

Angels General Manager

CREDITS INTERNSHIP WITH CAREER ROOTS

Tony Reagins '91 (Marketing), the new general manager of the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim, is proud to be a Cal State Fullerton alumnus and says he wants to become more involved in campus activities, including the campaign for the Mihaylo College of Business and Economics.

"I drive by the campus every day, I see the changes going on, and I've always planned to get back," Reagins says.

In the meantime, he is busy with his work – ensuring that young players succeed in major league baseball, something that Reagins enjoys most. "I have the ability to affect lives," he says. "From a baseball standpoint, I'm empowering young kids to be successful at a high level."

His current success is partially attributable to a Cal State Fullerton education, he says.

While he was a business undergraduate, Reagins recalls he particularly benefited from the practical aspects of his Fullerton

education: the advertising and marketing classes in which students analyzed successful businesses. "Those were eye-opening and they still stick with me. Seeing business in practice is important."

He remembers studying the Marriott organization and says, "Seeing business put into practice was important to me, and Marriott is such a strong model."



Tony Reagins '91, Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim general manager, says his college experience allowed him to see business in practice and recognize the importance of taking responsibility for your own advancement.

As a student, he says that merely attending class each day and being the best he could be as a student was the most important lesson he learned. "The college experience is important, and the opportunity to take responsibility for your own actions, for your own advancement. Cal State Fullerton was a great experience for me."

Of course, his internship with the Angels was a turning point in his life. He enjoyed playing baseball in his youth and jumped at the chance to intern with the Angels. From there, he worked his way up from intern to his current position, through three owners and five general managers. "The Angels are like a family," he notes. "I've had the opportunity to monitor the styles of the managers, which has benefited me long-term and allowed me to adapt to each situation."

But Reagins doesn't yet dare call himself a success. "I'm still learning," he says. "The day I call myself a success is the day I stop getting better and doing my best." ■

Accounting Alumni Association

TO HOST PRE-GAME RECEPTION ON MAY 17

The Accounting Alumni chapter kicked off 2008 with a networking get-together at The Twisted Vine (owned by alumni) in downtown Fullerton for a wine and beer tasting. "Sampling fine wine, beer and appetizers is always a great way to network with fellow alumni," says Mark Krikorian '79, chapter president.

The group's next gathering will be on Saturday, May 17, as the Titan baseball team takes on San Diego State at Goodwin Field. "We'll have a pre-game reception," Krikorian says, "and then head over to the game to root for the Titans!" The accounting chapter was chartered in 2006 and already has nearly 100 members.

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