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» Alumni on the Move

Saud Mohammed H Almadhi (MBA, 2009) is segment marketing manager at Microsoft and recently received the certificate of Marketing Excellency from Kellogg Marketing School.

John Barozzi Krauss (MBA, 1991) is executive director for the law firm Sheridan



Ross, the largest Denver-based intellectual property law firm.

Sue Allon (MAcc, 1982) was recently featured in an article on the front page of the business section of the *Denver Post* about what went wrong in the mortgage industry.

Carolyn B. Anders (MBA, 2007) is working for New York Life Insurance Company as a financial services professional in the Vienna, VA, office.

Ken Pinnock (BSBA, 1988) recently joined the University of Denver as associate director for employee relations.

Jim Detterick (MBA, 2001) is with Morgan Stanley Smith Barney in New York and was recently recognized by *Plan*


JAPANESE ALUMNUS SHARES HIS STORY

When the earthquake hit Japan, Dean Riordan reached out to Daniels alumni and expressed her hope that all were safe and extended her deepest sympathies to the victims of the tsunami and earthquake.

In response, Akira Sawatari (BSBA, 2001) reported that he is safe and was not directly affected by the disaster.

Sawatari shared with the dean that he has been working with UN Habitat and the Japan Habitat Association, gathering and packing 12 tons of relief goods for the stricken areas, supplying Sendai city with fresh Hawaiian water, offering food, and coordinating the evacuation of 1600 refugees from Fukusima to Yamagata due to danger posed by the close-by nuclear power plant. Sawatari also got local barbershops to offer a "free shampoo" to the displaced people.

Sawatari also raised awareness through emails around the world. He said, "I found a big gap between media and reality." According to Sawatari, his studies at Daniels in hotel, restaurant and tourism management helped him not only as senior managing director of his fifth-generation, 135-year-old family restaurant, but during this crisis as well. He said, "Through volunteering, I learned *what hospitality means*. I took many classes at HRTM and my teachers showed me hospitality in a scholarly way. That was literally great and has influenced my business. Now I believe my invisible professor would give me good grades to my job. It is an 'applied question' based on what I learned at the University of Denver. Serving food to refugees is like the class of Service Learning."

Sawatari plans to go back to normal life; he is a manager of a traditional Japanese restaurant, a husband and father of three daughters. Soon he will need to think of plans and strategies for customers to come back into his restaurant again. [Read More »](#)