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New MBA Degree will Assist Darin Gale

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Darin Gale won't miss the frequent early-evening drives to Sacramento or the long nights of studying after he returned in the evenings to his Yuba City home.

His educational journey concluded on June 22 when the Economic Development Manager for Yuba City picked up his diploma at the commencement ceremony for Drexel University Sacramento.

Gale believes the MBA degree from Drexel, and his increased expertise in finance issues, comes at an ideal time. He is now positioned even better than ever to help assist local businesses in the Yuba Sutter area.

At Drexel, Gale was part of an MBA student group that earned recognition from the City of Sacramento for developing some unique ways to help assist the homeless.

"My whole experience as a Drexel MBA student has helped reinforce why I'm involved in civic-minded projects," Gale said. "It has also helped me understand how finance plays a role in both the public and private sectors, and with nonprofit organizations as well."

Gale was hired by the City of Yuba City in 2009 and works in the City Manager's office. His role is supporting existing businesses, serving as an ombudsman for city development, and encouraging new businesses and job development. Gale was previously a legislative advocate for the North State Building Industry Association.

He grew up in Sacramento and graduated from McClatchy High School. In 2005, Gale earned his bachelor's degree in economics from Sacramento, becoming the first person in his family to receive a college degree.

Gale is actively involved in the Yuba City Chamber of Commerce, Yuba City Rotary Club, and the Fremont-Rideout Foundation. He is the Chairman-elect for the Rotary Club in 2014-15.

The 37-year-old Gale has lived in Yuba City for eight years with his wife Kristin and four children, Joel, 10, Reid, 8, Sydney, 5 and Reece, 3. Kristin (Sawyer) Gale graduated from Yuba City High School and has a BS degree in chemistry from Sacramento State.

Darin Gale was one of the 127 graduates who were awarded master's level diplomas from Drexel University on June 22 at Sacramento's historic Crocker Art Museum.

It was the third commencement ceremony for Drexel University Sacramento. There were 104 students who received master's or post-baccalaureate level degrees, and 23 were awarded doctorate degrees. Drexel – a top-ranked, national comprehensive university – currently offers students seven master's, one doctorate and one post-baccalaureate program designed for working professionals in the fields of entrepreneurial business, human resource development, higher education and health care.

In September 2013, Drexel will launch its first full-time undergraduate program in business for students who have finished at least the first two years of their undergraduate education.

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