

Success is in the air—hats off to our graduates!

On Sunday, June 1, 27 graduates of the Chinese Herb program received their certification in a celebration held at the picnic pavilion at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, across the street from Tai Sophia's campus.

The celebration was followed by another graduation ceremony on Wednesday, June 4 at the Jim Rouse Theatre, when Tai Sophia Institute awarded 51 graduate degrees including 31 Masters of Acupuncture, 12 Masters of Science in Herbal Medicine, and 8 Masters of Arts in Applied Healing Arts. Congratulations to all and a warm welcome to your new roles as graduates and as practitioners in the world!

The graduate luncheon is always a very special time. The Herbert C. Brown Community Service Award, named in honor of the father of **Bob Brown (ACU'79)**, is awarded on the basis of votes cast by fellow classmates and presented to a member representing each program. This year's recipients were **Dianne Sisas (ACU'04)**, **Robert Gordon (AHA'05)**, and **Lissa Butler (HRB'05)**.

As you may remember from your own graduation ceremony, "Gifts Given and Gifts Received" is an offering made by a graduate of each program and his or her client. At this year's celebration, those who shared their experiences included **Cynthia Molina (ACU'04)** and her client, Heather Graham; **Tokunboh Obasi (HRB'05)** and her client Vincent Hu; and **Christine Himmel (AHA'04)** and client Barbara Peach.



Jeff Gordon, Judy Hunter, Shannon Conrad, Shea Walton, and Katya Yakhimovich (all ACU'04) don their caps, gowns, and hoods prior to the commencement ceremony.



Mary Ellen Petrisko (VP of Academic Affairs), Dianne Connelly (ACU'72) (Chancellor), Rosemarie Perla (AHA'04) chat during the graduate luncheon on June 4.



Allyson Jones (ACU'98) and daughter Alexandra at the Graduate Luncheon where she received the Great Esteem award as AHA faculty member.



Ginger Harris (ACU'04) and daughter Clover celebrating at the Graduate Luncheon on June 4.

SPOTLIGHT

ABA graduate promotes Monkey Business

Heather Wandell (AHA'04) is a Certified Laughter Leader with the World Laughter Tour and the CEO of her own company, Another Way to See It (www.anotherwaytoseeit.com). Heather is also the director of community



outreach at Frisky's Wildlife and Primate Sanctuary in Woodstock, MD (www.friskys.org). Every month, she writes a column, "Monkey Business: Better Business Practices Learned Through Monkeys," that raises awareness of our connection with nature and draws on her learnings in the AHA program. The column appears in the sanctuary newsletter and on her website. If you would like to receive her monthly column, send Heather an email at haw@anotherwaytoseeit.com.

Below, she shares one of her columns with *Reunion Point*.

Certitudes

No mealworm is safe in the presence of a monkey. It is one of their favorite snack foods, packed full of protein and fat. That is, unless that monkey is Mr. Bojangles, a Java Macaque. He used to make pets out of them. While the others devoured them without even a moment's pause to give thanks, Mr. Bojangles would lovingly "hoo hoo" over them, just as King Kong did with the lovely Ann Darrow (played by Fay Wray in 1933 and Naomi Watts in 2005). If you remember the story, Kong fell in love with the lovely young actress and made a pet out of her. If one of the mealworms were to fall off the shelf, Mr. Bojangles would carefully scoop them up and return them to safety, where he could protect them. He never ate them.

But wait a minute, monkeys eat mealworms, it says so right here! Let's try again — maybe he was just full! The results were the same every time. Mr. Bojangles tested a "cherished certitude." These are things that we do and believe without question. He made us take a new look at something we had been assuming to be true. When it comes to cherished certitudes, we are most often unaware that we are doing them or thinking them because we are on "autopilot." They are the influences of culture and/or religion that we assume to be true. It is not until we get hit on the head with a cosmic 2 x 4 that we even become aware of them.

I remember falling in love with a ring that I had tried on at a Women's Expo. I had taken off my wedding ring to try it on. I was admiring how beautiful it looked with my watch. My internal conversation was "What a shame I can't wear this ring on my wedding ring finger so that I can admire how beautiful it looks with my watch." It was then that the cosmic 2 x 4 came from nowhere and struck me in the head. I may have laughed out loud at myself, I am not sure. The thought that made me laugh was the realization that I had been living with the assumption that my wedding ring had to be worn on the left ring finger. Who made that up anyway? I was struck once more. Wait a minute; I don't have to wear my watch on the left wrist either! I always had, without

question. But why not wear it on the right wrist?

