

**Christian Stendel '81** (Music, pictured above) retired as piano coach and accompanist at Los Angeles City College, and he is serving as music director at St. Martin-in-the-Fields Episcopal Church in Winnetka, just a few miles west of CSUN.

**Tracy Baum '82** (Radio-Television Broadcasting) serves as director of development for the College of Social and Behavioral Sciences at his alma mater, CSUN. Baum returned to campus to start this position in 2015, overseeing alumni engagement and raising critical funds in support of student scholarships, department initiatives, endowments, planned giving and experiential learning programs. He is a single parent, proudly raising two boys who are athletically inclined, passionate and knowledgeable about Major League Baseball and the NFL.

**Joe Tassinari '82** (Recreation) celebrated the eighth anniversary of his staff development training business, Business Works, based in Northern California. With his trainings, Tassinari helps companies and organizations build trust, communication, leadership and camaraderie. He credited his CSUN professors for providing a strong foundation for his career.

**Peggy (Zweig) Hanne '83** (Art) retired after selling the printing company she owned and operated for 26 years. In retirement, she is busy following her passion as a travel consultant and exploring new places around the world.

**Ruth Hertz Weber '83** (M.M., Music) released her newest children's album, *The Spaceship That Fell in My Backyard*, in March. The album was awarded a Tilywig Tons of Fun Award, a Family Choice Award, a Global Music Award, a Hot Diggity Award and a National Parenting Product Award.

**Daniel Godoy '84** (Radio-Television-Film – Film Emphasis) reported that plenty of hard work, paired with the knowledge he gained from CSUN's professors, helped his career in filmmaking and TV take off. Godoy has had a long career in broadcasting, working for major networks. Recently, he has spent several years as an independent producer, working on longform content.

## 1990s

**William Donckels '90** (Accounting) started a new position as finance director at Good Media Group, an internet news website, in February.

**John H. Dokes '92** (Marketing, pictured below) was named to Savoy magazine's spring 2018 list of "Most Influential Blacks in Corporate America." The recognition honors "diverse executives who have made a positive impact in corporate America." Dokes is global chief marketing officer for AccuWeather and general manager of the AccuWeather Network.



**Scott Alpert '95** (Psychology) earned his doctorate in clinical psychology in 2001. He recently received a psychiatry license in Mukilteo, Wash., to run a mental health clinic for individuals with mood disorders and addiction issues. The clinic opened April 3.



**Jody Prusan '95** (Special Major, pictured above) launched Connecting Talent Company, where she looks for and fosters new theatrical talent. Connecting Talent has placed young actors on Broadway in *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*, *School of Rock*, *Fun Home*, *Evita*, *Annie* and *Elf*, and in many regional theater and national tours. Her clients can also be seen on TV in *Unbreakable Kimmy Schmidt*, *Orange is the New Black* and *Chicago Med*. Prusan is a proud member of AEA and SAG/AFTRA. Previously, she directed the Theater Department at The Harlem School of The Arts.

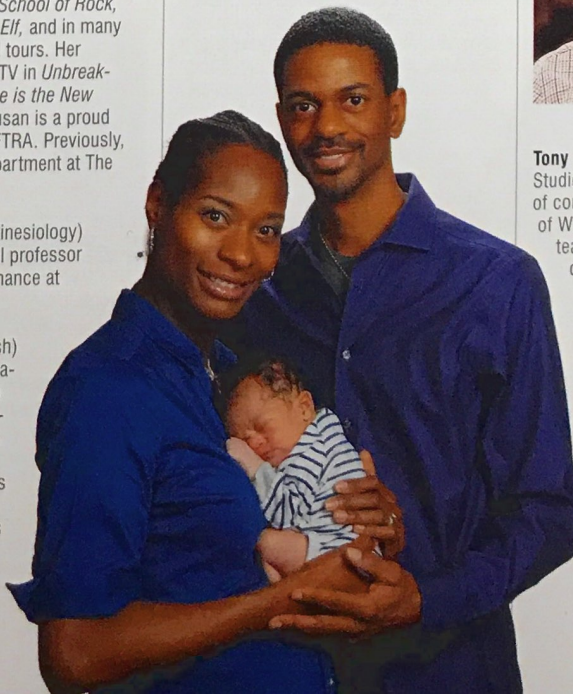
**Janet Peterson '97** (M.A., Kinesiology) was recently promoted to full professor of health and human performance at Linfield College in Oregon.

**Damian Scribner '97** (English) celebrated the ninth anniversary of his company, Blue Chip Hospitality Group, which provides companies with sports entertainment for their top clients and employees across the country. Scribner's company also provides discounts to CSUN Alumni.

## Matador Milestones

**Genein (Jefferson) Letford '09** (M.A., Education Curriculum and Instruction, pictured below) and her husband, Shayne, welcomed their first child, Shawn Tyler Letford. Genein is a lecturer in CSUN's Michael D. Eisner College of Education, a music educator and executive director of Alumni360 mentorship group.

**Yessica Ortiz '10** (Psychology) completed a graduate program at California Lutheran University and is working as a college counselor at Los Angeles City College. This year, she married her best friend of seven years, James Del Campo. Ortiz also celebrated with her younger brother, Rogelio Rodriguez '18 (Sociology), as he graduated from CSUN in May.



**Arash Hashemi '98** (History) celebrated the 15th anniversary of his firm, the Law Offices of Arash Hashemi, in March. Pictured below with Hashemi (right) at the celebration is fellow alumnus **Christopher Hammond '87** (Political Science).



**G. James Stadler '99** (Recreation) received the George Washington Honor Medal for service in education from the Freedoms Foundation, Los Angeles chapter. In 2017, he also received a grant from LA's Museum of Tolerance to study the Holocaust in Berlin, Germany.

## 2000s

**James D. Jolicoeur '01** (Recreation) released a song, *Rise Up*, on Amazon, CD Baby and streaming on Spotify.

**Dmitry Tulchinsky '01** (Biochemistry) was accepted into an honors J.D. program at New York Law School. Already a registered patent agent, Tulchinsky's law studies will focus on intellectual property, technology and entrepreneurship.



**Tony Docan-Morgan '02** (Communication Studies, pictured above) is a professor of communication studies at University of Wisconsin—La Crosse. In addition to teaching undergraduate students, Docan-Morgan volunteers his expertise to help a group of North Korean refugees settled in South Korea develop communication skills to integrate into society, build their future, and spread awareness about their lives in North Korea and the country's regime. In 2017, the professor was appointed senior fellow of communication and advocacy for the non-governmental organization, Teach North Korean Refugees, based in Seoul.

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