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# IGS Pathways



Sharing the Path

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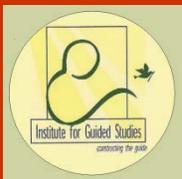
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School leaders let us know if you have immediate needs for staff development workshops or retreats

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

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Dear Friends,

I bet you were caught off guard by November's appearance like I was. In fact, November is one third past us now, and our Montessori teacher training programs that began this summer are well underway. It's hard to believe that 2015 is almost gone, and 2016 is right around the corner. We already have dates for our 2016 New Jersey program on our website! We should have the other dates ready for you sometime in January.

While IGS conducts our teacher education programs in person, and strongly believes in the relationship building aspect of spending time together, one of our cohort groups organized a book club meeting using Google Hangouts with great success. While this meeting didn't count toward contact hours, it did provide a fun opportunity for the group to get together to discuss one of the books as if they were in a study group. It also was a good incentive to make sure each one had read that section of the book—and I'm told they all had! They already have their next section in *Montessori from the Start* (a text on the Infant-Toddler book list) planned. If you'd like to join them, get in touch with Kristie Norwood here at the IGS office, and she can send you information about the day and time and the Google Hangouts invitation when it starts. Space is limited to fifteen participants.



Kristie's Fall Gratitude Tree

Here in the south, we are thankful when the first frost comes and lets us know that the heat of summer is on the way out (and the mosquitoes, too). It's my favorite time of year, and a reminder to think of all the people and gifts we have in our lives.

IGS is thankful for all our friends and associates, indeed, all the relationships we have with our graduates, students, and internship site schools!

We appreciate the community support that organizations like MEPI, MACTE, SCMA, and UMC offer to our IGS family.

We thank you for sharing the Montessori Path!

Mary Helen, Beth, and Kristie



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### NEW PATH

The Montessori Administrator Program is for Montessorians new to administration, or administrators new to Montessori!

Are you starting a new path as an administrator in a Montessori school? Did you know that IGS offers a Program of Study for the Montessori Administrator that culminates in an MEPI credential?

It's directed by Dr. John Moncure and is limited to three students at a time, with rolling admission. Two seats are available now!

Call or e-mail for more information!

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### ON THE PATH NOW!

Some of our interns are in schools new to IGS and MEPI, so if you have any questions about the process of becoming recognized as an MEPI internship site, please let us know. Our IGS program directors and administrative staff, as well as MEPI's Mary Cusack, will be happy to help you.

Want onsite professional development for your staff? Schedule your January-March workshops NOW!

### 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.

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

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).

The Institute for Guided Studies' students 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!

### BACKWARDS GLANCES

Montessori at Sandy Ford is located in Hickory, NC and is the school directed by Mary Helen Cline, IGS' CEO. I was amazed again at how time flies while choosing this photo that I thought was from last year. The labyrinth was built almost *two* years ago. I suspect some of these children have graduated from MSF.

Give your school a peaceful place to be reflective, build community, resolve conflicts, and celebrate special occasions! Let's help build peace in the world by building and walking labyrinths.

