

# MIT CLUB OF SOUTH TEXAS



Sept 2005

<http://alumweb.mit.edu/clubs/s-texas>



## MIT Admissions Officer Visits Houston Sept 12 and 14, 2005, 7:00pm

High school students, parents, and Educational Councilors are invited to a meeting with Amy Perez, Assistant Director of Admissions at MIT. Amy will give an overview of the MIT experience and answer questions about MIT and the admissions process. There will be two opportunities to attend. On Monday, September 12, the meeting will be at Clear Brook High School in Friendswood. On Wednesday, September 14, we will be at the Houston Community College West Loop Campus auditorium, 5601 West Loop South. Both meetings will begin at 7:00pm. *-Ed Rinehart*

## Member Exclusive! Free Admission! Toyota Hybrid Vehicle Technology: A Hands-On Presentation

Gulf States Toyota Training Center  
7701 Wilshire Place Drive, Houston

**Tuesday, Sept 13, 2005**

Presentation: 6:30 PM

Dinner at nearby restaurant to follow (Dutch treat)

**RSVP by 11pm CDT Sept 11 via [SmarTrans™](#)  
Or by calling Ramón at 713-849-0207 by 8pm CDT**  
(Space is limited; reserve early)

Prius is a Latin word meaning "to go before." Toyota chose this name because the Prius vehicle is the predecessor of cars to come. Rapid population growth and economic development in recent decades have resulted in a sharp increase in fossil fuel consumption on a global scale. Faced with the challenges to create an earth-friendly vehicle, Toyota produced the world's first mass produced hybrid automobile.

In its simplest form, a hybrid system combines the best operating characteristics of an internal combustion engine and an electric motor. More sophisticated hybrid systems, such as the Toyota Hybrid Synergy Drive System, recover energy otherwise lost to heat in the brakes and use it to supplement the power of its fuel-burning engine. These sophisticated techniques allow the Toyota Hybrid System to achieve superior fuel efficiency and a massive reduction in CO2. In 2004, the second generation Prius won the prestigious Motor Trend Car of the Year award. The Lexus RX and Toyota Highlander hybrid SUVs are now available. In this presentation the inner workings of Toyota hybrids will be explained and many components will be on hand. We'll have the chance to get in, under, and around the vehicles, ask questions, and even kick the tires, if you want.

Please sign up through [SmarTrans™](#) via our website by 11pm CDT, Sept 11 or by calling Ramón by 8pm CDT, same day. Due to space limitations, attendance will be restricted to dues-paying members and their guests. There is a wide selection of restaurants in the neighborhood, so many of us will likely meet for dinner after the presentation. [Click here for a map.](#) *-Ramón San Pedro*

## Save The Date: 2005 Homeland Security and BioDefense Symposium II

**Date Oct 11, 2005**

**Time: 5-8PM**

**Location: To be announced**

Some of you may recall our original symposium, held on May 24, 2005, at the Houston Technology Center: Moderated by John Bales, Director of Public Safety & Drug Policy Office from Houston Mayor Bill White's Office, a panel of local stakeholders discussed new economic and technical development opportunities affecting the South Texas area.

Overall, the 2004 symposium was a success and attracted over 50 attendees from the local business and research communities, including a number of MIT alumni. Here are several comments from attendees:

- *"[The symposium] was particularly useful to hear the several people involved with actual operations in the Houston area address their plans and concerns."*
- *"It was sufficient to inform us of the spectrum of issues so that interested members of the audience could pick up on topics of particular interest."*

**We pleased to announce that the MIT Club of South Texas and the MIT Enterprise Forum of Texas are jointly sponsoring a follow on Symposium, currently scheduled for October, 11, 2005. Details will be announced in the October 2005 newsletter.** 2005 Homeland Security and BioDefense Symposium II Panelists (confirmed as of August 5, 2005):

**Chief Dennis Storemski**, Director of Public Safety under Houston Mayor Bill White

**Captain Rick Kaser '89**, Captain of the Port, US Coast Guard

**Dr. David Gorenstein '67**, Associate Dean of UTMB and Galveston BioContainment Lab

**Dr. Steven Pei**, Executive Director, Center for Public Safety, University of Houston

**Dr. Sandy Weinburg**, GE Healthcare Vaccine Development Group

*- Eric Chan, Kathie Nordt*

## Save The Date:

**An Evening with Joseph G. Hadzima, Jr.**  
**Senior Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management**  
**Date: November 16**  
**Time: To be announced**  
**Location: To be announced**

Joseph G. Hadzima, Jr., Senior Lecturer, MIT Sloan School of Management, Managing Director of Main Street Partners LLC, and Chair of the Global MIT Enterprise Forum, has agreed to speak in Houston at a MIT Enterprise Forum and MIT Club of South Texas joint event. Details will be announced in the October 2005 newsletter.