Suspect all certitudes. Question your convictions. Beliefs that are too tightly held can strangle the mind.

Bob Duggan (ACU'72), president of the Tai Sophia Institute (Laurel, MD), challenges his students to notice their certitudes. After all, science is continually unsettling old assumptions. He says to his graduate students, "I will feel my work is done, if, when you graduate, you know absolutely nothing for certain."

I invite you to spend this week questioning your certitudes in the workplace. Do you have certitudes around advertising? The number of days you must work? The way a certain task must be done? I once heard someone say, "A job is the worst way to earn money." Forgive me, I don't remember who said it, but it was an important enough statement to stick with me.

I never met Mr. Bojangles. He had left this physical plane before I came to Frisky's Sanctuary. But he was a "wake-up" call, and his gift is to remind us to continually check in on our convictions. A line from Shakespeare's *Hamlet* leaves us with another invitation to check our certitudes. Try plugging in your own name for Horatio: "There is more to heaven and earth, Horatio, than is dreamt of in your philosophy."

"Ask the Herbalist"

Liz Barlett (HRB'03) has a question-and-answer section from her April 2008 newsletter that she would like to share with you. Please visit Liz's website at www.joyofherbs.net. Thank you Liz!

QUESTION: Dear Liz, I sometimes get migraines and was wondering what you can tell me about magnesium and migraines? Thank you!

Michelle, New Market, Maryland

ANSWER:

Dear Michelle, Magnesium can be quite helpful for migraines and other conditions or health issues where muscles are tight and contracted. Magnesium, a mineral many of us are deficient in, is used in many body functions. Magnesium activates over 300 enzyme reactions, is found in all of our tissues (but mainly bone, muscle, and brain), and is important in the conversion of blood sugar into energy. It is an antidote to stress and the most powerful relaxation mineral. It is even considered by some to be the relaxation mineral. As mentioned above, when muscles are tight and contracted, magnesium helps relax.

Magnesium levels are decreased by excess alcohol, salt, coffee, phosphoric acid in colas, profuse sweating, prolonged or intense stress, chronic diarrhea, excessive menstruation, diuretics, antibiotics and other drugs, and some intestinal parasites. Foods high in magnesium include kelp, wheat bran, wheat germ, almonds, cashews, buckwheat, parsley, figs, brown rice, etc.

The most absorbable forms are magnesium citrate, glycinate taurate, or aspartate, although magnesium bound to Krebs Cycle chelates (malate, succinate, fumarate) are also good. The RDA (minimum amount needed) for Magnesium is 300 mg/day. Most of us get far less than 200 mg. Some people

may need more depending on their condition and specific health issues. Most people benefit from 400-1000 mg/day.

I have often suggested magnesium to clients for "tight" conditions with good success. Magnesium sometimes causes loose stools - if that happens, cut back the dose. If you try the magnesium, please let me know how it works for you.

Warmly, Liz

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Applied Healing Arts program has new director

It is with considerable delight that I inform you of the appointment of **Anne Huyler Baker (AHA'02)** as our new Program Director of the Master of Arts in Applied Healing Arts program. Many of you know Anne already due to the various roles she has played at Tai Sophia during the last few years, and I believe that those of you who know her will share my delight at her appointment.



**Anne Baker (AHA'02),
new director of Applied Healing
Arts program**

Anne's professional experience includes many roles in education as well as work as practitioner. She has been a teacher, student, administrator, consultant, board member, mentor and advisor. She has taught mathematics, science and computer science and is an aquatic integration, Reiki, and zero balancing practitioner. Anne has clearly married a love of learning to applied practice in service of "the world's great hunger;" and is a wonderful model of the teachings of the Applied Healing Arts program.

Anne holds a B.A. in Religion/Mathematics from the University of Denver and an M.A. in Applied Healing Arts from Tai Sophia Institute. She has also engaged in graduate studies in educational leadership and business at Hood College and American University. Since receiving her M.A., Anne has been active in the Applied Healing Arts program as a transformative practice group facilitator and advisor and has worked in the Admissions office as an admissions counselor. She also assisted Student Services as Acting Dean for Level II acupuncture and herbal medicine students while a search was being conducted for a new dean. Clearly, Anne is committed to the mission and values of Tai Sophia Institute and to the goals of the Applied Healing Arts program. I look forward to working with her and hope that you will join me in welcoming her to this new role and place in our community.

