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RYAN BARKAN *Shearer's Assistant Controller* **Elected President of the Young Alumni Council at Malone University**

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Brewster, Ohio: Ryan Barkan, Assistant Controller at Shearer's Foods, has been elected President of the Young Alumni Council at Malone University for the 2009-2010 school year. The mission of the Malone Young Alumni Council is to advocate for the needs of Malone's young alumni to the University as well as for the needs of the University to Malone's young alumni, to develop alumni leaders who aspire to stay connected to Malone, to encourage continued relationships established during the University experience and to provide opportunities for personal and professional growth.

Mr. Barkan is a graduate of Malone University, where he earned his bachelor's degree in both Accounting/Business in 2001 and an MBA in 2003. While an undergraduate student, he served as Finance Director for the Student Senate in addition to his participation in Student Activities Committee (SAC), Intramurals (basketball and football), Accounting Club, Business Club, and Habitat for Humanity. He was named to Who's Who Among Students his senior year at Malone.

Mr. Barkan came to Shearer's Foods from Ernst and Young, where he served as an auditor from 2001-2005. He has been a Certified Public Accountant since December of 2007 and also completed the certificate of management from Kent State University. He currently volunteers with Junior Achievement and is a member of both the Ohio Society of CPAs and the American Institute of CPAs.

Mr. Barkan is married to Elizabeth; the couple has two children - Logan, age 3, and Madison, age 1 - and reside in the Springhill Settlement of Massillon, Ohio, where he serves as a trustee. The family attends Wilmot United Methodist Church.

Shearer's Foods, Inc., founded in 1974, is the manufacturer /distributor of Shearer's Award-Winning Snacks. Varied products include a complete line of potato chips, tortilla chips, pretzels, cheese curls/puffs, peanuts, popcorn, corn chips and other snacks. While Shearer's is recognized as a leader in the snack food industry, they consistently achieve "excellence" in everything they do! *Real Simple* magazine ranked Shearer's the "Best Chips with a Beer" and *Newsweek* magazine commented Shearer's potato chips were "...crisply addictive." *Country Living* magazine named Shearer's the best potato chips in Ohio! The company has been named Snack Manufacturer of the Year by *Snack Food and Wholesale Bakery* magazine. Shearer's has been awarded the Weatherhead 100, Cascade Capital Business Growth Award and The Entrepreneurs EDGE Award for being one of the fastest growing companies in Northeast Ohio. The Weatherhead School of Management has also recognized Shearer's as one of its Family Firms of Distinction. Shearer's potato chips received the Gold Medal Award from the American Tasting Institute of San Francisco for the best potato chips in America. Both the Canton and the Massillon Chambers of Commerce have honored Shearer's as their Business of the Year. The company has been recognized for manufacturing excellence and sustainability by winning the Manny Award and the Evolution of Manufacturing Award. Shearer's has been awarded the North Coast 99 as a top employer in Northeast Ohio, and is the only company to receive this award all eleven years of its existence! *Inside Business* magazine has honored Shearer's as one of the top performing companies in Northeast Ohio eleven times with the NEO Success Award. Shearer's has been recognized for their outstanding customer service by winning the Cleveland Food Dealers Association's Vendor of the Year Award and *Smart Business magazine's* World Class Customer Service Award. Shearer's has earned the Pillar Award twice as well as the Shatten Civic Award for their far-reaching community service efforts. Shearer's Snacks are distributed throughout the Midwest, Canada and Mexico.