



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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MIT @ Home 2009 (#5): Neuroengineering and European Marketing

Thursday, March 26, 2009

RSVP before March 21

Cocktails-Social Hour 5:30pm

Presentations 6:30pm

Dinner after Presentations

University of Houston-Hilton

4800 Calhoun Street

(713) 741-2500

Check the website for a map www.mithouston.org

In our fifth seminar presentation we will explore two diverse topics with presentations from **local MIT alumni speakers**.

Dr. Daniel DiLorenzo (SB '87, SM '88, SM '99, PhD '99)
Neuroengineering and Neuroventures – Dr. DiLorenzo's presentation begins with an overview of the exploding field of Neuroengineering, encompassing devices which modulate or augment the function of the nervous system. Then we will hear his personal story of the launching of a funded but still quiet venture to develop a novel technology for patients with epilepsy.

Dr. Marvin L. Baker (SB '51, SM '53, ScD '56)
Bringing US Products into European Markets – Dr. Baker will discuss his experience with assisting US companies with the introduction of their products into the European Market. This will include his Tactical Issues for European Market Penetration and their origins.

Join us for this exciting program on Thursday, March 26, 2009 at the University of Houston Hilton. The program starts with a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30 (cash bar). The presentations will start at 6:30, with dinner and discussions to follow.

Please RSVP via [SmartTrans™](http://SmartTrans.com) (via our website www.mithouston.org) before 11 pm CDT, March 21st or via US mail coupon on page 3 before March 21. E-mail your questions to: Al Cisar at MITCSTReplies@prodigy.net

The cost is \$37 for 2009 dues-paid members & their guests and \$41 for non-members/guests.

Past MIT @ Home Lectures:

- "MIT @ Home 2003 (#1): Recent Medical Advances"
- "MIT @ Home 2004 (#2): Energy"
- "MIT @ Home 2005 (#3): Nanotubes to Space"
- "MIT @ Home 2006 (#4): Networking and Fuel Cells"

- Al Cisar

Save The Date: 2009 Houston Rockets - Presentation and Game

Tuesday, April 7, 2009

6:00pm Presentation

7:30pm Game

Houston Rockets vs Orlando Magic

[Toyota Center Downtown](#)

1510 Polk Street

Houston

TX 77002

Presentation by
Rockets General Manager, [Daryl Morey, Sloan '00](#)
Game Afterwards!

This is a wonderful opportunity to cheer for the Houston Rockets, as well as to hear about Sports statistics from the team's general manager and MIT alum, Daryl Morey.

To read about Daryl go to these links (visit www.mithouston.org)
[NY Times Article \(Feb 15, 2009\)](#)
[Rockets Press Release](#)
[MIT Alumni News Article](#)

Ticket purchase details to be announced shortly via email and our website, www.mithouston.org
- *Anthony Thomas*

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.

- *Stacey Nakamura*

**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, April 1, 2009

9:00 am - 11:15 am

Admin. Bldg. Room 270

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

- Tarik Ward

**MIT Public Service Center – Community
Service Work-Study Program
Call for Summer 2009 Hosts**

MIT students are always looking for new experiences. As alumni, you could be a wonderful resource for current students—and for your local community—by helping to locate summer job opportunities with:

- Nonprofit organizations
- Educational programs
- Governmental agencies

[Community Service Work-Study](#) (CSWS) is a program that makes it possible for students receiving financial aid to perform meaningful service while receiving a paycheck. It's also great for community organizations, who receive a significant reduction in the cost of the wages thanks to Federal work-study support.

While most CSWS students find positions in Cambridge during term time, it is also possible for students to work anywhere around the country during the summer and IAP. If you know of an organization in your area that would be interested in advertising a summer internship or job to MIT students, please share this information with them. There may also be "hardship funding" available for community organizations that are not able to afford their portion of a student's wages.

