



## CoT Alumni Relations Under New Leadership



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This winter has been an exciting time to join the College of Technology staff. While I've never worked in a collegiate setting before, I thought to myself "How different can it really be?" when I began a new career here on January 8. I came to realize quickly that the differences between the private sector and Purdue University are vast, and that my decision to jump with both feet into a brand new industry was indeed a wise one.

Since joining the 4th floor Advancement Office team, I've observed, with some wonderment, how the college operates. Nearly every day I witness individuals and departments working in coordination with one another; offering guidance and insight, and pulling together with a common goal of advancing the success and the standing of Purdue's technology programs. Though I haven't had an opportunity to meet as many faculty as I would like, I look forward to doing so, and learning more about the goals of our eight departments.

Beginning April 9, the college will celebrate its first ever Technology Week, and capture the attention of the entire university. Planning a week's worth of events is rarely an easy task, especially when it's your inaugural go-round! I feel fortunate to work with a *team* of professionals, dedicated to making Tech Week a smashing success. If I didn't know before, the trick to putting a "tent around the circus" is working through the details. By working as a team, the strengths of each meeting planner, academic, and communication professional have emerged, creating a series of events we think you'll be proud of.

As we set our sights on commencement, state fair, and even Tech Week '08, I welcome your feedback and ideas for engaging alumni and showcasing the departments. Increasing opportunities for student involvement is one idea being examined for next year's technology celebration. Though I don't yet hold all the answers, I'm glad to work as your partner on alumni initiatives, special events and projects, and assist in any way I can.

### Upcoming Events

- **March 22** — Study Abroad and International Learning (SAIL) Grant Workshop, 2:00 to 3:30 p.m., Young, Room 101, Contact: [Don Buskirk](#)
- **March 23** — Statewide Directors Meeting, 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Indianapolis Location
- **March 26** — Biometrics (BSPA) Lab Brown Bag Seminar, "Introduction to Biometrics," 7:00 p.m., Knoy 378 [More Info.](#)
- **March 28** — Women in Technology, Etiquette Dinner, 6:00 to 8:30 p.m., PMU East and West Faculty Lounges, Contact: [Amanda Bennett](#)
- **March 28** — Biometrics (BSPA) Lab Brown Bag Seminar, "2006 Public Perceptions of Biometrics Survey Results," 11:45 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Knoy 378 [More Info.](#)
- **March 29 to 31** — [Vision Program](#)
- **March 30** — Statewide Student Services Coordinators Videoconference Meeting, Young 447 in West Lafayette
- **March 30** — CGT Industrial Advisory Board Meeting, 8:30 a.m.
- **March 30** — CGT-SIGGRAPH Show and Banquet
- **Coming April 9 to 13** — [Technology Week 2007](#)

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## Technology Week April 9 to 13

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Bookmark the [Technology Week Web site](#) as a reference for the week's activities. And be sure to sign up for the blood drive sponsored by the Technology Student Council and the Indiana Blood Center. Large sign-up posters on easels are located in the first floor entrance of Knoy and at the Aviation Technology building. The department with the most donations will receive \$250 towards a social event for its students.

Among the events are a gift announcement; a competitive blood drive; a healthcare poster display; the Dean's Distinguished Lecture featuring Emily Stover DeRocco, assistant secretary for the Employment and Training Administration, U.S. Department of Labor; the Department of Building Construction Management's 40th anniversary celebration; a Project Lead the Way teachers seminar; the distinguished technology alumni dinner; and Industrial Advisory Board and Dean's Executive Council meetings.

## CoT News Submission

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Report your CoT news through the [online reporting form](#). The next e-newsletter is scheduled for distribution on Monday, April 2. The deadline to submit items for consideration for the April 2 edition is Tuesday, March 27.

## SAIL Grant Workshop March 22

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A grant workshop is scheduled for the Study Abroad and International Learning (SAIL) program on Thursday, March 22, from 2:00 to 3:30 p.m. in Young, Room 101. For more information, contact [Don Buskirk](#).

## CGT Alumnus Opens Local Business

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Alumnus Robert Theodorow, CGT '01, will open his online media and internet strategy company, Stormfront Productions, in Lafayette, IN on March 30 with a formal ribbon-cutting ceremony.

## Research Honors

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The American Society of Heating, Refrigerating and Air Conditioning Engineers awarded the Department of Mechanical Engineering Technology a \$6,000 grant for a senior undergraduate project on integrating solar heating with their lab's HVAC system. The funding will be awarded at an ASHRAE's central Indiana chapter meeting at Purdue on April 10, and the work will be conducted in fall 2007.

## WIT Hosts Etiquette Dinner March 28

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The annual Spring Etiquette Dinner held by Women in Technology will be 6-8:30 p.m. March 28 in the East and West Faculty Lounges of Purdue Memorial Union.

Anthony Cawdron, Purdue President Martin Jischke's event coordinator, will be the guest speaker. Cawdron annually coordinates more than 200 events at Westwood with up to 12,000 guests, and has instructed up to 1,500 students in etiquette sessions.

The first half of the event will be a seminar on etiquette, followed by dinner. There will also be an awards ceremony for College of Technology organizations.

The deadline to RSVP is **March 22**. For questions, contact [Amanda Bennett](#), Women in Technology president.

## CoT Sponsored Research

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For an updated look at sponsored research activities within the College of Technology, visit the \_\_\_\_\_

*of Technology events can be seen on our calendar, located on the Global Exchange.*