



**Daniel
Mueller
Airline Route
Analyst
Class of 2001**

By Carl Yoshida

Ever wonder why you can get an airline flight only at a particular hour to reach a particular destination? If so, ask Daniel Mueller, a senior analyst and express route planner for US airways at its Tempe, Arizona headquarters. He analyzes data and makes recommendations regarding which markets to send the express fleet, how often to send them and which size airplane to use to reach that destination. US Airways has 296 aircraft and 1,800 flights each day flying to 145 cities, each with a capacity of 98 passengers or less.

Daniel decided on this career because he was fascinated by the airline industry, especially the route planning challenges. He knows that the decisions he makes affect the company's success as well as the customers they serve.

To prepare for his job, Daniel earned a Bachelor of Science Aviation and Business Administration from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University in Daytona Beach, Florida in 2004. He is currently working on his Masters in Business Administration from the Rady School of Management at the University of California, San Diego. He also worked as an intern with Hawaiian Airlines in their liaison office, AvAir Pros, and with the HawaiianMiles Marketing Office. While at Embry Riddle, he was a student assistant in the university's accounting department and with a Decision mathematics (MA320) course.

A 2002 graduate, Daniel says his most memorable moments were hanging out with friends in between classes and publishing a school literary magazine. His favorite teachers were Mrs. Helen Kobayashi, Mrs. Cherlyn Chong, Mrs. Shellie Naungayan and Mrs. Janet Iokepa. He says one of the most valuable skills he learned from Kobayashi and Chong was to write an essay in 25 minutes and to prepare for AP tests. "There are few more skills

more valuable than being able to think and write clearly and quickly," he commented.