—Mary Ellen Petrisko

Vice President of Academic Affairs

INSTITUTE NEWS

New chair for the Acupuncture program, clinical practices division

It is my great pleasure to announce the appointment of **Marla Peoples (ACU'03)** as Chair of the clinical practices division in the M.Ac. program.

Marla is a graduate of the Master of Acupuncture program at Tai Sophia. In addition to having built a full clinical practice very quickly after graduation, Marla brings her extraordinary organizational experience in executive training and development to the clinical practices division chair position.



**Marla Peoples (ACU'03) is named
new chair of Acupuncture
program's clinical practices division**

After earning a Bachelor of Science degree in psychology from the University of Utah, Marla continued her graduate education at Loyola College in counseling psychology. During that time, she specialized in the development and facilitation of workshops on addictions, smoking cessation, and anger and stress management. While in graduate school, she interned with the Child Behavioral Counseling program at the Kennedy Krieger Institute. Eventually, as healthcare policies shifted, she utilized her background in psychology and moved towards a role in human resources. Her eight-year journey in the corporate world included extensive executive recruiting and training and development.

Marla has a rich background in team-building. She brings an embodied experience and understanding of the M.Ac. clinic, as well as a very strong set of administrative and leadership skills to the position. She is a bright, passionate and committed practitioner and teacher, and I am thrilled that she has taken on the position of division chair.

Please join me in giving Marla a very warm welcome and congratulating her on her new position.

—Jeff Millison, Acupuncture Program Director

Keynote address given by John Sullivan

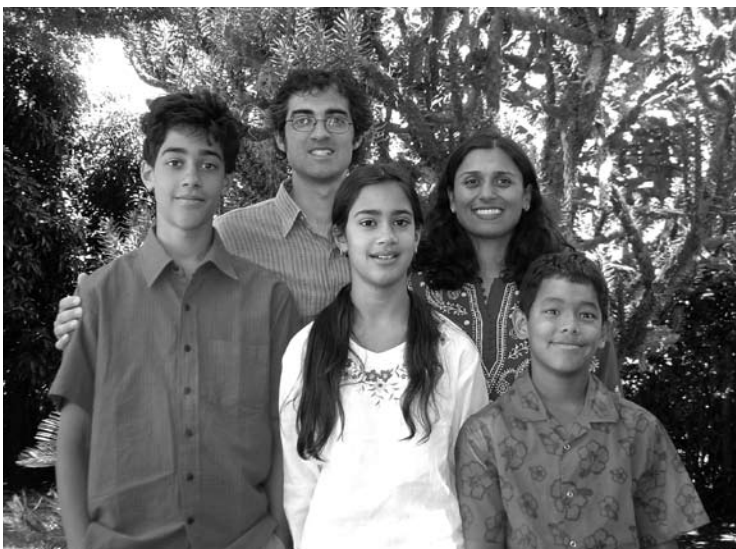
Our beloved AHA faculty member, **John G. Sullivan**, Powell Professor of Philosophy Emeritus at Elon College, gave a keynote address titled "Stillness and Service in Three Contexts – the Moment, the Lifetime and Transition in World Historical Times," at a conference in Hamburg, Germany. The conference, Ideas for an Aging City: A Visioning Council for Hamburg, was sponsored by the Korber Foundation of Hamburg, and took place May 22–24, 2008.

Practices

Jennifer Downs (ACU'79) is setting up a study group for practitioners of the five-element tradition. Anyone interested in deeper development through sharing, exploring, and patient consults, please contact Jennifer through her website, www.JenniferDowns.com.

Ketan (Joshi) Ram (ACU'03) is well and practicing in Nairobi. Ketan was kind enough to send a family photo of her husband and three children in their backyard.

This news from **Anne Garnett (ACU'94)**: the Kensington Acupuncture Associates now has four generations of Tai Sophia Institute graduates practicing under one roof: **Dan Ebaugh (ACU'82)**, **Dee Brown (ACU'91)**, **Anne Garnett (ACU'94)**, and **Rada Drapatskaya (ACU'05)**. "It is great fun working with and learning from each other," Anne says.



