

MILWAUKEE AREA *Technical College* Alumni Association

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Welcome!

Thank you for visiting your alma mater's web page and the MATC Alumni Newsletter. We hope each new issue will forge stronger connections between the MATC Alumni Association, the MATC Foundation, current students and the college.

Partners In Excellence Scholarship Recognition Dinner

The MATC Foundation awards more than 150 scholarships each year to motivated students. We recently celebrated the accomplishments of our spring 2008 scholarship honorees and thanked our generous partners and donors at our semi-annual Partners In Excellence dinner, May 13 at the Italian Community Center. This event inspires our students and allows them to express their thanks to MATC partners and Foundation donors. Almost 200 people attended to show their support of MATC student success.

MATC Foundation scholarships help make students' dreams become reality. Scholarships give our students numerous opportunities to reach their goals.

Here are just a few comments from former scholarship recipients:

"The scholarship I received meant that I didn't have to work extra hours and could focus on school and family."

"The scholarship I received meant that I didn't have to choose between food and textbooks or childcare and textbooks."

"The scholarship I received meant I didn't have to drop out of school."

Your Turn

Please join us in saluting current students' achievements with your support of the MATC Foundation. Please contact David A. Diaz, 414-297-6825 or diazdav@matc.edu with questions or to support a favorite scholarship area.



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MATC District Board News

Please welcome new MATC District Board members Melanie Cosgrove Holmes and Thomas Michalski, appointed to the board in March. Lauren Baker was reappointed. State Rep. Pedro Colón and West Allis Mayor Jeannette Bell will leave the board this summer. We thank them for their outstanding work and commitment to MATC.



Thomas Michalski

Michalski is an Oak Creek alderman and former member of the Oak Creek School Board. He works as a machine repair mechanic at Rockwell

Automation, also serving as chief plant steward and bargaining team member for UE Local 1111.



Melanie Cosgrove Holmes

Cosgrove Holmes is vice president, World of Work Solutions, at Manpower Inc. She has been with the company for 26 years. She has been involved in many

civic causes and served on a variety of boards.



Lauren Baker

Baker is coordinator of Career and Technical Education for Milwaukee Public Schools. She began serving on the MATC District Board in 1995.

Welcome New MATC Foundation Directors

The Milwaukee Area Technical College Foundation, Inc. recently elected four new members to its board of directors. Effective February 14: Gary J. Colpaert and Heberto Yordan, Jr. Effective May 15: William B. Dannehl and André Leon Williams.

Gary J. Colpaert is vice president of perioperative services for Froedtert Hospital and Medical College of Wisconsin.

William B. Dannehl is executive vice president and chief organizational transformation officer for Harley-Davidson, Inc.

André Leon Williams is vice president, human resources, P&H Mining Equipment.

Heberto Yordan, Jr. is senior manager, Trade Brewing and Quality for Miller Brewing Company.

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View the latest issue of **Communiqué**.

Contact Us

We'd like to feature a story about you in an upcoming newsletter, or please suggest an MATC graduate for us to profile.

E-mail the following information to David A. Diaz at diazdav@matc.edu or call the Foundation office at 414-297-6825: Graduate's name, address, phone number, e-mail address, year graduated.



Doris Burance

Alumni Profile Doris Burance

Class of 2006

After graduating from a Chicago high school in 1986, Doris Burance worked for eight years before she decided to enroll in MATC's Interior Design program.

"I have always loved the area of design. MATC seemed like the right place at the right time," Doris said.

Doris graduated from the program in 2006 and has been building her own design business with the help of business administration courses at MATC.

"I don't want to do anything else because my business is really taking off," she said. She is currently redecorating the Milwaukee Urban League's conference room and plans to redecorate the lobby as well. "I really enjoy choosing artwork and re-envisioning a space."

Doris' story is more proof that MATC students are among the hardest working anywhere. While working toward her degree, she was a resident of YWCA's Transitional Housing Program, which provides temporary housing and supportive services to women and their children experiencing homelessness in Milwaukee County.

Doris has the experience, passion and knack for design necessary to begin a successful business. The MATC Foundation and Alumni Association wish Doris all the best and look forward to seeing her designs throughout the Milwaukee area.