- Eric Chan, Kathie Nordt

## 2005 Club Membership Drive

It's time once again, time for the annual MIT Club of South Texas membership drive. The MIT Club of South Texas invites you to join or renew your membership for 2005. Membership in the club runs coincident with the calendar year, which means that those members who paid their dues before October 1, 2004 need to renew now for 2005. Membership is open to all MIT alumni and alumnae, as well as current undergraduate and graduate students and their parents. Your dues in the local club are used to pay for mailing announcements and the newsletter, sponsor events for local high school students accepted at the Institute, award prizes at local science fairs, and improve local science and math education through our Leadership in Education Program (LEAP). Although we do benefit from some administrative assistance from the Institute, the MIT Club of South Texas does not receive funding from MIT or from the Alumni/ae Association. [Check the website to sign up:](#)

Last year was one of our best membership years ever for our local club, and we'd like to make next year another winner. Join today to get the maximum benefit from your membership!

- Ramón San Pedro

## Local Teacher Receives 2005 MIT Leadership in Education Award

The MIT Club of South Texas has selected one teacher in the Greater Houston area to receive the 2005 MIT Leadership in Education Award. The Leadership in Education program reflects MIT's continuing desire to encourage students interested in science and mathematics and to help in elevating the level of technical literacy in our community. Awards are made to recognize key science and math teachers in the Greater Houston area who are making a difference and to support these teachers' ongoing commitment to educating our youth in science and technology.

The teacher selected this year is **Anne Mangas Smith, James E. Bay Elementary School (Clear Creek ISD).**

Ms. Smith had her expenses paid to attend the 2005 MIT Science and Engineering Program for Teachers. This program brings educators from around the country to the MIT campus for one week of intense study with MIT faculty and scientists who work at the leading edge of research. The Club selects teachers based upon their enthusiasm as educators, credibility among peers, ability to stimulate students in science and technology, and interest in making a difference in our community. This is the twelfth year these awards have been given.

[Check out the Club's website](#) to view the thank you letter we received from Ms. Smith after her return from MIT !

If you would like more information about the MIT Leadership in Education Award, contact Ed Rinehart at 281-679-7608. It costs the Club approximately \$1000 to send each teacher to LEAP. Alumni interested in making donations can do so along with their annual membership dues.

- Ed Rinehart

## 2005-2006 Board of Directors

The MIT Club of South Texas is proud to announce the 2005-2006 Board of Directors:

**President - Dave Johnston**  
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**VP Young Alumni Relations - Thomas Anthony**  
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**Directors - Alex Cheng, Marilyn Taggi Cisar, Al Cisar, Ben Fang, Sharon Israel**  
**MIT Parents Association Liaison - Solie Balogh, Dawne Meijer**

Anyone interested is welcome at the monthly board meetings, generally held on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 pm. For more information, please contact Dave Johnston (713) 431-6518

### Upcoming Events:

12, 14 Sept: MIT Admissions Office Visit  
13 Sept: Toyota Hybrid Vehicle Technology  
11 Oct: Homeland Security Symposium  
16 Nov: MIT Sloan Lecture

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Please sign me up as a **Member of the MIT Club of South Texas** for Calendar Year **2005**:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class & Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Home: \_\_\_\_\_ Work: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Preferred Announcement Service – In addition to our regular monthly Newsletter**, Please specify your preferred contact method for **special members-only events** and **event reminders**. (Your use of Email helps the Club control operating costs – Your Email address will be held confidential):

E-mail : \_\_\_\_\_  US Postal Service  
 FAX: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Please circle preferred fax receive times: Day Evening Overnight No Preference

Benefactor, \$200+  Sustaining, \$100+  Patron, \$50+  Regular, \$25  Recent Grad ('00-'05), \$5  
 Parent (per household), \$25  
Extra Contribution to Leadership In Education: \$\_\_\_\_\_

Please make check payable to **MIT Club of South Texas** and return to:

**Stacey Nakamura**  
**16100 Space Center Blvd #201**  
**Houston, TX 77062**  
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**Dues Paid Members for 2005 (as of August 13, 2005)**

**Benefactor**

Dorflinger, Glen  
Israel, Sharon  
Hussain, S. Anwer  
Koch, Stephen  
Moore, Joe  
Westby, Tim  
Walker, Edward  
Williams, Curtis