Ketan (Joshi) Ram, with her new family in Nairobi.

Charlotte Kerr (ACU'77) recently received her zero balancing practitioner certification.

Carol Burke (ACU'03) has moved into her new office space located in a quiet West Annapolis neighborhood. Carol currently is offering acupuncture and zero balancing. After completing her animal acupuncture certification program this summer, Carol will add the treatment of the four-leggeds at her home office.

Passages

Mary Brandenburg (ACU'83) is pleased to announce the birth of her first grandson. Chase William Horsman was born February 19, 2008, at 7:06 p.m., 7lbs. 7oz, to his proud parents — Mary's daughter Phoebe and husband, Chuck.

Lectures, Workshops & Adventures

Tracey Mahon (ACU'04) has joined THRIVED, a practice in Columbia, MD, and will be leading a variety of workshops that will include several modalities. On July 11, 12, and 13, Tracey offered their first Women's Retreat. Please visit their website at thrive@mythrive.net for upcoming events.

David Ford (ACU'80) offered a wilderness-based, five-element trip to Alaska, July 19-27. Please visit David's website at: www.asomseminars.com/davidford.htm.

Mischa Schuler (HRB'02) will be presenting "Herbs to Support Healing in S.T.D.s and Other Yoni Infections" and "Our Hormonal Dance" at the 21st Annual Women's Herbal Conference, August 22-24, at Sargent Camp, Peterborough, NH. Visit their website for conference information, www.sagemountain.com.

Lynn Gardner (AHA'02) is offering "Bolivia Sabbatical – Mysteries of Lake Titicaca" October 21-26, and "Peru Sabbatical – Magical Cusco & Machu Picchu" October 26-November 3. Please visit Lynn's website for trip itinerary and information: www.RadicalSabbatical.net.

Shannon Conrad (ACU'04) invites you to join a journey to China, "Ancient Medicine, Modern World," which she will host this October in conjunction with the Chi Farm. You can choose the 16-day "Ancient Medicine" itinerary or the 24-day "Modern World" itinerary, which includes an extra week of clinical practice in one of China's oldest TCM hospitals. Please visit the website for further details: www.ancientmodernworld.com.

Lorie Eve Dechar (ACU'83) will be offering her "Alchemical Acupuncture Mentorship" beginning January 2009. Please visit her website at www.fivespirits.com for registration and payment information.

Barbara Abrams (ACU'93) is continuing to offer her "Evening of Presence" the first Tuesday of each month at Tai Sophia Institute, 7:30-9:00 p.m. Please visit Barbara's website for future dates: www.barbara@spacious-health.com.

MOTA – Maryland Occupational Therapy Association will be holding their annual conference on November 7 & 8. **Lana Warren (AHA'02)**, Vice President of Clinical Programs and Inpatient Services, Kennedy Krieger Institute is the keynote speaker. Please visit their website for details - www.mdota.org.

Maryland's Second Restorative Justice Conference "Opportunities for Impact" to be held at Howard Community College, November 20 & 21; organized by **Belinda Reed (AHA'02)**. Visit www.restorativejustice.org for details.

Erratum

With apologies, we make a correction to the listing we published in the last issue of *Reunion Point* of practitioners who participate in the Current Acupuncture practice located in Catonsville, MD: **David Paton** is joining the practice that includes **Ashley Clarke**, **Ludwig Kragler**, and **Timothy Fitzsimmons** (not **Timothy Weed**).

Published

Our Graduates out and about in the world of print:

Larken Bunce (HRB'02). "Settling into Winter's Peace and Quiet" was featured in *Unified - A Clinician's Forum*, Winter 2008, Volume 4, Number 10. Another article of interest appeared in the same issue: "Cardiovascular Disease: A Single 'Drug' Condition?" by Kevin Spelman, core faculty member of the Tai Sophia Herbal Program.

Neil Gumenick (ACU'80). "The Initial Consultation: Getting to the Heart of the Matter, Part 2," in *Acupuncture Today*, March 2008, Volume 9, Number 3. (Part 1 was featured in September 2007). We would also like to acknowledge **Nancy Post (ACU'82)** for her article, "Integration: How Long Does It Take?" which appeared in the same issue of *Acupuncture Today*.

