

# MILWAUKEE AREA *Technical College* Alumni Association

## Upcoming Events

### Alumni Networking Night – December 1

The MATC Alumni Association is offering an Alumni Networking Night on Wednesday, December 1, 6 - 8 p.m. at the Oak Creek Campus, 6665 South Howell Avenue. The two-hour event will focus on building networking skills, particularly with prospective employers. Our presenter is Mark Myszewski, director of sales and marketing at Remy Battery in Milwaukee. Mark has worked in sales and sales management for more than 10 years. After he was downsized from a previous position, Mark learned and practiced networking techniques that led to multiple job offers – including his current, rewarding position. The event is free and open to MATC alumni and guests. Advance registration is required, so sign up now, 414-297-6825 or hollanrj@matc.edu.

### 2011 Partners in Excellence Dinner – March 29

Mark your calendar for the annual MATC Foundation Partners in Excellence Scholarship Recognition Dinner, March 29 at the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee's Third Ward. This event brings together scholarship recipients, donors, alumni and the corporate community to share success stories and learn about the lasting difference our donors make in the personal and professional lives of students. Scholarship recipients share their unique and inspiring stories at this special event.

## ALUMNI Networking

### MATC Alumni Networking Night Wednesday, December 1

6 - 8 p.m.

**FREE** (See reverse side to RSVP)  
Refreshments included

MATC Oak Creek Campus, 6665 South Howell Ave.  
Room A241

Registration deadline: Monday, November 29

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### Tell Us Your Story

MATC turns 100 years old in 2012. We want to hear from our alumni leading up to the centennial.

Please tell us your MATC story. What did you study? What has been your career path since graduation? Tell us how MATC has helped you in your career. We will select alumni profiles to feature in future issues of our newsletter, as well as our website. Contact Alumni Relations Specialist Bob Holland at hollanrj@matc.edu.



MATC Classroom, 1920's

### MATC Foundation Welcomes New Director



Christine McGee

The MATC Foundation is pleased to welcome Christine McGee as its new director of Development and Fundraising. She comes to the Foundation from the Skylight Opera

Theater Corporation, where she served as development director for four years. Prior to that, she was vice president and Wisconsin manager of philanthropy and community relations at J.P. Morgan Chase and Company. She began her duties with the MATC Foundation on October 27. Please welcome her!

## HIGHLIGHTS

### WANT TO KEEP UP WITH MATC NEWS?

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Read the current issue of the President's

## Communiqué

<http://matc.edu/communique/Nov2010Communique.html>

## ALUMNI PROFILES

Dax Phillips

Sonia Mura-Bonilha

Gary Waymire-Cooper



**Alumni Profile**  
**Dax Phillips**

Visual Communications/Computer Graphics

Dax Phillips graduated with an associate degree in Visual Communications/Computer Graphics in 1994. He chose MATC for the “highly creative classes ranging from video to print.” Right after graduation, Dax applied for a position with an interactive technology company in Dallas, Texas. He was helping a friend relocate to Dallas, and as luck would have it, his friend’s neighbor was the technical director for the same company.

On that trip, Dax had interviews with the company’s CEO and CFO, and ultimately landed the job. He worked in Dallas for nearly five years as a webmaster building websites for Fortune 500 companies, including Pepsi and Footaction.

During the dotcom boom, Dax worked for Big Hand Productions, Eagle River Interactive, DDB/Agency and i2 Technologies. In 1999 he returned to Wisconsin to work for Homeboyz Interactive, a nonprofit organization that taught at-risk youth Internet design and development, and helped them get full-time jobs in the industry. Marquette University Law School was one of Homeboyz Interactive’s clients, and happened to be looking for a new web manager.

Dax was hired in 2001 and after developing a “very robust Internet presence within the law school,” was promoted to director of law school technology. He planned the technology for Eckstein Hall, Marquette University’s new law school, and now oversees the day-to-day operations.



**Alumni Profile**  
**Sonia Mura-Bonilha**

Travel Industry (Agent) Training

Sonia Mura-Bonilha earned her technical diploma in the Travel Industry (Agent) Training program in 2004, having previously earned a degree in Film and Video Production at UW-Milwaukee. She chose MATC because the program was “perfect for breaking into the tourism industry.”

Sonia started her career at the Mark Travel Corporation as a tour operator and worked her way up the ranks. She moved to Orlando, Florida to the company’s second office in 2005 to represent one of their brands, Southwest Airlines Vacations, as a business development manager. She also became marketing manager with a focus on growing the company’s travel agency business.

She is currently working for Tourico Holidays, Inc., a travel wholesale broker contracting with hotels to bring them international travelers.

Sonia recently moved to Chicago where she manages the relationships between those hotels. She said of her future plans, “I look forward to a long successful partnership with Tourico Holidays as a product development manager with a focus on hotels. I’d like to also incorporate my film degree in the future by documenting ‘voluntourism’ trips for groups around the globe.”



**Alumni Profile**  
**Gary Waymire-Cooper**

Teacher Education Track

Gary Waymire-Cooper earned his associate degree in MATC’s Teacher Education Track program in 2007, after receiving a technical diploma in the Office Technology program in 2005 and a certificate in the Business Technology program in 2007. Gary counts the “convenience, cost, diversity and ability to transfer credits to a four-year institution” among his reasons for selecting MATC.

Following graduation from the Teacher Education Track, Gary transferred to UW-Milwaukee. He completed his bachelor’s degree in May 2010 from the UWM School of Education, majoring in Educational Studies – Youth Leadership. He minored in Community Education and received undergraduate certificates in Cultures and Communities, LGBT Studies, and Youth Work.

Gary is currently a graduate student at UWM working on a master’s degree in Administrative Leadership with a concentration on Higher Education Administrative, while concurrently pursuing a graduate certificate in Nonprofit Management.

He plans to work “at a college or (preferably) an urban university in Academic Advising, Student Affairs and/or a Pre-College Youth Program. I want to be able to guide young people (especially urban youth, youth of color and LGBT youth) in knowing that post-secondary education is vital and necessary in today’s economy. I would like to ‘give back’ by being the person to assist first-generation youth with navigating the realm of academia to ensure their success.”