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Sharing the Path

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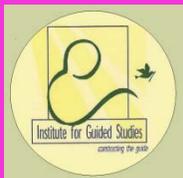
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School leaders let us know if you have immediate needs for staff development workshops or retreats.

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Dear Friends,

A great big welcome to our new students who began programs with us this summer. We hope you have enjoyed meeting the IGS staff members who are directing and instructing your courses, and we invite you to get in touch with us here in the office if there are any questions that you have about IGS.

This year we have had new opportunities that required new staff, and three additional locations (two new and one renewing) that will require approval from MACTE for accreditation. So, another great big welcome is in order for our new staff members and teaching locations. We can hardly remember another summer that was as jam packed as this one has been.

This time of year we are often asked if we are enjoying summer. Most people seem to think those of us who are in the field of education have nothing to do in the summer except take vacations, relax at home, or visit family, and are always surprised when we say how busy we have been registering new students, collecting enrollment forms, and starting new programs. So, in answer to their questions, yes, we are enjoying summer—just not quite like they expected us to be!



Dining al fresco!

We hope you have had a little bit of free time this summer to enjoy some of the finer things in life.

Mary Helen, Beth, and Kristie

NEW PATH

IGS is working with the Detroit Public Schools Community District beginning the first public Montessori schools in Detroit! Here's what Teresa Noble for a press release that was sent out by DPSCD: The Detroit public school system is to be commended for its decision to begin offering Montessori education to its learners. As the country progresses well into the Age of Information, the district's leaders realize that in order to prepare its children for the challenges and innovation they will encounter as adults, it is necessary to make changes in the way students are educated.

The Montessori method is not new. It was initiated over a hundred years ago by a brilliant Italian scientist and medical doctor. Today's brain research is proving that her philosophy and method are compatible with

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TIES at Endicott College



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how learning can best be achieved.

To quote Dr. Steven Hughes, past president of the American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology, “Maria Montessori really got everything right... She anticipated so much of what we know about neuroscience, brain development, and optimum models of education...” He asserts, “If we decided that the purpose of education should be to help every child’s brain reach its highest developmental potential, we would have to radically rethink school. The task seems insurmountable, yet this work has already been done. In fact, it was done over a hundred years ago.”

One of the greatest things about living in today’s United States is that Montessori education is not only the privilege of the wealthy. It is being made available to a vast number of students with a wide range of socio-economic backgrounds. Astute public educators are finding that it can be the foundation for breaking the cycle of poverty – a condition that has defined the lives of too many American children. Kudos go to Detroit Public Schools for their progressive and timely efforts in creating a bright future for their students.

Teresa Noble
Education Director, Institute for Guided Studies

ON THE PATH NOW!

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. These two programs follows Sarasota’s strengths-based approach to education which is very much aligned with the Montessori philosophy.

Classes start August 30th, 2016!

More information about enrolling in the program can be found at www.sarasotauniversity.org or at info@sarasotauniversity.org.

THERE is STILL TIME to register for the Master’s program at TIES and be in the September 2016 cohort group!!

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!](#)

And look for the third page of the newsletter below for a special free opportunity from TIES for two hours of professional development.

BACKWARDS GLANCES



While you prepare to go back to school, reflect on your summer. Whether you’re a student still participating in a teacher education program or an experienced school administrator—or anyone on the Montessori path—have you learned and are you learning important things about yourself? In the quote below Montessori advises us to look first to ourselves. If you traveled this summer, you may have heard the advice to put on your own oxygen mask first before assisting others. Makes perfect sense.

“The real preparation for education is the study of one’s self.” Maria Montessori

Special PROGRAM from TIES for 2 hours of professional development

Dear Friends of IGS,

As a member of the IGS Family, you're invited to watch the newly released film written and produced by Academic Dean of TIES Dr. Philip Snow Gang -- *To Educate Eco-Sapiens* -- for free on the Deep Time Journey Network (www.deeptimejourney.org). Dr. Gang is the creator of the M.Ed. program in [Montessori Integrative Learning](#) and a Partner of IGS. This film has already been included in the philosophy curriculum of two other Montessori Teacher Training programs. Please take a moment to view the [trailer](#).

To Educate Eco-Sapiens is a result of Dr. Gang's lifetime work in education. It is about ecogenesis and cosmogenesis; it is your story; it is our story. It is a response to Thomas Berry's call for a New Earth community as well as Maria Montessori's evolution of the new human. It is a response to the overarching question:

What contexts and processes in education might liberate teachers and learners so that they become catalysts for a "new human" — one whose integral relationship with Gaia is bound by right-action and love?

The Institute for Educational Studies is thrilled to show this extraordinary new film as part of a professional development program on DTJN. You can use a coupon code that will enable you to watch the film and participate in a Live Q&A with Dr. Gang for free. And if you'd like to get two PD hours for your participation you're welcome to do that as well.

Here's how to register:

1. sign up on the site at www.deeptimejourney.org
2. log in
3. click on "professional development" on the menu bar
4. click on "Cosmos and Gaia: Education and Emergence of a New Human"
5. click on "purchase"
6. put this code into the coupon code field and then apply it [code: ties-cpn]
7. make sure that the balance is zero before proceeding

You will receive instructions for how to access the course page. We're always here and ready to help if you have any questions.

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A person can move from perverse wrong-headedness to Ecozoic enlightenment simply by sitting down and taking in the full vision that you present here. Of course to do so would require an amazing ability on the part of the learner. But we all have that ability. So I will continue to hope that it happens with anyone fortunate enough to find his or her way to your film.

Brian Swimme