For more information, please visit the PSC website:
<http://web.mit.edu/mitpsc>

and contact

Linden McEntire
[MIT Public Service Center](#)
Community Employment Program Administrator
617-253-8065
mcentire@mit.edu

**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](#). For more information and to reserve your space, visit <http://alum.mit.edu/diversity>

<p>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</p> <p>January 21 – Toast to IAP</p> <p>February 7 – MIT Booth at Houston Hispanic Forum Career & Education Day</p> <p>March 13 – Ivy Plus Night at Houston Aeros Hockey</p>
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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**:

2009-03

Name: Home Address: Phone:	Class & Course: Work Address: Phone:
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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

“MIT @ Home 2009 (#5): Neuroengineering and European Product Marketing” / Thurs, March 26, 2009

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	Dinner and Presentation	
2009 Dues-Paid Members & Guests	_____ @ \$37.00 / person	
Non-Members & Guests	_____ @ \$41.00 / person	_____ Amount Enclosed

Name: Home Address:	Work Phone: Home Phone: Email:
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Alan Cisar
15603 Juniper Hollow Way
Cypress, Texas 77433

Dues Paid Members for 2009 (as of March 8, 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

Dorflinger, Glen
Koch, Stephen
Israel, Sharon

Sustaining

Cisar, Marilyn Taggi
Costello, David
Costello, Lisa
Filak, George
Flowers, Daniel
Grossweiler, Phillip
Kashiwagi, Brian
Murdoch, Stephen

Patron

Cisar, Al
Cutler, Scott
Dai, Cheng-Ti J.
Goepfert, George
Homsy, Paul
Johnson, David

Lait, Robert
Nakamura, Stacey
Rinehart, C. Ed
San Pedro, Ramon
Singer, Arnold
Tang, Sunny
Wargo, Mark
Zarin, Marni

Regular

Bae, Jung
Borbe, Dexter
Burson, John
Chang, Lan
Chilton, Robert
D'Angelo, John
Dawson, Stephen
Deere, Donald
Eileraas, Eric
Goldsmith, Andrew
Hiers, Todd
Hixson, George

Karohl, David
Kleiman, Jennifer
Kodama, Koichi
Leverette, Steven
Marshall, Peter
Melroy, Pam
Myers, Jeff
Payne, Houston
Peaceman, Donald
Pio, Michael
Price, Cordelia
Rawles, Robin
Rogers, Enora
Ricards, Harold
Starkschall, George
Szara, Mark
Thaller, David
Truong, Trang
Vargas, Herman
Wagner, Jeanette
Wang, Dean
Weiner, Ron

Recent Graduates

Arzeno, Natalia
Brett, Bridget
Brzezinski, Amy
Cantu, Erika
Darilmaz, Ilkay
Felix, Heather
Forren, James
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
Fuchs, Steven & Maura
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
Ramachandran, Sunder
Ray, Doug and Jana
Reedy, Gary and Kathy
Sim, Linda and Kwok

Parents - Regular

Zhou, Christina

Upcoming Events:

Mar 26 – MIT @ Home 2009
Mar TBD – Houston InterClub Happy Hour

Apr 3 – MIT Diversity Convocation
Apr 7 – Houston Rockets
Apr TBD - Houston InterClub Happy Hour

May TBD – Institute Speaker
May TBD - Houston InterClub Happy Hour

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



Dominic A. Antonelli (Commander, USN)

SB Course 16, '89
Photo courtesy of NASA

MIT Alum Dominic Antonelli Will Fly on Shuttle Mission [STS-119](#)

**Launch is scheduled for
Mar 11, 2009**

MIT Alum Mike Fincke is Currently on the Space Station

Check the NASA Website for the latest launch information:

www.nasa.gov

[Navy Cmdr. Dominic A. Antonelli](#) will serve as the pilot for Discovery's STS-119 and is making his first spaceflight. Discovery will carry the S6 truss segment to complete the 361-foot-long backbone of the space station. The truss includes the fourth pair of solar array wings and electronics that convert sunlight to power for the orbiting laboratory.

[Antonelli](#) grew up in Indiana and North Carolina. He earned a bachelor's and a master's in aeronautics and astronautics from Massachusetts Institute of Technology, Cambridge, and the University of Washington, Seattle, respectively. He was selected as an astronaut in 2000.