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Cogswell Alumnus Produces and Directs Documentary



Nateon Ajello (2002) announces the Premiere Screening of [Spinning Southward](#), a documentary that follows three travelers through 11 countries in Latin America. Experience the hardships, the wonders, the challenges, the people and everything else that comes with living every day on a bicycle.

DATE: April 11, 2009
TIME: Doors open at 7:00, film at 7:30 p.m.
PLACE: Hunter Global Legacy Center
655 1st St
Santa Rosa, CA 95405
COST: \$5 to \$10 donation

All Proceeds Benefit the Sonoma County Bicycle Coalition and

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The National Brain Tumor Society. [Click here](#) for additional details and directions.

The journey was conceived by Mike and John Logsdon. The brothers began their quest in July 2005 as a tribute to their mother who died of a brain tumor and to raise money for the National Brain Tumor Society. The trip began in Prudhoe Bay, Alaska and ended in Ushuaia, Argentina. The pair met Nate in Los Angeles and discovered they had a common bond - each of their mothers had died of a brain tumor.

After a three week scramble to acquire the gear and raise funds for the film project, Nate joined the brothers in Baja California to complete the journey with them and film the experience. He posted regular video updates along the route so fans could view their progress.

Nateon Ajello of [Mello Ajello Media](#) is a film maker/ animator based in Santa Rosa, California but with many ties to Los Angeles. He has completed a feature film on breakdancing and hip hop in Northern California, as well as numerous music videos for MTV. Nate resided in Arizona, working for Journey Film, while preparing the Spinning Southward documentary.

Founders' Day 2009



Under blustery skies, alumni from the classes 1929 to 2008 gathered at Cogswell for this annual celebration of the history and achievements of the College.

Guests nibbled on hors d'oeuvres, visited with friend - old and new - and toured the campus with our student Ambassadors. During the tours several faculty and staff were available in classrooms to share information about our programs and to answer questions.

Digital Art and Animation Program - Professor, Reid Winfrey
General Education Program - Director, Kathy Williams
Digital Audio Technology Program - IT Staff and alumnus, Evan Peebles
3D Modeling Program - Faculty and alumnus, Mike Roberts
Game Development Program - Professor, Albert Chen
Game Development Club - Student, Brody Brooks

Back in the Dragon's Den, Dr. Chester Haskell, President, welcomed our alumni and thanked them for staying involved with Cogswell. Board of Trustee's Chair, Michal Novak, shared how excited the Board is about the many new partnerships being developed with corporate entities and foreign universities. More news will be upcoming in the months ahead.

Professor, Michael Huber, and two students, Robert Moore and Lilly Vogelesang, offered a sneak peek and behind-the-scenes look at the short animated film, The Offering, being produced by the Project X class.

Professor, Hadi Aggoune, provided an update on the changes to our Engineering Program and a sample of the work Cogswell is doing for the Boeing Company.

Clarence Wikse (1928) once again donated a cake to commemorate the occasion.

"It was wonderful to have the chance to share with our alumni all of the amazing work our students are doing," said Bonnie Phelps, Dean of Institutional Advancement. "Many in attendance hadn't seen their alma mater in a few years and told me how impressed they are with talent and energy of our current students."

See photos of this event [here](#).

**Cogswell Hosts Rhino 3D Software
Training Classes for Teachers**



As a service to K-12 multi-media teachers in the Silicon Valley, Cogswell is hosting a two day training session provided by Rhino Software. During the class teachers will learn how they can add 3D modeling to their design and design communication curriculums.

Using [Rhino](#), teachers will be guided through a series of hands-on exercises that highlight 3D modeling concepts. They will also learn how Rhino is used to render models for visualization, translate 3D models to CAM products for manufacturing or prototyping, and export 3D models into 2D CAD or graphics programs.

A Rhino Curriculum Guide, an evaluation guide and CD are included with the workshop. The April 24 and 25 workshop is free for educators.

