

## NEWS OF DUAL DEGREE ALUMNI

### Currently attending graduate school, class of:

#### 1994

**Jesse Oberright** – Master's of Education, Elementary Montessori, Loyola College of Maryland

#### 1995

**Dan Boudreaux** - Currently a PhD student at the University of Nevada-Reno in molecular biology (interest in virology).

**Marek Topolski** - Masters in Teaching, Towson Univ. Currently teaching high school biology at Overlea High School in Baltimore County. Marek has also done biology lab instruction as an Adjunct Professor for Community College of Baltimore County.

#### 1996

**Jennifer Podgurski Snow** – Master's in Strategic Intelligence and Terrorism Studies, American Military University. Jen is also a 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant in the US Air Force, stationed at Hurlbert Field, Fort Walton Beach, FL.

#### 1997

**Kerri Bentkowski** - Master's in Environmental Science and Policy at Johns Hopkins Univ. Kerri is also is the Senior Grants Manager for the Chesapeake Bay Trust

#### 1998

**Bradley Ashburn** - PhD program in Natural Resources at Ohio State, Human Dimensions and Change Processes Specialization, focusing on resource management policy and decision-making processes. While at OSU, Brad will be working at the Ohio Watershed Academy. Last year he received a Master's of Public Administration from Univ. of North Carolina at Wilmington

**Kevin Stierhoff '98** - Will be defending his Ph.D. in Marine Biology-Biochemistry from the Univ. of Delaware Graduate College of Marine Studies in October. He has already(!) been doing a postdoc at the National Marine Fisheries Service in Santa Cruz, CA.

**Steve Witzig '98** – PhD program in Biochemistry at the Univ. of Missouri-Columbia

## 1999

**Stephanie Peters** - Johns Hopkins Univ. Environmental Science and Policy program. She is also working at Northrop Grumman, on the Biological Detection System program.

**Julie Smith** - PhD program at Univ. DE College of Marine Studies, investigating bacteria of hydrothermal vent communities. Julie received a master's from West Chester Univ. in Pennsylvania.

**Renee Spenst** - PhD program in Ecology, Univ. of CA, Davis.

## 2000

**Teresa Paulsen Fahlsing** – Univ. of Maryland Univ. College master's program in environmental management. Teresa is currently an Environmental Scientist for the U.S. Army Environmental Center, Aberdeen Proving Grounds.

## 2002

**Erin Baldwin** - Master of Science in Adolescence Education, Dowling College, Oakdale, NY. Erin is also a science teacher for grades K-8 at The Morriss Center School in Bridgehampton, NY.

**Tina Miller** – Univ. of Maryland Law School; plans to become an environmental lawyer.

**Danielle Rudisill** - Marine Biology Grad Program at Nova Southeastern Univ.

**Carrie Wall** - Master's student in the College of Marine Science of the Univ. of South Florida in St. Petersburg

## 2003

**Sarah Betlejewski** - Master of Education Program at Wilmington College

**Kristin Camp** - DVM Candidate at Virginia/Maryland School of Veterinary Medicine

**Kristen Clear Mielcarek** - Univ. of MD Marine, Estuarine and Environmental Science Master's program

**Joselyd Garcia** - Marine Science graduate program, Univ. of Puerto Rico

**Joy Jones** - Johns Hopkins Univ. Master's Program in Environmental Science and Policy, concentration in Ecological Management. Also employed with URS Corp. as an Environmental Scientist.



[Click on photo showing Joy's wetland restoration project](#)

**Jennifer O'Keefe** - Univ. of MD Marine, Estuarine and Environmental Science Master's program

**Rachel Sipler** - Rutgers, PhD student, studying harmful algal blooms.

## 2004

**Simon Brown** - Master's of Marine Science program at Moss Landing Marine Laboratory in California

**Russell Long** - Salisbury Univ. Master of Arts in Teaching program

## **Recent graduate degrees, class of:**

### 1995

**Jeff DeBerardinis** - Master's from Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in Marine Sciences

**Marek Topolski** - Biologist with MD Dept. of Natural Resources. Received a Master's from the Auburn Univ. Dept. of Fisheries and Allied Aquacultur-es.

