

IC² and MSSTC Alumni Newsletter June 2007

Congratulations Class of 2007!



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FROM THE PRESDIENT

Hi. For those of you who don't know me yet, my name is Tim Kennedy, and I am the President of the IC² Alumni Association.

The past few months have been very busy for our alumni association. First and foremost, we welcomed the Class of 2007 into our association, and I was able to attend the orientation dinner to welcome the Class of 2008 into the program.



I am excited to see that our regional alumni groups are getting reactivated. Today we are hosting our Austin monthly alumni breakfast session. As of press time, we had over 18 people signed up

to attend a breakfast at IC2. Recently, our Dallas alumni group had their annual "alternative fundraising mechanisms" meeting at Lonestar Park. Many thanks go out to David Shaw for organizing that. Alan Lish, our alumni VP, will be helping our Houston alumni group book at table at the Texas Ex's dinner meetings. And, San Antonio alumni were organizing a dinner outing. We expect our D.C. area alumni to start meeting together soon as well. It is good to see our regional groups getting back together again. If there are any others that want to start meeting in another region, please send either myself or Nicole an email and we will try to help you get something organized as best as we can.

In around a month we will be revealing our new alumni website. It will be rolled out as part of a larger IC2 and MSSTC program website redesign. We are looking to provide many features including: alumni contact information, job bank, upcoming events, newsletter archives, and life long learning components including class videos and powerpoints/documents from the most recent classes. We are also examining features such as discussion forums, and the creation of specialty listservs. If you have any other ideas, please let Nicole and I know as soon as possible.

We are currently planning our upcoming fall conference now and are looking for alumni who might be interested in speaking. Our theme will be commercializing environmentally friendly technology – and our conference tag line will be "it's easy being green". If you have some experience in this area we would love to hear from you about your interest in presenting.

Lastly, many of the alumni have joined me in a really interesting project working with IC2's commercialization department. We have been doing Quicklook examinations of many new technologies out of Hungary and India. It has been a great way for alumni to see new technologies, earn a little money, and also provide a lot of value to IC2 in return. Thanks to all of you who gave up some time to participate.

IN THE NEWS

TACC Summer Supercomputing Institute Registration is Under Way

The Texas Advanced Computing Center (TACC) at UT Austin hosts a five-day Summer Supercomputing Institute Aug 13-17th.

UT Graduate chool Dean Named One of "20 Elite Women"

Victoria Rodriguez, vice provost and dean of the UT Austin Graduate School, named one of the country's top 20 elite women of 2007 by the Hispanic Business Magazine.

Alumni College 2007 - Classes Without Quizzes

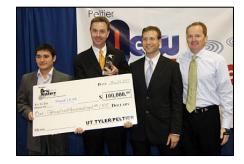
Come back to campus June 19-22nd to hear from some of UT's most renowned and award-winning faculty.

ANNOUCEMENTS

MacuCLEAR Update

Team MacuCLEAR from The University of Texas at Austin, Christopher Aniszczyk, Douglas Baum and Mario Ramirez, are presented with the \$100,000 grand prize of the UT Tyler 2007 New Venture Business Plan Competition May 24. The competition was open to students of any university. Participants gained valuable team- and business-building skills

The judges in all rounds acted as venture capitalists and analyzed the student teams' ventures to



determine those which represent the best investment opportunity. Tyler community leader Robert

Peltier and the Tyler Economic Development Council served as co-sponsors of this year's competition.

Have an announcement or item of note for the MSSTC Alumni newsletter? Interested in being featured in our upcoming Spotlight on the MSSTC Alumni website? Email your news to Nicole.

REFERRAL REWARDS PROGRAM

The next Referral Rewards drawing will be July 15th - don't miss your chance to win. To gain your entry to the drawing simply:

- Provide a student testimonial at an upcoming information session;
- Arrange an information session at your company or in your community;
- Refer an applicant to the program; or

UPCOMING EVENTS

Funding for Early Stage Companies

Tuesday, June 5, 2007 MCC Auditorium, 3925 W. Braker Lane RSVP to <u>ATI</u> http://www.ati.utexas.edu/

Commercial Computers: Backbones to the IT Revolution

TACC Discussion Forum
June 6, 2007 – 6:30pm
J.J. Pickle Research Campus
Seminar Room 1.603
www.austinforum.org

10th International Conference on Technology Policy and Innovation Energy and Sustainability

June 17-20, 2007 Stavanger, Norway http://www.kaland.no/conventor/energi.html

Comments? Feedback? Suggestions? We welcome them all – please contact Nicole Evans with your comments.