

Up & Comers – Robert A. Dunton Interview

Birthplace: Hartford, Conn.

Family: Mom, dad, younger brother, younger sister

New title/company: Chief information officer, Tully Rinckey PLLC

Responsibilities: Overseeing and developing the firm's IT and marketing infrastructure, supervising junior staff and business development.

Old title/company: Marketing associate, Tully Rinckey PLLC

Education: M.S. degree in mechanical engineering from Georgia Tech. B.S. in mechanical engineering and a B.S. in computer science from Union College. A.A. from Simon's Rock College of Bard.

Community service/pastimes: Schenectady SPCA web development, scuba diving, downhill skiing, brewing beer.

Dream job in 10 years: Being a master brewer

Favorite gadget for work: BlackBerry

Best vacation ever: Sanibel Island, Fla., or Aruba

Favorite "thinking" spot: A boat anchored in a secluded bay on Lake George

Most challenging assignment: Planning for the future and staying ahead of growth. Our systems and platforms need to be secure, scalable and highly available while being cost effective and easy to maintain, especially for offices outside of Albany. Attaining and maintaining the ability to "turn up" new services, new hires and new sites is critical to our continued growth.

Career tip: Be really sharp at a few core things but make sure they are things you enjoy. After that, try to know a little about everything; it will help you figure out your bearing when in unfamiliar situations. Make sure you're always learning and always challenged.

What music, poetry or play influenced your career path: Shakespeare and Rocky Horror Picture Show

Pet peeve: Spending all your time harping on problems and no time thinking about and discussing solutions.

Most memorable book: The Fountainhead by Ayn Rand, Catcher in the Rye by J.D. Salinger, The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald, and The Trial by Franz Kafka.

What historical figure would you take to lunch?: Lewis Carroll or Friedrich Nietzsche