



MIT CLUB OF SOUTH TEXAS

Sponsoring Activities for MIT South Texas Alumnae and Alumni
Assisting MIT in Recruiting Students and Promoting its Reputation
Promoting Engineering, Science, and Math Education in Our Local Area

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Do You Know A Science or Math Teacher That Would Like to Attend a One Week Summer Session at MIT?

2009 Leadership in Education (LEAP) Competition for Teachers Application Deadline is March 1, 2009

The MIT Club of South Texas through its Leadership in Education Award Program (LEAP) has an ongoing interest in encouraging students interested in science and mathematics and in helping to elevate the level of technical literacy in our community. We would like to recognize key science and math teachers who are making a difference and to support their ongoing commitment to educating our youth in science and technology.

We invite science and math teachers from the Greater Houston/South Texas Area to apply for the 2009 MIT Leadership in Education Award (LEAP).

The winner of this award will attend the 2009 MIT Science and Engineering Program for Teachers, **June 21-27, 2009**, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, **at our expense**.

This program brings educators to the MIT campus for one week of intense study with MIT faculty and scientists who work at the leading edge of research. This program is described more fully in the brochure. We will select a winner based on enthusiasm as an educator, credibility among peers, ability to stimulate students in science and technology, and interest in making a difference in our community. Previous LEAP winners are listed in our [LEAP archives](#) and you can read about recent [feedback](#) from recent LEAP winners.

Applicants must be teaching full-time, generally middle school or higher, and must speak and read English. Progress toward an advanced degree is an advantage. Science-

department heads and district coordinators are also welcome to apply. Each application should be accompanied by (1) a completed application form for the MIT summer program (available in the brochure) and (2) a letter of recommendation from someone who can speak to the selection criteria noted above.

In order to be considered for a scholarship and travel expenses for the MIT summer program, *applications should be sent to Ed Rinehart, 13722 Ashley Run, Houston, TX 77077-1511, to be received by **March 1, 2009**. If you have any questions or comments, call 281-679-7608.

*Application form in PDF is available at this weblink <http://www.mithouston.org/LEAP2009Application.pdf>

Here are the LEAP winners from the past ten years:

- 2007 - Anthony Langley, Arnold Middle School, Cy-Fair ISD
- 2007 - Serena Magrogan, Hightower HS, Fort Bend ISD
- 2007 - Mary Patterson, Hamilton Middle School, Cy-Fair ISD
- 2006 - D. Howard, Stratford HS, Spring Branch ISD
- 2005 - A. Smith, James E. Bay Elementary School, Clear Creek ISD
- 2004 - T. Hughes, Northbrook Senior HS, Spring Branch ISD
- 2004 - N. Wilson, Taylor HS, Alief ISD
- 2003 - A. Zoller, James F. Bay Elementary School, Clear Creek ISD
- 2002 - P. Nestrsta, Clear Brook HS, Clear Creek ISD
- 2002 - C. Warden, Cinco Ranch HS, Katy ISD
- 2001 - P. Thomason, Langham Creek HS, Fort Bend ISD
- 2000 - J. Elston, Taylor HS Katy ISD
- 1999 - J. Boyd, First Colony Middle School, Fort Bend ISD

- Ed Rinehart

2009 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 2009. Membership in the club runs coincident with the calendar year. 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 printing and mailing this 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. Last year was a record year for South Texas alumni and parent participation and we look forward to your continued support in 2009. Join today to get the maximum benefit from your membership! Visit our website to sign up: <http://mithouston.org/Membership.htm>
Not sure if you have signed up for 2009 yet? Just check our website for the current membership roster.

**2008-2009 Mentor Training at Spring Branch
ISD Administration Building**
[955 Campbell Rd Houston, TX 77024](http://www.springbranchisd.com)
713 464-1511

If you are interested in mentoring a junior high school student, this is your opportunity! Spring Branch ISD will be hosting a brief informational/training session for potential mentors. The information for the session is below. If you plan to attend any of these Mentor Training Sessions, please RSVP to: partner@springbranchisd.com so we'll have an accurate count of attendees and can plan accordingly. Also, please indicate the campus in which you are planning to mentor so that we can have that campus' information ready for you at your training session. A light breakfast, snacks or light lunch will be provided depending on the time of the Training Session.

Wednesday, February 18, 2009

11:30 am - 2:00 pm
Admin. Bldg. Room 275

Tuesday, March 3, 2009

9:00 am - 11:15 am
Admin. Bldg. Room 270

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

9:00 am - 11:15 am
Admin. Bldg. Room 270

Questions? Please contact Tarik Ward at
mentor@mithouston.org

- Tarik Ward

**February 2009 Houston *InterClub Happy
Hour**

Thursday, February 26, 2009
6-9pm
Cash Bar

[Boheme Cafe and Wine Bar](#)

307 Fairview @ Taft
Houston, TX 77006
713.529.1099

[Map](#)

The February *InterClub Happy Hour is hosted by Barnard and will be held at Boheme Cafe and Wine Bar.