Alumni Notes

Justin Adkinson (2005) is keeping the Oregon Statesman Journal up to speed with technology Apple style. He also welcomed a baby daughter into his life in November. **Bobb Amidon (2003)** is another of the Cogswell Alumni at Digidesign where he is an Automated Test Developer. **Jason Bettinger (2007)** is a volunteer Character Animator at Charter Road Productions Inc, where he is doing background animation and lead character shots for the film, *Reprogrammed*. **Colin Brown (2005)** is moving back to the Bay Area after accepting a job with NCSoft. He will be working on *City of Heroes* MMO. **Cid Cadigal (2002)** is a Customer Service Specialist at MedDev Corporation in Sunnyvale.

Creath Carter (2003) works at Turbine - a premier creator of massive, persistent online worlds that foster social gaming communities - as a Staff World Builder. **Antonio Delfino (2006)** left the Big Apple to return to Los Angeles where he says delicious burritos grow on trees. He is an independent Motion Picture Set Lighting Professional. **Chris DiPaola (2007)** is a Concept Artist at Almost Human. **Dale Dowd (2007)** is a Level Designer on an upcoming game with EA/Maxis. **Ivonne Escajeda (1996)** works for Entertainment Partners in New Mexico as Paymaster. **Phil Farkaly (2004)** works at Cryptic Studios as a QA Tester. **Joel Foster (2007)** is a Character Animator at Sony Pictures Imageworks where he is working on *Alice in Wonderland*. **Chris Foye (1995)** works at HP Procurve as a Network Test Engineer. **Jim Gordon (1978)** is President and CEO at Microwave Networks - a leading manufacturer of wireless infrastructure and last-mile transmission equipment. **Christine-Michie Hara (2007)** is the Art Director at S.F. Japan Publicity, Inc. in San Jose. **John Hessler (2005)** is a Technical Artists with Autodesk. **Benjamin Hunt (2005)** is an Administrative Assistant at Children's Center of the Stanford Community where he does Sub scheduling and subbing in the classrooms for children that range from 8 weeks to 5 years. **Michael Hunter (1997)** is a Senior User Experience Designer at SunPower Corporation where he is happy doing green things for a green company. **Austin Ivansmith (2005)** works at WayForward Technologies in Los Angeles as an Assistant Director/Designer. **Annika Kuck (2003)** is at SAI, working as an Office Manager & Graphic Designer. **Kiersten Lane (2008)**, as a Locations Manager at Saltwater, secures locations to film, coordinates scheduling and permitting with the location and film commissions and is in charge of catering, lodging and crew needs at each location. **Carl Lynch (1984)** works at Bridgewave Communications as Manager in charge of the New Product Introduction program. **Soren Macbeth (2000)** is Founder & CEO of [StockTwits](#) LLC - the place to get individual trader's picks on stocks using Twitter. **Scott Matthews (2001)** is with Glory Cubed Productions, working as a Cinematographer. He has filmed overseas twice as part of his service in the National Guard. He has landed on the cover of High Definition Magazine, been featured in Videography, DV and Government Video Magazine for his work with the Red One Digital Cinema Camera in Afghanistan. You can see footage [here](#). **Marc Miller (1999)** is currently a Lighting Artist working on *Shrek 4* at DreamWorks Animation. **Eric Painter (1994)** works at SurfaceInk as a Product Development Engineer. **Tuan Phan (2003)** does First Party Quality Assurance at Sony Computer Entertainment America. **George Saliba (2003)** works at Carrington Mortgage

Services as a Loan Modification Officer. **Danny Salinas (1986)** is an Environmental Management Consultant at Technology Forecasters, Inc. **Nicholas Spier (2002)** now works at Rhythm & Hues as a Lighting TD. **Chris Sykora (2008)** joined the growing group of Cogswell Alumni at Anatomage and is working as a 3D Modeling Technician. **William Tan (1997)** works for NetApp as a Sr. Test Engineer/Test Automation. **Marty Valenti (2008)** just got a job at NASA/Ames as an image processor. **Greg Vilorio (1984)** is a Business Manager at Front End Products Group/Applied Materials. He received an MA in Organization and Leadership from USF in 2008. **Tina Walsworth (1993)** is a Marketing Consultant in Technical Sales at Colani Solutions. **Bruce Wilcox (1991)** is an RF Consultant with a Major MEMS Firm. **Rosie Wrede (2003)** is a Level Designer at Electronic Arts and is working on *Dead Space* and *Godfather II*.