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Equally popular with supermarket tabloids and business press, drones are changing the way we monitor and communicate information regarding everything from a celebrity's whereabouts to national security. They expand access with, typically, less risk, increased speed and efficiency, and greatly reduced reliance on natural resources.

So, what's it like to work for a company developing and evolving this technology?

"It's great being at the forefront of innovation," says Kyle Denes, Senior Supply Chain Analyst for AreoVironment. "You get to see some really amazing things."

AeroVironment specializes in drones, or unmanned aircraft systems (UAS), and energy efficient systems like electric car chargers. Denes, who received an MBA from Cal Lutheran in 2012, supports the company by identifying gaps in its efficiency and other areas needing improvement. He's responsible for the full range of supply chain activities – process analysis, forecasts, ongoing enhancements and problem resolution.

Denes recently visited CI for the first time since graduating in 2009. "Boy, has it changed," he says. "There were dirt parking lots when I was here!"

Although, he didn't return to campus for several years, Denes did maintain a virtual connection. "Networking and staying in touch with my professors and classmates was critical to my making sound career decisions, and it led to a nice recommendation for my current job. CI has a great community."

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