We have had excellent attendance at past *InterClub happy hour events (over 100 at the January 2009 happy hour) and hope to see you at this month's event! Pictures of past happy hours are posted on the MIT [website](#)

**The Houston InterClub is an informal "nexus" of Houston Ivy+ Alumni groups: Babson, Barnard, UC Berkeley, Brandeis, Brown, U of Chicago, Columbia, Cornell, Dartmouth, Harvard, MIT, Mt. Holyoke, Northwestern, Penn, Princeton, Richmond, Smith, Stanford, Vassar, Washington U, Wellesley, and Yale.*

**MIT Judges Needed for
2009 Science & Engineering Fair**
Friday, March 13, 2009
6:30 - 9:30pm

The MIT Club needs judges for the 2009 Science Engineering Fair of Houston. The judging will be from 6:30 to 9:30 pm on Friday, March 13 at the George R. Brown Convention Center. We need volunteers to look at the exhibits, talk to the students, and select three prizewinners. This is a chance for you to meet and encourage 7th through 12th grade students who are interested in science and engineering. If you are interested in being a judge, please email Arno Bommer at afair@mithouston.org or call him at 281-492-2784 (W) or 713-461-5199 (H). You can find additional information at <http://hunstem.uhd.edu/SEFH/judges.html>

- Arno Bommer

**MIT Diversity Convocation: A Dialogue for
Our Future**
April 3-4, 2009
Cambridge, MA

*"MIT should be the unquestioned leader, the place that sets the standard for what can be done. We cannot be satisfied until we are a community that not only seeks out diverse talent, but that truly embraces and rewards diverse perspectives, because we know that they make us stronger. In the end, we cannot be satisfied until, to everyone who earns a place at MIT, we are a community that says not "You're lucky to be here," but rather, "We're lucky you came."
MIT President Susan Hockfield*

[Registration](#) is now open for the MIT Alumni Association's first Diversity Convocation: A Dialogue for Our Future. The special event will be held April 3-4 on the MIT campus.

Join fellow alumni, along with faculty, staff and students, for an exciting and engaging weekend of exploration of the ways in which we can foster a strong, vibrant and increasingly inclusive community. This is an excellent opportunity to network with peers from around the country and the world.

The program will include an array of special receptions with students, opening remarks from President Susan Hockfield, intriguing panels on the "Changing Face of MIT" and a presentation from MIT's senior administrators (including a report of this fall's [Diversity Congress](#)), a keynote address, and a series of provocative alumni-led workshops, not to mention a networking lunch and celebratory closing reception.

This weekend is being planned in conjunction with: Association of MIT Alumnae (AMITA), Black Alumni of MIT (BAMIT), Bisexual, Gay and Lesbian Alumni of MIT (BGALA), Latino/a Alumni/ae of MIT (LAMIT), MIT Arab Alumni Association (MITAAA), MIT South Asian Alumni Association (MITSAAA) and partners around the Institute.

Space is limited so [register today!](#) (Early bird rate ends March 3.) For more information and to reserve your space, visit <http://alum.mit.edu/diversity>

Sign Up Now For 2009 Membership!

Use [SmarTrans™](#) and save time and postage!

Please sign me up as a **Member** of the **MIT Club of South Texas** for **Calendar Year 2009**:

2009-02

Name:	Class & Course:
Home Address:	Work Address:
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**
- MIT5 Recent Grad ('04-'09), \$5**
- Parents (per household per year), \$25**
- Parents MultiYear (per household for 4 years), \$40 one time payment**

Extra Contribution to Leadership In Education (LEAP):_____

Please make check payable to **MIT Club of South Texas** and return to: **Mr. Stephen Murdoch**
MIT Club of South Texas
13190 Trail Hollow
Houston, TX 77079

Dues Paid Members for 2009 (as of Feb 3, 2009)

The MIT Club of South Texas expresses its thanks for your continued support of the Club !
(Note: It may take several weeks for mailed-in memberships to get posted)

Benefactor

Koch, Stephen

Sustaining

Cisar, Marilyn Taggi
Filak, George
Flowers, Daniel
Kashiwagi, Brian
Murdoch, Stephen

Patron

Cisar, Al
Cutler, Scott
Goepfert, George
Homsy, Paul
Nakamura, Stacey
Wargo, Mark
Zarin, Marni

Regular

Bae, Jung
Borbe, Dexter
Chang, Lan
Eileraas, Eric
Hiers, Todd
Hixson, George
Karohl, David
Kodama, Koichi
Payne, Houston
Pio, Michael
Rogers, Enora
Szara, Mark
Thaller, David
Truong, Trang
Vargas, Herman
Wagner, Jeanette
Weiner, Ron

Recent Graduates

Arzeno, Natalia
Brzezinski, Amy
Cantu, Erika
Darilmaz, Ilkay
Felix, Heather
Franco, Katherine
Gonzalez, Gabriel
Kadam, Shambhavi

Leskin, Katherine
McKenna, Nicholas
Thomas, Anthony
Xie, Yue

Parents - MultiYear Sustaining

Glover, Charles

Parents - MultiYear Patron

Fisher, Bobbie and Charlie
Herder, Charlie and Carol
Tsai, Chang-Ping

Parents - MultiYear Regular

Baker, Herb
Crain, Malinda and Alan
Durand, Larry and Agelia
Eswaran, Vetkav
Glombicki, Alan
Mo, Yi-Lung
Ray, Doug and Jana
Reedy, Gary and Kathy
Sim, Linda and Kwok

Parents - Regular

Zhou, Christina

Upcoming Events:

**Feb 26 – Houston InterClub Happy
Hour**

**Mar 1 – LEAP Applications Due
Mar 13 – MIT Science Fair Judging
Mar TBD – Dining Club**

**Apr TBD – Institute Speaker
Apr 3 – MIT Diversity Convocation**

**For The Latest Event Status
Check Our Website and Watch For Our Emails**

Did You Miss These Email Announcements?

**Make sure you have an email address registered with the MIT Infinite Connection
alum.mit.edu**

Help Us Save Resources – We Use Email to Reduce Paper Consumption and Postage Costs

January 10 – Workshop Houston Volunteer Event

Jan 15 - Houston Ivy Plus Event: *Where Is Print Journalism Going?*
Explore the future with Nicholas Lemann
Dean, Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism

January 21 – Toast to IAP

February 7 – MIT Booth at Houston Hispanic Forum Career & Education Day