Kaiya Larson (ACU'97) was quoted in the March 2008 edition of *Whole Living – Body and Soul* in an article entitled "Breathe Easier." The article listed six suggestions for surviving springtime allergies. You can visit *Body and Soul* online at www.bodyandsoulmag.com.

An article about the Animal Acupuncture program appeared in *Business Monthly*, a business newspaper of Howard and Anne Arundel counties, April 2008, Volume 16, Number 4. The article featured **Noreen Javornick (ACU'94)**, co-director of the program, as well as **Timothy Weed (ACU'03)**, an equine vet practicing in Virginia and teacher of the equine portion of the program.

Rena Howell (ACU'97) was featured in an article in the June 2 issue of the *Savannah Morning News*: "On the job with acupuncturist Rena Howell." If you are interested in reading the article, please visit www.savannahnow.com/node/508770.

Jill Ellen Smith (ACU'00) authored the article "Acupuncture and Menopause," which appeared in the June/July 2008 issue of the *Montgomery County Women's Journal*.

Kathy Crosland (ACU'02) is quoted in the June 2008, Volume 9, Number 6 issue of *Acupuncture Today* in the "News in Brief" section, stating that "... Tai Sophia has established new partnerships with six organizations that will give students a wider range of experiences in real-world, public-health settings."

Ta-Ya Lee (ACU'97) was featured in an article, "Integrated Medicine Goes Mainstream," in *Dome*, a publication for the Johns Hopkins Medicine family. Ta-Ya is both a graduate of the Institute and a primary care nurse practitioner. She practices at the Johns Hopkins Community Physicians at Wyman Park.

Camille Freeman (HRB'02) and Kevin Spelman (herbal medicine faculty member) recently published a joint article "A Critical Evaluation of Drug Interactions with Echinacea". To read their article, please visit the PubMed website www.PubMed.gov, type in the title of the article and click "Go".

Growing a Practice

Cathy Benedetto (ACU'94) is eager to share the growth of her practice! Cathy soon will be operating in her own permanent space. "A short version of the story is that... an unexpected benefactor stepped in a few months ago with an offer I couldn't refuse," Cathy reports. "She needed to invest money left to her by her mom's death, and suggested that I find a piece of (fixer-upper) property that would meet both our needs; she would purchase it, renovate it to make it appropriate for clinical/commercial use, and rent it to me for a minimal amount. As luck would have it, the perfect location came up for sale about two miles from where I live and from where I currently work. It has fairly high visibility and reasonably good traffic flow. I have full use of the house and land, including the right to sublet rooms. There's a family room and a screened porch, so there is some nice space for teaching, meeting, and resting. The only sad thing is seeing some trees cut down in order to clean up the yard, put in a zoning-required six-foot privacy fence, and to add required parking."

In the News

Tyme Gigliotti (ACU'94) was appointed chairperson for the Maryland State Acupuncture Board at their May 13 meeting. Congratulations, Tyme!

Bob Duggan (ACU'72), president and cofounder of Tai Sophia Institute, was awarded the Richard G. McCauley Leadership Award through the Horizon Foundation of Howard

County at a breakfast on June 5. The Horizon Foundation addresses health and wellness issues through strategic grant-making, community initiatives, and partnerships with private and public institutions. The foundation is committed to helping build a healthy and resilient community in Howard County.

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CAMPUS RESOURCES

Herb Room News

Coming soon to the Tai Sophia Herb Room — online refill ordering! The Herb Room is working with the webmaster to make ordering your refills faster and easier with an online option in addition to phone and in-person orders. Stay tuned.

Please note our summer hours remain steady:

Monday – Friday: 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

—Melissa Di Rito, Herb Room Manager

Meeting Point News

The Meeting Point Bookstore's new website stands ready to help all alumni. We invite you to visit www.tai.edu and click on "shop online" at the top of the home page to enter the new online store. You receive your 10% or 5% alumni discount on all books by placing the word ALUMNI in the coupon code box. The Meeting Point will be drastically increasing its breadth of acupuncture, herbal and Chinese herb titles over the coming months. We recently became the US distributor for Kaatz' *CHARACTERS OF WISDOM* and **will shortly have ACI locators back in stock.** Please take a look at the new site when you have time and add to your reference library today!

