



Caroline Caskey Goodner – Lyceum Class of 1998

She really does not know what is next, Caroline explained! But not long ago, in various cities throughout the state of Texas you may remember signs and billboards that read: “Who’s The Father (1-800-DNA-TYPE)?” Well that was not a new rap song by P-Diddy; it was an advertisement by one of our very own Caroline Caskey’s former company, Identigene. On June 1, 2007, she sold the company after fourteen years to Sorenson Genomics of Salt Lake City, UT, and as of April 2008, they have elected to take the company back there. You think Caroline would have called it quits for a while, but in 2006 she began another genetics lab testing company by the name of MendelWorks; a company that performs genotyping on laboratory mice used in research. “I was watching CNN one afternoon, and they had a story about the use of laboratory mice...they mentioned that US laboratories use more than 250,000,000 mice per year,” so she decided to make a business out of it. The company’s mission was to genetically identify mice that were bred for research so that research scientists would know which mice were suitable for their experiments. Caroline said “every mouse that is used in testing must be genotyped...so we thought it would be a great market,” and basically that is how MendelWorks was born. Faster than she could say Ratatouille, an unexpected opportunity arose, and MendelWorks was sold in November 2007.

Caroline is now working on various consulting projects and enjoying her two children in Austin, TX. When asked what is next, she simply says that she has no definite plans, except having time for her family. We wish Caroline much success and glad we can count her as one of our own.