### 1996

**Scott McIntosh** – Master's From Hood College (2005) in Environmental Biology. Currently teaching at Walkersville (MD) High School, Biology and Environmental Science

### 1997

**Lisa Milke** - PhD from Dalhousie Univ. in Halifax, working on diets of scallops in aquaculture. She now has a position with NOAA in Milford, CT.

**Amy Poe** - PhD from Univ. of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, Institute of Marine Sciences.

**Eric Sheninger** - Master's in Educational Administration, East Stroudsburg Univ. Currently Director of Athletics and Supervisor of Instruction for Science and Physical Education/Health at New Milford High School located in New Milford, NJ. Eric teaches 2 sections of marine biology/ecology.

### 1999

**Kara Schwenke** - Master's in Zoology from North Carolina State Univ. studying life history aspects of dolpinfish (*Coryphaena hippurus*). Kara is currently working as a "sportfishing specialist" with the NC Division of Marine Fisheries in Morehead City, NC

### 2000

**Todd Cooper** - Master's from the Bren School of Environmental Science & Management at Univ. of California Santa Barbara in the Environmental Science and

Management Program. Now working at Delta Environmental, a consulting firm in New Jersey

## 2001

**Nicholanna Halladay** - Master's from the Univ. of New Haven in Molecular And Cellular Biology. Now working with the Connecticut Dept. of Public Health as a microbiologist.

## 2002

**Laura Eierman** - Master's from Univ. of Massachusetts at Dartmouth, Bahamian spotted dolphin behavior.

## **Other updates, class of:**

## 1993

**Brian Sturgis** - Estuarine Ecologist with the National Park Service at Assateague Island National Seashore

## 1994

**Mike Baker** - Environmental group manager for URS Corp., the largest engineering/environmental firm in the US. He has recently hired 3 other DD grads, **Joy Jones** ('03), **Otto Schlicht** ('03), and **Josh Nelson** ('98) to work with his division on the environmental components of major transportation projects.

## 1995

**Frank Butera** - Biologist with the FL Dept. of Environmental Protection

**Kerry Laddbush** - Biologist, Environmental Quality Laboratory, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville, MD

**Jason Harrison** - Vegetation Ecologist with the Maryland Natural Heritage Program, Maryland Department of Natural Resources

## 1996

**Carol Cain** - Technical Coordinator, Maryland Coastal Bays Program

**Christopher Snow** - Biologist with Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission

**Stephanie Tobash Alexander** – Oyster Hatchery Manager, Univ. of Maryland Center for Environmental Science, Horn Point Laboratory.

## 1997

**Audrey Hansen** - Currently working on SAV research in the Gunpowder and Bush

Rivers at Aberdeen Proving Ground and taking classes for Maryland Teacher Certification

**Jason McNeas** – Data Request Coordinator, doing GIS-based biodiversity analysis for NatureServe (a nonprofit conservation organization providing scientific information for conservation, especially on rare and endangered species and threatened ecosystems)

**Crystal Quisenberry Thomas** - Faculty Research Assistant in Analytical Services, Horn Point Lab, Univ. of MD Center for Environmental Science

**Helen Woods** - Wildlife Biologist - Pilot trainee for US Fish and Wildlife Service (MS, Virginia Institute of Marine Science)



[Click on photo of Helen at work](#)

## **1998**

**Robyn Bungay** - Education Supervisor for Dolphin Quest Bermuda, and have assisted with start-up aquarium facilities of Aquarium at Moody Gardens (Galveston, Texas) and the Oklahoma Aquarium (Jenks, Oklahoma).

**Nicole Littlefield** - Biology teacher, Stephen Decatur High School

**Josh Nelson** - URS Corporation

**Waldo Nelson** - Natural Resource Biologist, Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources

**Myra Parks** - In her 4th year of working in Baltimore City as one of the founding teachers of the inner-city Crossroads School and teaching 8th grade Math and Science. She also works as a consultant for Expeditionary Learning Outward Bound, running conferences and workshops to train new teachers.