Custom Tai Sophia frames for your diploma are available through the Meeting Point. There are two styles, made for us by Framing Success: Spirit (\$130), which features a black wooden frame; and Broadway (\$135), which has a silver frame. Both include a double mat of purple and silver imprinted with the logo and name of the school. It is simple to insert your diploma into the 18" x 27" frame, quickly accomplishing an easy, professional presentation under glass, complete with hanging wire. To order a frame, contact the Meeting Point at 800-735-2968, ext. 6632. You can proudly display your beautifully framed master's degree from Tai Sophia.

Summer hours vary with current hours posted online.

—David McKaig



Custom Tai Sophia diploma frames available in the Meeting Point



Library News

Available at the Tai Sophia Library are the following additions to our DVD collection:

- "At Risk Medicinal Plants," United Plant Savers
- "Auricular Acupuncture," Ignatius, H.
- "Bioneers Conference 2007: Plenary Sessions," Bioneers
- "Edible and Medicinal Plants," Tilgner, S.
- "The Physics of Qi," Bender, T.
- "Qi Gong: Movements for Back Care," Zhang, C.
- ...and others. Please stop by for a complete listing.

Library hours are:

Monday	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday	11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Wednesday	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Thursday	11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday	11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Saturday and Sunday	closed.

—Stuart Rodes

Mark Your Calendar

Southeast Women's Herbal Conference, October 3 – 5

Black Mountain, N.C. Visit www.sewisewomen.com for registration information. Bevin Clare (Chair of Herbal Division and faculty member) will be speaking.

True North, October 15 – 18

Relationship: Integrating the Science and Spirit of Healing
www.truenorthhealthcenter.org

AAAOM Conference will be held in Chicago, IL, October 17 – 20

Please visit www.aaaomonline.org for registration information.

Center for Mind-Body Medicine, October 25 – 29

Professional Training Program, www.cmbm.org

Building Bridges of Integration for Traditional Chinese Medicine, October 30 – November 3

Transformation: Nurturing the Healers, Healing the Patients
www.tcmconference.org

PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS

New way to register for community and professional programs

You can now register online at www.tai.edu: Go to top tool bar; "Shop on Line" on the left-hand side menu; click on "Community Programs" and chose your program of interest from the menu. When the program title comes up, click on it; then click "Add to Cart" and proceed from there. You also can register by calling Community Programs at 410-888-9048, ext. 6611.

Chinese Herbal Program to begin new class in September

Much like Halley's Comet, the Chinese Herb Certification Program doesn't make an appearance every year. Our September 2008 class is filling, so we invite you to enhance your practice, expand your herbal knowledge, and apply now. The next offering of the program will be in September 2011, not as long as you'd wait for a comet sighting, and long enough that you may want to seize the opportunity to start this fall!

Graduates of both the Acupuncture and Herbal Medicine programs are eligible to apply.* The 30-month course provides you with a solid grounding in TCM theory as it relates to herbal formulas and treatment strategies, and includes over 200 hours of clinical training with experienced practitioners. Completing the 660-hour ACAOM accredited program grants you eligibility to sit for the NCCAOM herbal examination.

Classes begin on September 12, 2008, and are offered in an executive weekend format. We invite you to learn more by calling 410-888-9048, ext 6647, emailing admissions@tai.edu, or downloading a brochure and the application from www.tai.edu.

*Herbal graduates sit through the didactic portion only and may not participate in the clinical section of the program; tuition will be prorated.

— By Jen Violi, Admissions Counselor

Register for the fall Redefining Health program

Saturday and Sunday, October 11–12, 2008

CEUs: 12

Nursing Contact Hours: 12.5

"Marketplace"

In order to provide timely information about space availability, practitioners needed, and similar opportunities, we are posting these listings on our website, www.tai.edu. Please scroll over "Our Learning Community;" scroll over "Alumni;" scroll over and click on "Marketplace." Please help us in our effort to save paper and staff hours by utilizing this free-of-charge, self-service site.

Sustainability and the alumni survey – a reminder!

Friends, in an effort to move toward a more sustainable, earth-friendly organization, Tai Sophia Institute would like to begin offering more of our services via the internet. One of our steps in that direction will be the next alumni survey, due out in February/March of 2009. We will be offering the survey online rather than in a 1,200-letter-mailing! In order to accomplish this task, we are asking that you update your email address. Please send your email address, even if you think we have it on file, to Alumni@tai.edu. We thank you for partnering with us in an effort to become a more environmentally sound organization.

