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# IGS Pathways



Sharing the Path

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School leaders let us know if you have immediate needs for staff development workshops or retreats.

*Call us to create a program that's right for you!*

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Dear Friends,

2016 is here, and we are ready for it. At least we're ready for the MEPI conference next month. Have you registered yet? According to their website, the deadline for receiving the early bird discount for registration is January 15<sup>th</sup>! It's easy to visit [www.mepiforum.org](http://www.mepiforum.org) and register! The MEPI community comes together annually at this conference where we renew our Montessori spirits, gain new knowledge, and enjoy collaborating and socializing with old and new friends.

Ongoing professional development is crucial for staying current with the latest research, and everyone working with children needs a refreshing retreat to boost their energy and enthusiasm. We encourage everyone to come and explore the new location at Kiawah Island Resort.



You never know just who you might run into at the MEPI conference!

At the start of the new year, many people review goals and set resolutions and intentions.

We hope you'll start this year with plans for participating in worthwhile professional and personal development.

We thank you for sharing the Montessori Path!

Mary Helen, Beth, and Kristie

## NEW PATH (and Congratulations!)

Several of our current interns are soon to become new mothers. While not an entirely new path, some are welcoming a second child, new beginnings within a growing family can be a joy for everyone.

We want to congratulate Kayla Bass on the birth of her son, Pierce.

She will have lots of hands-on experience to go with her Montessori Infant and Toddler Teacher Preparation Course!

What new path have you planned for yourself?





Sarasota University

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TIES at Endicott College



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## ON THE PATH NOW! Professional Development Opportunities

It is time to register for the Master's program at TIES.

The Institute for Guided Studies' **students** and **graduates** are invited to obtain graduate credit for their Montessori training through The Institute for Educational Studies (TIES) at Endicott College, an internationally recognized Montessori graduate program. Endicott College is located in Beverly, Massachusetts, just north of Boston.

This program continues to be a forerunner in online education.

Read More about the TIES opportunity [here!](#)

Utah folks, did you know that the Utah Montessori Council Conference is coming at the end of January?



IGS staff and students will be among the attendees and presenters.

[Click here for more information!](#)

Interested in earning a Master's degree?

IGS and Sarasota University have an articulation agreement for IGS graduates to receive up to eighteen credits towards a Masters of Arts Degree in Montessori Education or Montessori Leadership.

More information about enrolling in the program can be found at [www.sarasotauniversity.org](http://www.sarasotauniversity.org) or at [info@sarasotauniversity.org](mailto:info@sarasotauniversity.org).

## ONGOING PROGRAMS

We have programs in Camden and Charleston, SC at the Infant Toddler Level, and the Early Childhood level in Gray Court, SC and Union City, NJ. Two cohorts of adolescent teachers in training are working with Melody Mosby in Athens, GA!

Remember, if you are a graduate of IGS or a student in good standing, you are welcome to sit in and audit courses (at your level). Just let us know you want to come and we will let the program director or instructor know to expect you.

## BACKWARDS GLANCES

Imagine, about 110 years ago, Dr. Maria Montessori was opening the first Casa dei Bambini! Many of her ideas and discoveries have been implemented into conventional educational practice and it is hard to imagine how life today would be without her influence. Perhaps with more and more Montessori schools, teachers, and students the world will become a better place.



Peace is what every human being is craving for, and it can be brought about by humanity through the child.

Read more at: <http://www.azquotes.com/quote/851522>

Let the children be free; encourage them; let them run outside when it is raining; let them remove their shoes when they find a puddle of water; and when the grass of the meadows is wet with dew, let them run on it and trample it with their bare feet; let them rest peacefully when a tree invites them to sleep beneath its shade; let them shout and laugh when the sun wakes them in the morning.

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