**Jaclin Schweigart** – Working in medical device sales

**Mark Shepard** - Aquatic Specialist III for Charles Rivers Laboratories, National Institute of Health in Bethesda, MD.

## **1999**

**Mandi Blaine** - Science teacher, Stephen Decatur High School. Also coaching field hockey and softball.

**Liz Crager** - Head Emergency and Critical Care Veterinary Nurse in a Philadelphia Specialty Veterinary Hospital. She's hoping to go back to school in the next few years to pursue a MS in Marine Science.

**Jennifer Dinneen Bartlett** - Industrial hygienist & environmental scientist with Froehling & Robertson, Inc., a Geotechnical & Environmental firm in Richmond, VA

**Christine Harwzinske** - Teaching Biology and Chemistry at The Horace Mann School in New York City

**Scott Petrey** – Environmental Scientist with the environmental consulting firm Wetland Studies and Solutions, Chantilly, VA.

**Megan Schuler** - Working for Ben Dyer Associates, a civil engineering company in Washington, DC.

**Wendy Pugh Shepard** - Visitor Programs Coordinator for the Conservation Education Department at the National Aquarium in Baltimore

## 2000

**Christine Corish Jerome** - Senior Clinical Research Associate in the clinical trials office at Fox Chase Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA. Chrissy just received her certification as a Clinical Research Professional.

**Paula Carlson Stonesifer** - Just left her position as a Marine Biologist for the US Navy to raise a family.

**Shawn Kieselmann** - Chemist in the Pharmaceutical Support Division of Quantitative Technologies Inc., NJ.

## 2001

**Scott DeJesus** - Aquarist with Discovery Cove  
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**Angie Snyder Buys** - Head of Documentation in the Business Loan Center of Fifth Third Bank in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Also working on a Master of Business Administration part time.

**W. Bryan Stonesifer** - North Carolina Division of Marine Fisheries. Currently working on the Red Drum program, crab restoration project, striped bass monitoring, fish abundance/ population density study and aiding in projects with State Universities

## 2002

**Brad Blumenauer** - Research Associate, Molecular and Immunopathology Operations, Pathology Associates Division of Charles River Laboratories

**Kaitlin Einhaus** - Program Coordinator in the Cancer Policy and Clinical Affairs Department, American Society of Clinical Oncology. Katie staffs the Clinical Practice Guideline Expert Panels, Health Services Committee, Cancer Prevention

Committee, and Workforce in Oncology Task Force

**Michelle Laudenslager Carns** - Vessel Response Plan Analyst for the Coast Guard in Alexandria, Virginia

**Timothy Reese** - Montgomery County Police Department

**Brian Siegel** - Working for aquarium service company Wet Pets, in the D.C. metro area. Also volunteering weekends at the National Aquarium in Baltimore.

**Janice Smith** - Working in the Radiological Department at Aberdeen Proving Grounds

## 2003

**Otto Schlicht** - Environmental Scientist, URS Corporation

**Kristie Williams** - Teaching Biology and Marine Biology at Crisfield High School

## 2004

**Kathryn Bassett** - Art of Living course instructor, Berlin, MD.

**Jeremy Claude** - Aquatic Biologist in the Aquatic Toxicology Laboratory, Wildlife International, an internationally-recognized contract research organization. Much of our work is done to determine NOEC, LOEC, EC50, and LC50 levels of potentially toxic substances. This company conducts acute and chronic aquatic toxicity studies on both freshwater and marine algae, invertebrates, amphibians, and fish, providing the US EPA and other agencies with data to determine environmental threats and set concentration limits.

**Maura Dickson** - Environmental Specialist, Maryland Environmental Service Poplar Island project

## 2005

**Jocelyn Andersen** – Assistant manager of Maryland canoe tours, Chesapeake Bay Foundation

**Krista Hozyash** - Aquatic Resource Intern, Assateague Island National Seashore

**Patrick Hubbard** – Avian Biologist with Wildlife International (see company description under Jeremy Claude above)

**Mary Beth Potter** - Aquatic Biologist in the Aquatic Toxicology Laboratory, Wildlife International (see company description under Jeremy Claude above)