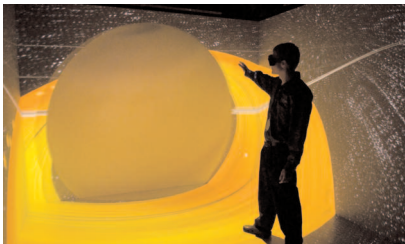


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Discovery World Partnership

MATC has a unique partnership with Discovery World at Pier Wisconsin that continues to expand with new, innovative learning opportunities for students in emerging digital and interactive technologies. Students gain a career edge while creating amazing virtual experiences that showcase the outcomes of learning new technologies.

The concept behind the partnership is called Human Interactive Virtual Education. HIVE employs cross-disciplinary collaboration and hands-on learning using advanced interactive media. The latest MATC-sponsored HIVE project is a virtual reality pod that plunges you into the center of three-dimensional, simulated worlds. Visitors can walk through, fly over, or examine objects within a scene. Students also use Discovery World's digital theaters, digital arts learning labs, digital video and sound studios, and other technologies to create interactive learning experiences for museum visitors.

The number of MATC courses and projects at Discovery World continues to grow. They include "The Virtual Milwaukee," a 3D virtual world created from actual Geographic Information Systems (GIS) data. It will take visitors on a journey through Milwaukee's past, present and future scenarios.

MATC alumni are eligible for discounted memberships at Discovery World. To join, call their membership department at 414-765-8623 ask to speak with either Laura or Eric.

Upcoming Events

March 9

Five Star Food & Wine Evening
For more details,
visit <http://fivestar.matc.edu/>

March 31

Partners In Excellence Dinner
at the Italian Community Center.
Emceed by George Hinton, Chief
Administrative Officer for Sinai Medical
Center and MATC Alumnus.
For more information, call
414-297-6627.

April 8

MATC Apprenticeship Banquet
at the Italian Community Center.
For more information please call
Nick Triscari, 414-571-4743



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Alumni Profile
Josh Campion
Landscape Horticulture

Josh Campion earned his associate degree in Landscape Horticulture in 2005, and has been on the fast track to success ever since.

After graduation, Josh opened his own business, Create-A-Scape, in his hometown of Mishicot. Approximately one and one-half years later, he purchased 4 Seasons Full Service Lawncare, Inc., in Manitowoc. In August 2008, the U.S. Local Business Association selected 4 Seasons for the 2008 Best of Manitowoc Award in the Landscaping category.

Josh credits MATC with much of his success, stating in a recent e-mail to faculty, "if it wasn't for all of you, I wouldn't be where I'm at today. You have given me the tools I needed to get ahead in this industry."

Visit Josh Campion's business at www.4seasonslawncareinc.com for more information.



Alumni Profile
John Nienhuis
Photography Program

September 2009 will mark the 30th year of operation of John Nienhuis Photography, a business built from scratch by this MATC alumnus. The pathway to this successful business began at MATC in 1975-1977, where John studied photography.

When asked how MATC helped prepare him for the field of photography, John is quick to point out that the technical emphasis on detail taught at MATC is "second to none." In his business John can tell when a portfolio is submitted by an MATC student versus other schools because the quality of work is superior. It is no wonder, then, that his assistant is also an MATC graduate. Additionally, John utilizes MATC interns in his business.

To learn more about John Nienhuis Photography, visit his company's website at www.johnnienhuis.com.



Alumni Profile
Zoua Xiong
Early Childhood Education

Zoua Xiong has always dreamed of becoming a teacher. Following the birth of her first son, Zoua felt compelled to return to school to serve as an example to her son that dreams can come true with hard work and determination.

She began her studies at MATC in 2005, and quickly discovered that MATC offered the perfect environment in which she could thrive. She credits the caring faculty and staff for giving her the extra support and encouragement she needed to succeed.

While attending MATC, Zoua was elected MATC chapter president of the Student Wisconsin Education Association, and later became president of the statewide organization while attending UWM.

Zoua will graduate from UWM in spring 2010, and hopes to teach kindergarten for Milwaukee Public Schools.