



## Celebrating Eighteen Years of Paying it Forward

**S**herry Laske, an Accounting Instructor at Milan Institute in Visalia, California, has announced her retirement after celebrating eighteen years with Milan. “My philosophy about teaching is still the same after all these years. Pay it forward,” she says. Sherry loves filling students with knowledge and using real life scenarios to make learning more authentic. “My students know that I’m not here for me. I constantly tell them that my goal is to make them the best bookkeepers in the industry.”

When an opening came up with Golden State Business College, as the school was known at the time, Sherry recalls thinking, “this is a fantastic opportunity to showcase my accounting abilities and pay forward that knowledge by becoming an instructor.” Sherry considers accounting both fun and challenging. “I feel at home teaching accounting because I can do it in my sleep. I’m great with numbers.”

School Director, Patrick Taylor says about Sherry, “In many respects, Milan’s accounting program was Sherry’s baby. She wrote curriculum, researched books, assisted instructors at other campuses, and guided the program through many changes. Sherry has a way of working with students with multiple levels of understanding and pace.”

According to Sherry, things at Milan were very simple 18 years ago. Back then, Milan had a linear learning

environment. Students changed classes every hour and went to a different instructor for each one. From record keeping and attendance to evaluations and employer surveys, almost everything was done manually. “Today, technology has evolved,” says Sherry. “Networking, ebooks, and cyber-everything are used to simplify and advance our processes. The one thing that has not changed over time is the degree of dedication and passion Milan Institute has for the students. It’s what I’m most proud of.”

Looking back and reflecting on students whose lives she has touched, Sherry recalls two that still stand out. “Ray W. is a student I can say stands out in my memory. What a great success story he is. Ray was a wonderful student who cared about his classmates, thrived on becoming the best Bookkeeper and employee, and being the best he could be. He is a perfectionist, which is a great trait for a bookkeeper. He stood out in the classroom, with his first job, and then he became one of Milan Institute’s home office accounting employees. I am so proud of Ray



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## New Program Offerings

**M**ilan Institute and Milan Institute of Cosmetology continue to follow industry demand as well as the latest trends and developments in fast growing career fields.



In doing so, we continue to add relevant career training programs to our education line-up. New program offerings are now enrolling at a number of campuses. For

additional information about specific campuses and programs offered, please visit [MilanInstitute.edu](http://MilanInstitute.edu).

Milan is excited to announce the addition of Barbering programs at six Milan campuses in California. We can help you put your style to work by turning your creative talents into a viable, professional career with Barbering training. The Barbering program is now offered at the Bakersfield Central, Fairfield, Fresno, La Quinta, Merced and Visalia, California, campuses.\*

*\*Barbering program pending accreditation approval at Milan Institute of Cosmetology campuses located in Fairfield, La Quinta and Visalia, California.*

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and his accomplishments,” says Sherry.

Another student from some years ago that stands out for Sherry is Susan T. “Susan had many barriers to overcome. She lived with her parents and was trying to raise her young son. No one in her family had faith in her. Enrolling in Milan gave her a way to prove that she could accomplish financial stability,” says Sherry. As Sherry recalls, after graduating, Susan moved out of her parents home, bought a car and found an apartment. Today, Susan is a very established bookkeeper in Hanford, California. “Coming to Milan changed her life. It’s students like these that are the reason for my enjoyment in teaching,” shared Sherry. “We at Milan Institute do make a difference in our students’ lives and future, and we take great pleasure in helping this happen.”



Sherry Laske at her 18th Anniversary celebration.

Sherry and her husband Glen plan to travel and enjoy more of their favorite past time, golfing, in their retirement. However, Milan hasn’t seen the last of Sherry Laske. Sherry continues her work with Milan by stepping in as a substitute instructor when needed.

On the occasion of her retirement celebration, Sherry shared these words: “I appreciate the honor of working with my many friends and colleagues over these past 18 years. I’ll miss everyone at Milan and be forever grateful for an excellent opportunity to educate human minds in the field of Accounting. I wish all my current and past students every success in their careers.” ■

**NEW PROGRAM OFFERINGS - CONTINUED**

At the Milan Institute campus in Fresno, California, the healthcare training options have been expanded. Classes are now enrolling for Pharmacy Technician\*, which joins the Medical Assisting program already offered. Programs in areas of Beauty and Massage are also available at this campus.

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Milan Institute in Merced, California, has just added Dental Assistant career training. Classes are enrolling now.

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Milan Institute of Cosmetology in Reno, Nevada, has added Aesthetician career training. Cosmetology and Nail Technician programs are also available at this campus.

*\*Pharmacy Technician program pending accreditation approval at Milan Institute in Fresno, California.*



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