



MILWAUKEE AREA *Technical College* Alumni Association

Upcoming Events

Identifying and Promoting Transferrable Skills Workshop at MATC March 9

Transferable job skills are extremely important. What are transferable skills? How do you acquire them? Most importantly, how do you communicate them?

Today, the average person will experience at least three significant career shifts in his or her lifetime. Finding, articulating and promoting transferable skill sets is the key to a successful career transition.

Join other MATC alumni for this free workshop on Tuesday, March 9 at MATC's Downtown Milwaukee Campus, Room M616. The evening begins with open networking and light refreshments from 5:30 - 7 p.m. The workshop begins at 7 p.m.

To attend, send an email to Bob Holland at hollanrj@matc.edu by March 5; include your name, address, phone number, email address, graduation year and program. We hope to see you there!

MATC Student and Graduate Job Fair March 18

Meet more than 30 area employers representing a variety of career opportunities at a comprehensive Job Fair, March 18 from 1 - 6 p.m. at MATC's Oak Creek Campus. The fair is especially targeted to MATC students and recent graduates. Students and graduates are invited to share their resumes and explore the featured employment opportunities.

Partners in Excellence Dinner March 30

Mark your calendar for the annual MATC Foundation Partners in Excellence Scholarship Recognition Dinner, March 30 at the Italian Conference Center in Milwaukee's Third Ward. The event brings together scholarship recipients, donors 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. Please join us! Visit [\(insert link to invitation\)](#) to download an invitation/reply card. Cost is \$55 per person.



Executive coach and leadership professional Diane Hollo will present at the March 9 workshop.

HIGHLIGHTS

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ALUMNI PROFILES

Michelle Gugin

J. F. Marin

Michael Liederbach



Alumni Profile
MICHELLE GUGIN
Commercial Art Program

Michelle Gugin graduated with an associate degree in Commercial Art in 1994. When she began at MATC, she was a single mom raising two children, working as a banquet server at a local country club and selling home interior products.

She chose MATC because "it was one of the few colleges that offered a comprehensive Graphic Arts program back then, and it proved to be the best decision I could have made."

After graduating from MATC, Michelle began working in print but moved into web design. Currently she is doing a lot of creative and technical projects in web design and video editing.

To stay connected with MATC, Michelle serves on the Graphic Design program advisory committee. Advisory committee members are working professionals who help guide all MATC occupational programs, shaping curriculum to ensure MATC courses meet the needs of local business.

Michelle plans to launch her own web design business in 2010.



Alumni Profile
J.F. MARIN
Teacher Education Program

J.F. Marin graduated from the Teacher Education Track of the Associate in Arts degree program in 2006.

While enrolled at MATC, J.F. pursued a passion for writing as a reporter for the MATC Times. She had her own column, and soon moved up to editor-in-chief of the award-winning student newspaper.

J.F. recalls her internship at one of Milwaukee's alternative schools. She thought she was going to be assisting one of the teachers, but quickly learned that she was getting her own class. She asked herself, "What would my MATC teachers do?" Then she buckled down and did it. While it was unsettling at first, it turned out to be a great experience.

After graduating from MATC, she enrolled at a four-year college and earned her bachelor's degree in English.

J.F. is fortunate to pursue both of her passions as a part-time educational coordinator at Verlee Home for Girls, and as research planning director for CCN magazine.

J.F. dreams one day of returning to school to pursue her master's degree in education.



Alumni Profile
MICHAEL LIEDERBACH
Microcomputer Specialist Program

Michael Liederbach graduated from MATC in 2006 with an IT Computer Support Specialist associate degree. While attending MATC, he worked as assistant manager at Oce Business Solutions, an outsourcing company.

Michael first became interested in computers while "fixing" his wife's computer. He tried to change the RAM on her desktop, but didn't go well. That's when he knew it was time to go back to school.

He chose MATC because of flexibility and convenience in classes, class times, online opportunities and four campus locations. He was also drawn to MATC because of its affordable tuition.

Michael is now employed as the IS help desk manager at Reinhart Boerner Van Deuren S.C., the fourth largest law firm in Wisconsin.

He thanks everyone who played a part in his MATC experience.