

Cassidy Smith

A Smittcamp Family Honors College alumna, Cassidy graduated from Fresno State as the Dean's Medalist of the College of Arts and Humanities in 2011. During her time at Fresno State, Cassidy interned with Fresno Magazine, The Fresno Bee, the international Carmel Bach Festival, and as a Maddy Institute Scholar at the U.S. House of Representatives.

A Gruner Award-winning journalist, Cassidy earned her master's degree at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. and has lived in Chicago for the last three years, working on the public relations team at the online travel company Orbitz.com. Recently, she was promoted to public relations manager, responsible for the company's CheapTickets brand.

Earlier this year, she successfully completed the 10-month improv program of the world-renowned comedy club Second City.

Kelley Lowe

As a Central Valley native, Kelley was born and raised in Fresno. She attended Edison High School and graduated in 2007. After graduating, she moved to Los Angeles to pursue a dual degree in Political Science and History at USC.

While she did not always plan to attend law school, the intersection of law with her studies piqued her interest and prompted her to apply. When exploring her options, she ultimately decided to continue her education at USC Gould School of Law. After her second year of law school – and five years of Los Angeles traffic – she knew she wanted to move back to the Central Valley, and in summer of 2013, she interned at McCormick Barstow, a civil litigation firm in town.

Upon graduating law school, she joined the firm as an associate attorney and has enjoyed returning to the community not only as a native, but also as a young professional.

Andrew Hoover

Andrew came to Fresno State as a musician, and graduated in 2011 as a filmmaker with a degree in Mass Communication and Journalism. Several other careers later, he now works as a program and product manager at Google in the San Francisco Bay Area.

Originally with Google X, Andrew helped with the release of Google Glass in both the US and Europe. He's now focused on how Glass can help large businesses improve the performance and experience for their workers and customers.

Andrew enjoys Piña Coladas, getting caught in the rain and taking long walks on the beach.

The Pay it Forward luncheon series brings together Fresno State students and business leaders. Each luncheon is led by a different Central Valley leader and will explore a new, informative topic. This event will act as a forum for dialogue, explore in-depth issues, and allow for impactful networking with students and local business professionals.

We will also be accepting donations for the Fresno State Clothing Closet at the event. If you'd like to participate, please bring gently worn business attire to donate. This project provides students with professional clothing for interviews, career fairs and first jobs.



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