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Success Stories

Andy Titus (Graphic Design 2001)

Mr. Titus works for the **MTV Interactive Department** in New York City as a senior designer. As a member of the design team, he is responsible for the re-design of MTV's website which includes developing strategies and design. While attending The Art Institute of Colorado, Andy was a senior web designer with Alltel Communications, worked as a web designer for Fuel Brothers, and co-founded Xylem Interactive with other Art Institute grads. After graduation, he moved to New York City and worked freelance jobs for Heavy, an interactive and creative agency for two years. Andy met MTV staff members while working on pre-launch of MTV website and was hired full time.

Adriana M. Perez (Multimedia 2000)

Ms Perez works for the **Starz Entertainment Group** in Englewood, CO as an Information Technology (IT) Web Designer. She works with the Web design team to design, develop and maintain Starz Entertainment Group's company Intranet, Extranet and Internet websites, designs banner ads, mini-sites, sweepstakes websites, e-mail campaigns and movie promotions. Adriana is currently developing a two-year training plan to acquire management experience as an Assistant Director of IT. Prior to graduation was hired as a contractor for Starz. "I was hired based on the experience I obtained from The Art Institute of Colorado—a year-and-a-half later, I was hired as a full-time employee."

John Blessing (Visual Effects & Motion Graphics 2004)

Mr. Blessing currently works as a graphic designer for **CW TV (formerly WB2)** in Greenwood Village, CO. He is also the 2005 winner of the NATAS Heartland Regional Emmy for Best Promotional Campaign. John is responsible for creating motion graphics for the station's promotional spots from a single spot to a complete re-branding of the channel to match what the CW network's format. His design work ranges from Photoshop to 3D modeling, and animation in Cinema 4D and After Effects. John also occasionally works on graphics for the News Department used in new segments and also covers the News Department's graphic designers when they are on vacation. John remarked, "My education at The Art Institute of Colorado gave me a substantial advantage over anyone who was just trying to break into this industry. Winning a regional Emmy was a great way of finishing off a very blessed 13 months after four years of hard work at The Art Institute of Colorado."

Megan Wood (Interior Design BA 2002)

Ms. Wood works for **Liz Claiborne** as a Facilities Planning Supervisor/In-house Interior Designer. She works with in-house fashion designers to make their work space and showrooms reflect the individuality of their designs. Megan oversees, facilitates and coordinates minor construction projects, furniture ordering and installs, and general maintenance for all Liz Claiborne showrooms, corporate offices and warehouses located in New York, New Jersey, California and nationwide. She commented, "I do this by making sure their space is fully functioning, so that they can be as comfortable and productive as possible. I am constantly being challenged to infuse the spirit of each brand image into the interior design of the space. In my world, no two days are alike." After graduation, she worked at Designers Touch in interior design, as well as did custom upholstery at Brandt

and Whitney, both in Denver. Then she moved to New York City, was hired at Liz Claiborne and within two years, she was promoted twice into her current position.

Mike Marcos (Culinary Arts 2004)

Mr. Marcos currently works for **Tongue River Ranch** in Dumont, TX as a Personal Chef (October – March) and as the Executive Chef/Fishing Guide for **Rainbow Trout Ranch** in Antonito, CO (May – October). At Tongue River Ranch, Mike is responsible for planning menus for three meals a day, seven days a week for five to 25 people and is responsible for all kitchen duties. At Rainbow Trout Ranch, he is responsible for á la minute service of three meals a day for 35 to 65 guests and 30 staff members. Mike supervises kitchen staff of four and communicates with head wait staff on a constant basis. He also teaches and guides fly-fishing excursions.

Kevin Bachman (Visual Communications 1989, Hall of Fame 2002)

Mr. Bachman is Vice President, Creative Director at **New Wave Creative** (of New Wave Entertainment) in Burbank, CA. Kevin is responsible for art directing and developing creative strategies and ideas used to market major motion pictures which includes print, outdoor, posters and DVD packaging. His favorite projects include art directing Jenny McCarthy, naked in a bath tub, holding a dead fish, for *Dirty Love*. He also worked with such beauties as Cameron Diaz (*In Her Shoes*), Ashley Judd (*Kiss the Girls*) and Sharon Stone (*Basic Instinct*), as well as Harrison Ford (*Clear and Present Danger*, *Hollywood Homicide*), Toby Maguire (*Spider-Man*) and Will Ferrell (*Old School*, *Winter Passing*).

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