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CIIS Alumni Newsletter

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Dear Alums,

I hope this e-mail finds you well and thriving. Fall semester is in full swing here at CIIS with 366 new students joining our community. I am amazed at how we have grown – there are nearly 1,300 students currently pursuing academic degrees and over 5,400 alums living in 29 different countries!

The Fall, 2013 issue of CIIS Today will be arriving in your mailbox soon with a wide range of Institute news as well as information about benefits for CIIS alums. Did you know that the Institute automatically waives the application fee for alums who wish to apply for an additional degree or certificate program? To further the benefits to alums, if you apply to enroll or to audit a class for Spring 2014, CIIS will also waive the $85 registration fee.

The Registrar’s office announced that alums are now able to have their official transcripts issued electronically. The transcript recipient is sent a URL and a password to download it with requests processed within two days. Alums are still able to request hard copy transcripts but all transcripts requests can now only be made online at:

http://www.ciis.edu/Life_at_CIIS/Registrar.html

I hope to see you soon – in the halls of CIIS or at one of our alum reunions or maybe at a Public Programs and performance event.

Sincerely,

Richard Buggs (CLN, ‘96)

Please Be Our Guest At This Workshop:

NEW YORK GATHERING OF ALUMS
Friday; October 25, 2013; 6:30PM-9:30PM- NY Open Center
RSVP online

TAKE BACK THE NIGHT HEALING ARTS FESTIVAL
Saturday; October 26, 2013; 3rd Floor
Noon - 9:00PM
Healing Art Activities 12 PM – 5 PM, - Free
Evening Event 7 PM-9 PM - $10 Suggested donation benefit the Alumni Scholarship Fund
Please join the CIIS Alumni Association, Veteran Artists, and the San Francisco Art Community as we sing, perform poetry and story-telling, dance and display art to “empower and honor” those who have gone through military and domestic sexual trauma, sexual assault and rape. We gather to raise awareness about sexual violence and to support the survivors in their healing process.
RSVP online
**Personal Branding - The Key to Career Creation**

A three-hour interactive workshop to introduce individuals to personal branding. Participants will learn how to identify key elements of an elevator pitch to highlight their unique brand through compelling story telling and networking exercises. Facilitated by Jenn Lin, an award winning coach who draws from her extensive training at Coaches Training Institute. She received her MBA from the Mills Graduate School of Business with a focus in marketing.

Wednesday, October 23  5:30 – 8:30 pm | Room 207, 1453 Mission Street

**Alumni Mixers**

**Bay Area Alumni Meet Up – Sunday, November 10, 2013**
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM  The Residence, 718 14th Street, near Market and Church Streets in San Francisco.
RSVP: Jeremy Sinkinson at saintjeremia@hotmail.com or just show up at the door!

**MFA Alumni/Student Mixer – Saturday, December 7, 2013**
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM, Namaste Hall

As the final Fall 2013 semester event for the MFA "Saturday Night @ CIIS", join us for a night of MFA alumni performances, reading and reconnecting.

**Additional Information**
Contact: Carolyn Cooke
Phone: 415-575-3485
Email: ccooke@ciis.edu

RSVP online

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**VIVA LA VIDA! DÍA DE MUERTOS EN OAXACA**

Spaces Still Available!

**Tuesday, October 29, 2013 – Monday, November 4, 2013**

Oaxaca, Mexico

Día de Muertos celebrates and honors life and death; veneration of ancestors and the earth; pleasures of living manifest in food, music, dance; and being together with loved ones. We will learn about the deep history and contemporary spiritual and cultural practices of Zapotec, Triqui, and Mixtec peoples—with traditions of long resistance and new creation in one of the hemisphere’s most bi‐diverse regions.

**TRIP COSTS**
$1,600 shared room with 2 double beds $1,800 Single room with double bed

RSVP online

**GLENN VELEZ & STEPHEN KENT CONCERT WINDS AND SKINS**

Friday: November 1, 2013; 7:00PM—CIIS Main Building –Namaste Hall

Organic, groove-oriented musical sorcery! For details

**NITIN SAWHNEY:   PAST, PRESENT, AND THE FUTURE UNPLUGGED**

Saturday: November 2, 2013; 8:00PM- Nourse Theater

Nitin Sawhney has one of the most distinctive and versatile musical styles, combining electronica, Indian music, and acoustic. For details

**THE SPIRITUAL GUIDE WITHIN**

**INTRODUCTORY EXPERIENCE WITH ANNA GATMON, PHD (HOT, ’00/ TLC, ’12)**

Friday: November 15, 2013; 6:30PM-8:30PM- room 311

Anna Gatmon will share with you how she developed her method of spiritual knowing and how you can apply some of these principles in your daily life. RSVP online

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