

# 2007 Alumni Awards

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**50-Year Club Alumni Luncheon**

Saturday, September 22 • 11:30 AM  
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## D I S T I N G U I S H E D S E R V I C E

### David Oberhelman

'67 Political Science

David was born on May 25, 1946, in San Bernardino, California. He graduated from Pacific High School in June of 1964.

David planned to attend San Diego State University, but when his parents found out that San Diego State had been named the No. 1 "party school" in the United States by Playboy magazine, they made other plans for him (without his knowledge).

David's next-door neighbors had relatives in Southern Utah, and they were aware of a great little college called College of Southern Utah. His parents contacted CSU and applied on his behalf, and in the fall of 1964 he began class.

While at CSU, David served as the editor of *The Thunderbird*, the student newspaper. During his second year at CSU, David also served on the Student Supreme Court.

He acted in a number of the college's drama productions, including *A Midsummer Night's Dream* (as Oberon), *The Crucible* (as Governor Danforth), *Blithe Spirit* (as Dr. Condimen) and *My Three Angels*. He also worked in the 1966 Utah Shakespearean Festival.

After graduating from CSU in 1967 with a bachelor of arts in political science, David began law school at California Western University School of Law in Point Loma, California. During his first year of law school, it appeared he would be drafted into the military, so he quit law school and obtained employment as a Probation Officer in San Bernardino County, California.

David remained at San Bernardino County Probation for 37 years and retired as the Director of Adult Probation in September 2005.

During his career, he was also involved in civic



and service groups, including Kiwanis and the United Way.

In 1992, David was elected to the City Council of the City of San Bernardino and served with distinction and diligence for 5 years.

He served as mayor pro temp, chairman of the Legislative Review Committee, and chairman of the Ways and Means Committee during his council tenure.

He also served as a Commissioner of the San Bernardino Economic Development Commission and a member of the Board of Directors of the Inland Valley Development Commission (a regional military base reuse commission).

After leaving politics, he served as a Board Member and Chairman of the San Bernardino Convention and Visitors Bureau.

David has been married for 24 years to the love of his life, the former **Jennifer Hawk**. David and Jennifer have one son, Brett, who also attended SUU in 2006.

## O U T S T A N D I N G A L U M N U S

### Vincent M. Rosdahl

'88 Accounting

Vince was born in November 1964 in Preston, Idaho. He was the second child of Walter and Peggy Rosdahl. He attended school in Soda Springs, Idaho, and participated in basketball, football, wrestling, and track during junior high school. In high school, he focused on basketball and football, and also on a particular girl – **Diana Anderson** ('86).

Vince met Diana in elementary school, and they grew up as friends. Their relationship grew more serious in high school, and they eventually married in 1983, the year they graduated from high school.

Vince was recruited to play basketball and football at some small colleges. Vince and Diana actually made their first visit to Southern Utah State College on a recruiting trip when **Tom McCracken** was the coach. Initially, they decided not to attend S USC. Instead, they went to Santa Barbara City College in California.

Vince helped lead Santa Barbara to a conference title as a freshman starter on the basketball team. That team, coached by **Frank Carbajal**, placed second in the California Junior College Championships. During that freshman year, the Rosdahls' first child, Devan Vincent, was born.

After graduating with an associate of arts degree, Vince and Diana decided to attend Southern Utah State College, where Vince played basketball for the



Thunderbirds and Coach **Bob Schermerhorn**.

While at SUSC, Vince majored in accounting and earned both bachelor's (magna cum laude) and master's degrees (summa cum laude). Vince studied accounting with **Gary Giles ('57)**, **Tim Lewis ('97)**, **David Rees** and **Jeff Barnes ('83)** – most of whom remain on the SUU faculty. He was named Outstanding Accounting Student in 1988, the year he earned a master's degree in accounting.

In addition to his studies, Vince enjoyed playing basketball for Coach "Horn." He actually played in the first basketball game at the Centrum in 1985.

The Rosdahl family continued to grow during the SUSC years, as Dallin Lloyd (1985) and Vindie Vilate (1987) joined the family.

After three wonderful years in Cedar City, Vince and Diana decided to move the family to Danville, California. Vince began his career with Arthur Andersen, a prestigious accounting firm, in Oakland, California, in June 1988.

Vince worked in the income tax department at Andersen. Other than a one-year "experiment" with Ernst & Young in 1996, Vince spent his career at Andersen until the firm discontinued providing professional services in 2002.

Vince was admitted as a partner at Andersen in 1999. During his career at Andersen, he transferred from the Oakland office to San Francisco and again to San Jose. He worked in a number of different industries from financial markets and alternative investment funds to large public companies in the high tech and manufacturing.

Vince and Diana continued to enjoy raising their family in Danville. They were blessed with several more children – Dillon Scott (1989), Veronica (1991), Declan Charles (1993), Victoria (1996), Dewlin Jeffrey (1998) and finally VeNae (2001). Dillon is attending Southern Utah University this fall.

After Andersen, Vince joined Deloitte & Touche LLP in San Francisco. Currently, he is Deputy National Tax Managing Partner - Hedge Funds. He also serves as Regional Competency Leader for Financial Products.

Vince has also been involved with recruiting, both while at Andersen and now at Deloitte. Vince has recruited several Southern Utah University alumni over the years. **Geoff Adams ('00)** (currently in Mergers and Acquisitions Group in San Francisco) and **Julia Taylor ('00)** (currently in Mergers and Acquisitions in New York City) continue to work with Deloitte. Several other alumni have worked with Vince at Andersen and Deloitte and then moved on to other careers. They include **Vance Smith ('94)**, **Sam Seaman ('98)**, and **Kinta Smith**.

Vince also stays connected to Southern Utah University through his service on the Alumni Advisory Board for the School of Business.

## Y O U N G A L U M N U S

### Garrett B. Gunderson

'02 Business

Garrett is a passionate, natural-born entrepreneur. He began his first business at age 15 and immediately began winning business competitions all over Utah, including the SBA Young Entrepreneur of the Year award at age 18.



Garrett began a career in the financial services industry at age 19. While attending college at Southern Utah University, he became an adviser to a number of his college professors, and became the youngest member to ever be placed on the Business Alumni Board of the University.

Garrett earned a six-figure income his first year out of college and immediately began practicing what he preached by partnering in more than 100 real-estate properties, protecting his human-life value with the maximum amount of permanent life insurance companies would offer him, and living his "Soul Purpose."

Garrett is a founder, partner or executive of more than 20 successful companies, including The Producer Revolution, Engenuity, Affinity Strategic Management, Foundations Insurance, The Prosperity Paradigm, and the Coach to the Advisors Mission-Driven Forum.

He is a co-creator of the "Curriculum for Wealth," an acclaimed symposium series designed to empower people to live beyond financial bondage and work toward their greatest potential. He is a host of the "Producer Revolution" radio show, a program dedicated to people finding their purpose and passion through principle and a deeper understanding of the true meaning and uses of money.

Garrett's passion and talents have recently culminated in the creation of the "Freedom FastTrack," a revolutionary process designed to help his clients recognize their potential and turn it into production through value creation.

Garrett lives in South Jordan with his wife, **Carrie Van Ness ('02)**, and their two-year-old son, Breck. Carrie is Garrett's best friend and companion. Breck is the light of Garrett's life, and his permission to be fun.