



Moving Forward

MTI Alumni Association Newsletter



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Highlights

Nominations for Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award due May 1

Alumni Association Happy Hour Friday, June 26 at SP2 Communal Bar near Diridon Station, San Jose

2015 MTI Convocation and Graduation Ceremony, Saturday, June 27

From the President

Dear MSTM Alumni...

Remember when we were facing ten courses before we could graduate? It seemed like it would take a lifetime to get to our goal. And then suddenly we were walking across the stage in our funny hats. That little march put us in the company of all the grads who went before us... and after us, for that matter.

Yes, we're an exclusive group. Most of us have stayed in California, and all of us have done well in our careers. So, tell us about it. What are you up to? Where are you working? Has your MSTM helped? And most of

all, do you miss the rest of us?

If so (and we know you do), consider joining us at the June 27 graduation ceremony at the SJSU Student Union. We'll have a special alumni table... one or more. And if you haven't seen the new ballroom,

prepare yourself to be impressed. For details, see the article here in the newsletter. Will we see you? Yes?

Best to you all...

Donna Maurillo

Alumni Association Vice President



MTI Alumni (from left to right): Brandi Childress, Ward Thomas, Rachel Donovan, Donna Maurillo, Mary Frederick (Alumna of the Year 2014), and Ann Calnan.

Capstone Coaches

The capstone project is the culminating academic achievement of the MTI program. Students spend countless hours researching a specific transportation-related topic that provides an in-depth look at a particular issue or challenge in the industry. Many projects are noteworthy and may be submitted for

potential award and recognition.

Acknowledging that the capstone project is often demanding, the Alumni Association created the Capstone Coach Program. Under this program, graduates of MTI assist current students enrolled in the Capstone class (MTM 290) by providing guidance

to ensure progress of the project.

If you are interested in becoming a Capstone Coach, please contact Ann Calnan at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority at (408) 321-5976 or ann.calnan@vta.org.

DID YOU KNOW?

What percent of MTI Alumni are men / women?

Answer on last page.



Are you moving up in the world? Let the Alumni Association know so we can acknowledge your achievement in the next newsletter and on the web.



At the JRC, Norman Mineta, Karen Philbrick, Executive Director of MTI, and Ed Mortlock, Conference Chair.

2015 MTI Convocation and Graduation Ceremony



The 2015 MTI Awards Banquet and Convocation Ceremony will be held on Saturday, June 27 at San Jose State University in the Student Union. Please join us as we proudly honor our Masters of Science in Transportation Management and the Garrett Morgan National Sustainable Transportation Competitors.

The Alumni Association reception will begin at 4:30 pm followed by a wine reception for all event attendees at 5:30 pm. The official program and dinner will begin at 6:45 pm.

The cost for Alumni is \$50 per person for a seat at a specially reserved table. To confirm your attendance, please contact Jill Carter at jill.carter@sjsu.edu.

We hope to see many Alumni at the event this year!



Alumnus/Alumna of the Year Award

It is that time of year to reflect on who to nominate for Alumnus/Alumna of the Year. This award recognizes a former graduate of the MSTM Program and outstanding Alumni member who reflects the core values of MTI. The honoree should excel in his or her professional development, which includes career achievements, continued

commitment to the MSTM program, and/or distinguished leadership in the transportation industry. The winner of this prestigious award will be honored at the 2015 MTI Commencement Ceremony, and both the winner and nominator will be invited to attend a special VIP reception preceding the ceremony.

The nomination criteria and Alumnus/Alumna Nomination Form may be found on the MTI Alumni website at <http://www.mticconnect.org>.

There is no limit to the number of nominations you may submit; however, all nominations are due by 5:00 p.m. on May 1, 2015.

Alumni Updates

Dave Schlesinger, class of 2014, co-chaired at the 2015 Joint Rail Conference, hosted by MTI in San Jose from March 23 to 26. Dave represented TRB and presented a technical publication titled "The Criticality of Railroad Training". Dave also organized the Rail Accident Analysis Approaches

session, and presented a report on "Analysis of Positive Train Control Preventable Accidents."

Keynotes were given by Rod Diridon, Sr., Emeritus Executive Director of MTI, and Norman Mineta, retired Secretary of the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Congratulations Dave on a very successful conference and for representing MTI Alumni so well at this important event.

For information about the conference including the technical program, please visit <http://www.asmeconferences.org/JRC2015/index.cfm>.

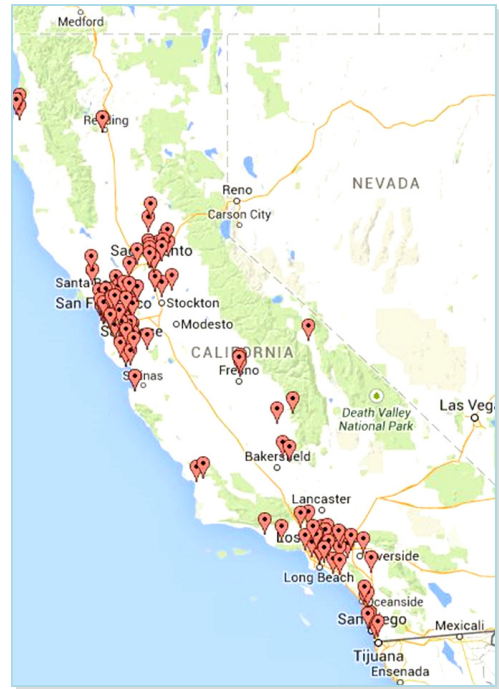
MTI Alumni Chapters

MTI students, primarily located in California, participate in interactive classes with their instructors and other students in “real time” through video teleconferencing. It is amazing how much students get to know each other through interactions in class, on the phone, by email, and in online discussion groups.

Many MTI students and alumni have forged new friendships and created meaningful professional connections with classmates. To keep these connections alive, we are currently forming Alumni Chapters across California. Suggested chapters include Northern California, North SF Bay, South SF Bay, Sacramento, Central California, Los Angeles, Orange County, and San Diego.

Are you interested in becoming the contact person for MTI activities in your area? One social networking event per year, such as a barbecue, picnic, group hike, bike ride, or bowling night, would be a great way to connect with current MTI students and graduates. An article in the *Moving Forward* newsletter announcing social events or recognizing alumni in your area can get the word out about your Chapter.

If you would like to organize an Alumni Chapter, please contact Rachel Donovan at donovan.rachel@gmail.com.



MTI Alums—Where Are They Now?

Most of our nearly 170 MTI alumni reside in California. In addition, we have 10 alums who have relocated to Washington, Idaho, Arizona, Louisiana, Ohio, Michigan, Pennsylvania, Washington D.C., and Massachusetts.

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Class of 2014

We would love to hear from you! Tell us what you have been up to since you graduated. Send your update to Mineta.trans.alumni@gmail.com.

Answer to "Did You Know"? MTI Alumni are composed of 70% men and 30% women.

Alumni Happy Hour

This year's Alumni gathering is scheduled the night before the annual Convocation and Graduation Ceremony on June 26. The event is near the San Jose Diridon Station to enable transit use and avoid traffic headaches. The Diridon Station serves Caltrain, Amtrak, Capitol Corridor, ACE, and

VTA buses including the free downtown shuttle known as DASH.

Please join us at SP2 Communal Bar & Restaurant located at 72 Almaden Avenue in downtown San Jose, a short walk from the Diridon Station. The restaurant is adjacent to the lively San Pedro Square Market area.

A table will be reserved for us from 4 to 7 pm. Please RSVP to ann.calnan@vta.org.

