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Connect is a newsletter produced quarterly for alumni from International Media & Arts University. Connect helps alumni and friends keep in touch and stay up-to-date on the latest news from the university and IM&AU Alumni Association.





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President's Note

Dear Fellow Media & Arts Alumni,

It's hard to believe a year has passed since our annual Alumni Retreat. The past months were busy for many of us.

In September, we traveled to Springfield for a Classmate Reunion Weekend. In December, we welcomed an outstanding new class of Media & Arts University fall graduates into our association at the Outstanding Alumni Awards. Many of you also came out for our Alumni Golf Tournament in March.

Thank you to all of you who participated in our events. Media & Arts alumni span the globe, but we remain connected by our passion and our roots. Together we strive to build a legacy for future generations, while honoring our pride in Media & Arts University.

Sincerely,
 Carla Albright, '86
 President
 International Media & Arts University Alumni Association



alumni reunion weekend

Thank you to all of the classes who traveled to take part in Reunion Weekend in Springfield. Over 100 alumni came together for a weekend of panels and workshops, outdoor activities, and an all-class dinner reception and party.





Carla Albright, '86

Carla is a conductor for the Parks Symphony. She obtained her Master's degree in Music, and also mentors future musicians in low-income schools. She and her husband, David, have two children.



Erick Hartford, '82

Erick was recently promoted to Vice President at Smith and Allen Creative Group. After graduating from Media & Arts University, Erick and his wife Jane relocated to Australia. He remains an active member of the Alumni Association, and serves as our Director of Reunions.



Lynn Harris, '84

Lynn works as the Communications Coordinator for the Foodbank of Springfield County. Lynn and her husband Tom recently welcomed their first grandchild into the world, and hope one day he will attend Media & Arts University!



Martin Gibson, '98

Martin works as a photographer for the New Journal Times. Over the years, he has traveled to Spain, Egypt, and China for work. Martin also volunteers as the web master for the Media & Arts University Alumni Association website. He and his wife, Penny, live in New York.



Anna Richards, '01

Anna graduated with a Bachelor's degree in Interactive Media in 2001. She works as a programmer for Brookstone Creative. Anna spends her free time cooking and trying out new restaurants with her husband. She is excited to be a member of the Media & Arts Alumni Outreach team.

awards & accolades

In December, we honored four Outstanding Alumni at our annual awards dinner. Outstanding Alumni are chosen for their excellence in leadership, professional accomplishments, and service to their community. Our board also welcomed a new class of alumni into the association.



Top: Outstanding Alumni winners Brandon Jonseen, Kevin Clarkstone, Kayte Liu, and Tylor Mattisen smile after receiving their awards. **Bottom:** Members from the newest class of IM&AU alumni are welcomed at the reception.

alumni golf tournament

This year's Alumni Golf Tournament was a tremendous success. For the past 15 years, alumni have taken part in the tournament to help raise money for scholarships to Media & Arts University. This year we raised enough funds to give out 20 scholarships to future students!





Wedding Bells for recent graduates

Congratulations to alumni Kayci and Robertson Ricketts, who were married in August. The couple met their freshman year of college.



In Remembrance

Sheila Ruth Baxter, Class of 1954

Sheila Ruth Baxter passed away on September 14, 2011 at her home in Portland, Oregon. Sheila was born in Cruxfield, North Carolina on March 25, 1932. She was one of the first female IM&AU students to graduate with a degree in Audio Visual Engineering. Sheila married fellow IM&AU alum, Erol Baxter, in 1955. The following year, the couple moved to Portland.

Sheila and Erol were both hired at a Portland radio station, where they worked for over 15 years. The couple was active in IM&AU Alumni Association, and attended alumni events regularly over the years. Sheila was also very involved with the Montboro Lutheran Church.

Sheila is survived by her husband, Erol; daughter, Margaret; son-in-law, Peter; grandchildren, Sophie and Maryann; and brother, Thomas.



Third Generation to attend IM&AU

Desi Clapper will follow in the footsteps of her mother and grandmother, as a third generation IM&AU Design student.



alumni update form

Name: _____ Maiden Name (if this applies): _____

Year Graduated: _____ Major: _____ Degree: _____

Home Phone: (____) _____ Cell Phone: (____) _____ E-mail: _____

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