Fullfilling our mission

In Gratitude for all of your kind referrals over the past year. You are the reason that we are able to continue to be of service. If anyone has been inadvertently left off of this list, please contact me at phartke@tai.edu. It is important that you receive the acknowledgement you deserve!

Kirsten Allen (ACU'98)	Kathleen Krivak (ACU'92)
Monika Armbruster (ACU'95)	Alexandra Knox (ACU'96)
Rhonda Armero (ACU'97)	Ludwig Kragler (ACU'03)
Betsy Baker (ACU'83)	Rosalie Lambeth (ACU'99)
Mary Brandenburg (ACU'83)	Ming Li (ACU'96)
Bob Brown (ACU'79)	Heather Lipin (ACU'98)
Amy Brush (HRB'03)	Dave Lungren (ACU'99)
Lindsey Buchanan (ACU'02)	Stacey McCurdy (ACU'00)
Cecelia Calon (ACI'88)	Virginia Mitchell (ACU'92)
Barbara Catlin (ACU'95)	Lil Morgan (ACU'00)
Ashely Clark (ACU'03)	Joe Panella (ACU'02)
Jean Collins (ACU'83)	Michael Phillips (ACU'85)
Shannon Considine (ACU'00)	Mary Rieger (ACU'94)
Susan Cromwell (ACU'01)	Jeremy Reisenfeld (ACU'03)
Lorie Eve Dechar (ACU'83)	Shep Saltzman (ACU'95)
Bob Duggan (ACU'72)	Reid Saunders (ACU'97)
Barbara Ellrich (AHA'05)	Lynn Schwartz (ACU'91)
Antoinette Fiumos (ACU'93)	William Smith (ACU'74)
Katherine Hancock Porter (ACU'94)	Randi Sobel (ACU'96)
Alison Hartman (ACU'84)	Jennifer Stukey (ACU'02)
Zanti Jabs (ACU'93)	Ed Sweeney (ACU'00)
Roberta Jacobs (ACU'95)	Lydia Wainwright (ACU'00)
Lonny Jarrett (ACU'84)	Sarah Wehner (ACU'04)
Daphne Jocknick (ACU'94)	Amy Wheeler (ACU'97)
Robin Johnsen (ACU'85)	Vanina Wolf (ACU'00)
Jay Jones (ACU'97)	Kim Wright (ACU'01)

Where Global Expertise Meets Local Challenges

Baltimore Bioneers Host Their Second Annual Conference

This fall, a brilliant assembly of global and local environmentalists, healers, and business and community leaders will gather once again in Baltimore to discuss practical environmental, social, and economic solutions for our planet...and for our city.

The second annual conference, Baltimore Bioneers '08: Cultivating Change, Inspiring Solutions, will take place from Friday, November 7, through Sunday, November 9, at the University of Baltimore. Along with international and local speakers, live panel discussions, workshops, and entertainment, the Baltimore event will also feature screenings from the national Bioneers conference, held in October in San Rafael, California.

Like the national event, the Baltimore Bioneers conference will offer answers to global issues. At the same time, national and regional speakers will apply a local lens to topics such as:

- Energy production methods that dramatically reduce global warming pollutants
- New, nontoxic technologies that emulate nature's design genius
- The best green business practices
- Practical approaches to building conservation-based, cooperative communities
- New strategies for safeguarding human rights and the environment
- Creative new approaches to art from environmental, socio-political, and spiritual perspectives

BALTIMOREBIONEERS

- Emerging perspectives on healthcare that merge ancient and modern healing practices and address the new diseases resulting from environmental destruction

Among the national experts slated to speak at the Baltimore event:

- Judy Wicks, founder of the Business Alliance for Local Living Economies (BALLE) and owner/founder of Philadelphia's White Dog Café
- Wallace J. Nichols, Ph.D., senior scientist at the Ocean Conservancy and research associate at the California Academy of Sciences
- Mike Tidwell, director of the Chesapeake Climate Action Network and author of *The Ravaging Tide: Strange Weather, Future Katrinas, and the Coming Death of America's Coastal Cities*

Co-sponsoring the event are the Chesapeake Sustainable Business Alliance (www.csballiance.org), Tai Sophia Institute (www.tai.edu), The Urbanite (www.urbanitebaltimore.com), and the Baltimore chapter of the U.S. Green Building Council (<http://chapters.usgbc.org/Baltimore>).

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