

IC² and MSSTC Alumni Newsletter February 2007

WELCOME FROM THE PRESIDENT

Hi. My name is Tim Kennedy, and I am the new President of the IC² Alumni Association. This is the inaugural Alumni Association newsletter, and I am very excited to talk about some of our new association initiatives. After a series of focus groups with alumni and meetings with IC² leadership, the Alumni Association is preparing a wide range of new alumni services and events.

ALUMNI WEBSITE

We are working with IC² to host our alumni website on their secure servers. This will give you one central location for all alumni information. The site will ultimately offer a job bank, contact information, archive of newsletters, a calendar of upcoming events, and a series of profiles on the success stories of our program's graduates. It will also continue to provide access to current archives of class videos, powerpoints, and handouts. This will take a little while to put together, so please be patient with us while we build it.

ALUMNI NEWSLETTER

We are happy to announce a monthly newsletter (and this is it!) to give information to you on the status of IC², the Alumni Association, and on the alumni of the MSSTC program. We will include a section on announcements, IC² news, a note from me on current issues and happenings, and a host of other exciting topics.

ALUMNI EVENTS

We look forward to a number of events coming up this year. My plan is to hold three main networking events throughout the year. The first is our annual conference -- we recently hosted our third session. The second is a holiday mixer in December, and the last is a meeting with the new students at the '07 MSSTC Orientation slated for late April.

We are also going to launch quarterly breakfast/lunch meetings in each of our key geographic regions: Austin, Dallas, Washington, DC, and San Jose. I am looking for alumni volunteers to help organize these each quarter. Please contact me if you are interested. We have some great ways to compensate you for your time and dedication.

We will also host a few educational events throughout the year based on the availability of speakers and topics.

ALUMNI COORDINATOR

I am very excited to announce that Nicole Evans (nevans@icc.utexas.edu) will be our IC² Alumni Coordinator. She will help us manage our website, and coordinate the newsletters and events. She has tons of energy, and a lot of exciting ideas on what we can do to re-energize our alumni program. She comes to us from UT's Engineering Option III Masters Programs where she has earned a stellar reputation with their alumni as well. Please join me in welcoming her to IC².

Over the next few months, I will be introducing these topics in more detail. But for now, welcome to our new, and improved IC² Alumni Association. I hope you enjoy it!

IN THE NEWS

[Good Year for Austin Venture Investing](#)

Area's total rises 46% in 2006, but fourth-quarter tally is smallest since 1998.

[UT Libraries Partner with Google to Digitize Books](#)

UT Austin is the newest partner in a broad book digitization project with Google.

[UT Texas Exes Plan Trip to Help with New Orleans Rebuilding Efforts](#)

Join the Texas Exes March 14-18, 2007 in rebuilding New Orleans

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome new MSSTC Faculty member, [Dr. Steven Nichols](#)

Dr. Nichols is a professor in the Department of Mechanical Engineering. He is an expert on design and manufacturing systems, with a particular interest in technology commercialization. Dr. Nichols will be featured in our March 2007 newsletter.

Aspiring UT Entrepreneurs Take Next Step to Making Their Ventures a Reality

On February 1, six MSSTC teams entered the semi-finals of the annual Texas Moot Corp® Finals Competition. Two MSSTC teams, SixthSense and MacuCLEAR, were selected to move on to the finals February 9, 2007 in Austin, Texas. For more information on the competition visit: <http://www.mootcorp.org/>

Congratulations Fallbrook!

Three MSSTC alums at Fallbrook Technologies, Inc., Jeremy Carter, Doug Feicht and Rob Smithson, are celebrating a recent award. Their technology, the NuVinci CVP, was awarded Technology Innovation of the Year and one of their customers took home the Bicycle of the Year award with the NuVinci-equipped bike at FietsVak last weekend. Read more about the technology and their recent awards at http://www.fallbrooktech.com/05_PressReleases_FietsVak.asp

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

Word-of-mouth is the best publicity there is and our alumni are a wealth of success stories waiting to be told. We want to reward you for sharing your stories and encouraging friends and co-workers to learn more about the MSSTC program through a *Referral Rewards Program* for our MSSTC alumni. Read on for how to win...

Throughout the year we will hold drawings for outstanding prizes such as UT collectibles, iPods, theatre tickets, and more! To become eligible for the drawings, all you have to do is:

- Provide a student testimonial at an upcoming information session;
- Arrange an information session at your company or in your community; or
- Refer an applicant to the program.
- Put simply – you win for getting directly involved with MSSTC Program recruitment.

The attached brochure is the most up-to-date print media for our program. Feel free to share it with your colleagues and to spark conversation about the MSSTC Program.

Our first drawing will be March 15th for all alumni involved between February 1st and March 15th. The winner will take home a **UT football** autographed by **2005 National Champions coach Mack Brown!**

UPCOMING EVENTS

SAVE THE DATE – MSSTC Day!

February 15, 2007

Austin City Hall - 5:30pm

Celebrate the 10th anniversary of the MSSTC Program and the 30th anniversary of the IC² Institute with Austin Mayor Will Winn and other key Austin leaders. Keep checking your inbox for upcoming details and related events.

MSSTC Program Information Sessions

Wednesdays in February, 2007

IC² Global Classroom - 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

Contact [Marie Warden](#) for details

CE² Courses Available (Continuing Executive Education)

TASTS Course begins February 15, 2007 – Registration is still open!

Visit <http://ic2.org/main.php?a=2&s=6> for details.

Contact [Marie Warden](#) to register.

Technology Commercialization In & Through Asia: The Case of Taiwan

February 8, 2007

Featuring IC2 Fellows Francis Wu and William Hulsey and MSSTC Alum John Green.

IC² Global Classroom

RSVP to [Nicole Evans](#)

Texas: The State of Manufacturing One-day Conference

Thurs., February 22, 2007, 8:55 am – 2:45 pm

UT Austin, IC² Institute Global Classroom - <http://www.ic2.org/>

Lunch is provided, and there is no cost to attend, but advance registration is required.

Register by contacting [Rita Wright](#)

Comments? Feedback? Suggestions? We welcome them all – please contact [Nicole Evans](#) with your comments.