kerry!

Jotham Tausig (98) made the move from Lansing to Kalamazoo, MI. Jotham is now working as a producer for CBS affiliate WWMT-3 for their morning news.

Mai-Anh (Tran) Kapanke (94) has returned to Midwest. Mai-Anh is living in Minnesota. Her husband is the Production Manager for Parthe Productions. Mai-Anh is working full-time as the Public Relations Coordinator for Mentor Duluth, which is a collaborative of six youth serving agencies. In her spare time, she also freelances for Parthe Productions and recently produced a story for the Learning Channel.

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