**Sustaining**

Dailey, James  
Johnson, Michael  
Turner, R. Gregory

**Patron**

Bair, R. Stanley  
Baker, Marvin  
Bunde, Merle  
Callender, William  
Chan, Eric  
Cisar, Alan  
Cisar, Marilyn Taggi  
Closmann, Phil  
Dai, Cheng-Ti J.  
Filak, George  
Flowers, Daniel  
Friedberg, Jeff  
Gabel, Morris  
Grossweiler, Phillip  
Homsy, Charles  
Homsy, Paul  
Johnston, David  
Karohl, David  
Kashiwagi, Brian  
Lait, Robert  
Lantner, Janet  
Markham, Janet  
McClanahan, David  
Murdoch, Stephen

Mutchler, M. Lynne  
Nakamura, Stacey  
Plant, Tom  
San Pedro, Ramon  
Valdez, Raul

**Regular**

Acle, Yezmin  
Altrichter, Diana  
Aron, Jeffrey  
Bae, Jung  
Belt, Barbara  
Bobbitt, John  
Bommer, Arno  
Boynton, John  
Ceyhan, Ismail  
Chan, Jennifer  
Chilton, Robert  
Chrzanowski, Michael  
Chu, Ping S  
Coleman, Catherine  
Costello, David  
Costello, Lisa  
Cutler, Scott  
Das, Dolan  
Dawson, Stephen  
DeWitt, Robert D  
D'Angelo, John  
Dudek, David  
Godbold, Gilbert  
Goepfert, George  
Goldsmith, Andrew  
Goodwill, David  
Gorenstein, David  
Hagan, Mark  
Harnsberger, Don  
Hayes, Alethea Morris  
Heger, Wendy  
Hollowell, James  
Horden Jr., James

Idleburg, Carol  
Jarchow, Craig  
Jefferson, Patrick  
Kellett, John  
Kendall, Bryan  
Knudsen, Chris  
Lantner, Gary  
Lindsey, Christine  
Little, Willard  
Luke, C. T.  
Lutostanski, John  
Major, Robert  
Marple, Stanley  
Marshall, Peter  
Maul, Michael  
Medina, Christopher  
Melroy, Pam  
Merz, Shane  
Meyers, M. Douglas  
Moore, Samuel  
Myers, Jeff  
Nakata, Ryuichi  
Nelson, Eric  
Norvik, Johan  
Patten, Rich  
Payne, Houston  
Peaceman, Donald  
Pefaure, Jorge  
Petersen, Bill  
Powell, Robert  
Reinhard, John  
Rinehart, C. Ed  
Ricards, Harold  
Schweizer, Richard  
Singer, Arnold  
Srinivasan, Sundry  
Standley, Pamela  
Starkschall, George  
Sullivan, John  
Szara, Mark

Tang, Sunny  
Tesciuba, Michele  
Thaller, David  
Tomlinson, Peter  
Triebes, Carl  
Tschupp, Ed  
Tubman, Kenneth  
Valencia, Jaime  
Vallejo, Ramon  
Vargas, Herman  
Victorio, Tom  
Wagner, Jeanette  
Waldron, Robert  
Wang, Dean  
White, R. Winslow  
Wolpert, Michelle  
Zuteck, Michael

**Recent Graduates**

Berger, Stephanie  
Cividanes, Alberto  
Dona, Luca  
Fantozzi, Esme  
Gerez, David  
Hiers, Todd  
Huang, Xiaojun  
Jamroz, Przemek  
Jorgensen, James  
Nelson, Jocelyn  
Quintana, Mauricio  
Saltzer, Rebecca  
Sarkar, Ananya  
Sodhani, Vikas  
Thomas, Anthony

**Parents - Regular**

Fisher, Charles B  
Wu, Peter & Annie

## Questionnaire – Please Complete And Return With Any Coupon

	MIT @ Home3	Origins Of Man	Yanti's Happy Hour	Shakespeare
<b>I Attended</b>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
If you attended, rate event from 5 (very satisfied) to 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1	5 4 3 2 1
<b>I Did Not Attend</b>	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
If you did not attend, please indicate reason:	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Event did not interest me	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Interested but had previous commitment	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Did not know about event	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Did not find out about event in time	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]	[ ]
Other (please state below)				

I prefer to receive Club information (circle all that apply):    Email    Newsletter    Postcard    Website

Other comments (also please include any ideas for future Club events and/or if you are interested in volunteering to help plan and manage events):