Alumni Spotlight: Real Dreams

Nadia Plascencia, who has lived in Seattle since 2000, is on the cutting edge of high-tech communications trends: namely, the Internet’s rapid transition from computer to cell phone.

A Group Program Manager for Microsoft under the MSN Mobile division, Nadia’s territory crosses several continents and she leads her team all the way from development to support. She travels on business to Japan, Hong Kong, London and Ireland.

While at TAMIU, she was very involved with student organizations. She also made history in the very first few weeks that TAMIU opened being the first student to give a campus tour. Nadia is a Founding Member of the Student Ambassadors and held several leadership positions with the International Business Association and the Electronic Commerce Association.

Nadia, adventurous by nature, seeks to learn and explore different cultures and countries. She traveled to Spain prior to college, participated in a study-abroad program in Germany, and accepted a summer internship in Seattle with RealNetworks, a pioneer for streaming video and audio over the Internet, right after graduation.

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Gisselle Pérez-Milicua, ’08 has been awarded one of 60 nationwide Fellowships by The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi for the 2008-2009 academic year. This summer she heads off to pursue her dreams at the University of Texas Medical Branch School of Medicine.
June Meeting
The Alumni Association will hold its next meeting on Tuesday, June 24, 2008 in the Western Hemispheric Trade Center Room 125 at 6:00 pm. Election of our officers will take place at this very important meeting.

Linked-In
Join the TAMIU Alumni Association on Linked-In and continue to build your network:
http://www.linkedin.com/pub/8/45a/358

2008 Senior Gift
Our newest Alumni presented the Association with a gift of $2,610 for student scholarships. 327 graduates participated in the tradition.

In Memoriam
Guillermo E. Farias, '04

Happy Birthday
Check out who has a birthday in June.

Alumni Notes

Proud parents Ruben and Lilly Marroquin, '99 baptized their son, Samuel on April 19, 2008.

Charles Whitfield, '87 is the 2008 Golden Apple Winner.

Guadalupe Gorordo, '90 was selected as Ruiz Home Educator of the Week on May 28, 2008.
TAMIU Offers Free Software Training

The University's Office of Information Technology (OIT) offers free software training like Access, Photoshop, Windows Vista etc. for our Alumni. Whether you live around the block or across the continent, you can take advantage of these trainings. 

https://oitprofessionaldevelopment.tamiu.edu/

In Person:

Click on the link to access the log-in page.

Click on “Training Sessions” to view your options.

Currently the system requires an @tamiu.edu address to register for a course at this site.

To register for a course, email your selection to alumni@tamiu.edu with the course date, time and title.

Your confirmation will be sent by OIT.

At Home:

Click on the link to access the log-in page.

Enter your TAMIU email account and password.

At the new window, click on training video and select a course.

The Training Interface will appear with audio only instructions.

Look for the pull down menu, located top left. To see or print the syllabus or entire training manual in PDF format, make your selection from the drop-down menu located center left.

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Her favorite city, thus far is Tokyo because of its technology. She explains that everything is high-tech and uniquely advanced. However, nestled between the technology, “you might see a Buddha or a temple, so its impressive how this advanced city has such a reverence for the ancient,” she explains.

Concerning her career goals, short-term plans for Nadia are to keep moving up in management. As far as future plans, she hopes to set up her own business in the Seattle area “so that I can retire early,” she says with a laugh.

When asked what her fondest memory of TAMIU is, she stated that the wordmark the University had in 1995, “Nothing So Close Takes You So Far” came immediately to her mind. She says that this wordmark describes her experiences perfectly and she marvels at the dichotomy where at a small campus, nestled in between ranchland, she met so many people from the globe.
Congratulations May 2008 Graduates!

Clemen Rocha Bell, ‘90 has been recently appointed as principal at Clark Elementary in Laredo.

Oswaldo Mino, ‘92 is looking to for his MBA-IT classmates from 1991-1993 to discuss business opportunities in Asia and the Middle East. He is also looking for Nezam “Mark” Mohazzab, ‘92 who was last in Houston, TX. If you have contact with Mark, please ask him to contact Oswaldo at oswaldo@eptpac.com.

Linda D Vera, ‘95 will start the new school year as the principal of Radcliffe and Sue Killam Elementary in Laredo.

Eileen Ortiz Rivera, ‘97 is a professor at Universidad Interamerica de Puerto Rico.

Rene Cruz, ‘99 is the new director of Technology Services with UISD.

Ileana Garza Aleman, ‘01 is back in San Antonio after a few years in Chicago. She now works at UTSA as an assistant manager for special projects under the Office of the President.

Kassandra Martinez, ‘02 stopped in while she was visiting from Montana which she has called home since 2002.

Roseline Francis, ‘06 is a BA Consultant with Symantec Corporation in Oregon.