The Offering Heads to New York City

Cogswell Polytechnical College is pleased to announce that The Offering, the first animated, short film produced under the umbrella of the Project X class, has been selected for screening at the 1st Annual New York City International Film Festival (NYCIFF). The festival takes place from August 12 to 19, 2010. The Offering will be showcased at the Premier event and will precede Lovely, Still a film starring Martin Landau and Ellen Burstyn. After the theater screening, the film will be shown to the public in Times Square. How cool is that!!

The Offering will actually debut this month at the 7th Annual New York City Downtown Short Film Festival Audience Choice Screenings. It is slated to appear in the June 25th block of films at the Duo Theater beginning at 8:00pm. During the Audience Choice screenings viewers watch 4 to 5 films and then vote on their favorite. The top vote getters are invited to participate in the 2011 NYC Downtown Short Film Festival (NYCDSFF) next April. Tickets - which are only $10 - and additional details are available at SmartTix.

If you happen to be in the Big Apple, we hope you'll go to one of the screenings and support the excellent work of Cogswell students.
The Offering Awarded the Prestigious Indie

Cogswell Polytechnical College is pleased to announce that The Offering, has been awarded an Indie with an Award of Merit in the Animation category from The Indie Fest.

The Indie Fest recognizes film professionals who demonstrate exceptional achievement in craft and creativity, and those who produce standout entertainment or contribute to profound social change. Entries are judged by highly qualified professionals in the film industry. The Indie is also about helping independent filmmakers secure distribution, the Holy Grail of filmmaking. Indie awards go to those filmmakers who produce fresh, standout entertainment, animation and compelling documentaries. The Indie is a showcase for cinematic gems and unique voices.

The Indie is a virtual festival. It does not have physical screenings. Rather, winners are promoted via targeted press releases to media outlets and The Indie's email database of more than 25,000 filmmakers and industry insiders.

In winning an Indie, The Offering joins the ranks of other high-profile winners of this internationally respected award. Thomas Baker, Ph.D., who chairs The Indie Fest, had this to say about the latest winners, "The Indie is not an easy award to win. Entries are received from around the world. The Indie helps set the standard for craft and creativity. The judges were pleased with the exceptionally high quality of entries. The goal of The Indie is to help winners achieve the recognition they deserve."
Dr. Chester Haskell Profiled in Joint Venture Newsletter

The May issue of the Joint Venture Silicon Valley Network newsletter put the spotlight on Dr. Chester Haskell. He has been a member of the Joint Venture Board since 2006 and has played an integral role in producing the much anticipated annual report *Silicon Valley Index*.

The article chronicles his life and achievements and highlights the reasons for his commitment to Cogswell.

As he states in the piece, "We have a specialization here at Cogswell that is hard to do in a big institution. We are providing an education for emerging professions, not for individual artists. The students here recognize that developing video games and digital films are a group task."

To read the full text, [click here](#).
Jim Miguel is New Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Chief

Cogswell Polytechnical College graduate, Jim Miguel, will assume the reins of the Livermore-Pleasanton Fire Department on July 6, 2010. Chief Miguel earned a Bachelor of Science degree from Cogswell in 2002 and majored in Fire Administration.

To read the article in the Modesto Bee, click here.

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Job Announcements

Gigamon, a growing and profitable startup in Milpitas, is seeking a Graphic Designer with web development experience for a position within our Marketing department. Gigamon develops innovative next generation products for Intelligent Data Access Networking (DAN) in enterprise and Telecom data centers.

The position is currently part-time (20 to 30 hours per week) initially for period of 3 months with an option to extend the commitment.

If you are interested in learning about the position, please contact J.T. Eger for details.

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Crystal Dynamics is currently looking for next gen art, design, production, and engineering talent to drive their newest action-adventure title to the next level. Beyond anything, they are looking for bold and creative thinkers who desire to make an impact on a project, a team, and a company. If you are passionate about making exceptional games and driven to succeed they want to talk to you!

Please Email Amy at ashat@crystald.com to chat.
Alumni Notes

Brian Carter (1994) owns Carter’s Computer Concepts in Tracy. Dale Cillian (1990) owns BIOPRO LLC, the premier bio-hazard and restoration company in Arizona. When tragedy strikes BIOPRO, LLC is the preferred choice of Police, Fire, Victim Services and Insurances companies. Tony Dias (2009) is working on TV commercials for Me Pueblo and Vianney USA. Dave Frick (1999) is the Manager of Content Engineering at Macys.com and Chief Software Engineer at RefTek LLC. Michael Jessup (2000) works at GoerTek Electronics in Santa Clara as a Product Manager. Howard Koel (1982) is an Account Manager at Wind River in Sunnyvale, a wholly owned subsidiary of Intel Corporation and a world leader in embedded and mobile software. Vitaly Golomb (2004) has been appointed Chair, Technology Ventures SIG at the Silicon Valley Innovation Society. James McClure (2009) is a Senior Environment Artist at 38 Studio in the Boston Area where he is working on Corpernicus. Orlando Rivera (2007) wants everyone to know that his most recent short film has been completed and is now part of the film festival circuit. You can see the trailer here. Monet Soria (1996) is still at NVIDIA but now is a SW Chip Manager. Von-Royce Villanueva (2005) works at PACECO Corporation in Hayward as a Systems Group Assistant. Rich Williams (1996) is a Software QA Engineer at eBay.