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## RSVP To Founders' Day 2010 Now!



Join us for our annual Alumni celebration on March 20 from 2:00 to 5:00 p.m. on our campus in Sunnyvale.

Each year alumni, staff and faculty gather to enjoy good food, great conversation, the chance to see old friends and make new ones and acknowledge the achievements of the past year.

Call up your old classmates now and plan to have a mini-reunion. There's plenty of free parking and the campus is close to highway 237 and 101.

Don't miss out on the fun! [RSVP now!!](#)

## Subatomic Studios Nominated as an IGC Finalist

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Subatomic Studios Co-Founder, **Sergei Gourski (2003)**, and fellow Cogswell Alumnus, **Ash Monif (2002)**, are pleased to announce that [Fieldrunners](#) has been nominated as one of the finalists in the Indie Game Challenge Gamer's Choice Award.

[Voting](#) takes place until midnight Central Time on February 18. The winning Gamer's Choice Award team will be presented with \$10,000 at the D.I.C.E (Design, Innovate, Communicate, Entertain) Summit on February 19 hosted at the Red Rock Resort & Casino in Las Vegas.

Voters for the Gamer's Choice Award can be winners too because they will be entered into the Gamer's Choice Sweepstakes, which offers a grand prize of a trip for two to Los Angeles to tour G4 studios, passes to attend a taping of the popular "X-Play" program, and a meet-and-greet with "X-Play" host Adam Sessler. The sweepstakes winner will be selected March 12.

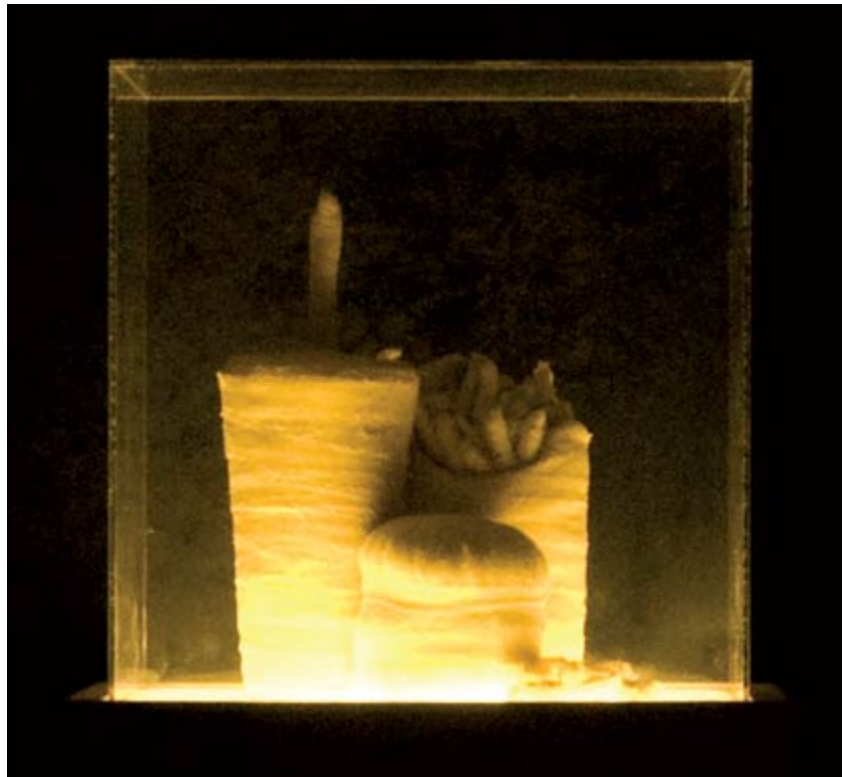
Support Subatomic Studios and [vote](#) for Fieldrunners in the Gamer's Choice Award!

Fieldrunners was also used as an example in the January 2010 issue of Game Developer Magazine in an article entitled, *Rethinking User Interface* by Brian Robbins. The article praised Fieldrunners for its ability to let players make their moves with great accuracy. It does this "through a combination of advanced touch detection logic and allowing users to zoom far into the gameboard as well."

Congratulations to Subatomic Studios for the recent recognition Fieldrunners has received!

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**Award-Winning Artist Colin Miller Exhibits at Cogswell College**



Colin Reed [Miller](#), known by his corporate pseudonym KALI, brings his popular "Mummies" exhibit to Cogswell Polytechnical College. The artist reception takes place on **February 27, 2010 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m.** and is free to the public.

His current fine art explores consumerism inspired somewhat by his extensive experience with commercial art. In addition to mummified objects in his [Kali Artifacts](#), the work includes their accompanying canopic jars, x-rays, how-to's and supporting theoretical materials.

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## **Cogswell College Spring Open House February 27**

Know someone who would be interested in Cogswell's exceptional programs? Invite them to consider attending our upcoming Open House.

This is an opportunity for prospective students to meet our faculty, learn about the admissions process, ask questions about financial aid, sit in on program specific demonstrations and talk to current students about their experiences.

For details about the day's schedule or to RSVP, click [here](#).

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## **Annual General Education Survey!**

In our continuing effort to maintain the highest quality standards and to provide the necessary data to our accreditation agency, we ask you to take a few minutes to participate in the following survey.

Your responses will help us assess the effectiveness of the general education classes you took during your time at Cogswell.

Please follow this link to complete the questionnaire.

<http://cogswellalumni.com/gesurvey/>

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## Fire Science On-Site Classes



The spring residency program will take place in Las Vegas from March 12 through 16 at the EMS Training Center of Southern Nevada located in the Spectrum Business Park.

The residency program is designed to give students the opportunity to complete required coursework in a condensed timeframe in a classroom setting.

Offered classes:

FS344 *Applications of Fire Research* taught by Jim Miguel  
SSC400 *Topics in International Studies* taught by Dr. Younes Mourchid

The cost per class is \$675 plus food and lodging.

For additional information regarding the classes and accommodations, please contact [Younes Mourchid](#), Director DDP/Fire Science Program.

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## Alumni Notes

**Stacy Apryss (2006)** owns [Stacy Apryss Creative Services](#) in Nevada. She is currently working independently as a Graphic and Website Designer for several D.R. Horton Divisions throughout the country. **Rory Campbell (2007)** wrapped production on a short film shot in the Los Gatos Mountains a few months ago. **Zeph Campbell (2003)** is a Software Developer at PageDNA in San Mateo. **Anthony Coletta (2003)** works for the City of Riverside as Emergency Operations Manager. **Tony Dias (2009)** is teaching Desktop Production Fundamentals at Cogswell this semester. **Matt Dreisbach (1996)** works at Apple as a Quality Assurance & Software Engineer. **Jason Ferguson (2008)** joined [Sonoma Wire Works](#) (founded by Alumnus Doug Wright) as a Tech Support and Customer Service Representative. **Sarah Fox (2008)** is a Contractor for MCT, Inc. in the Los Angeles area. **Steve Galbraith (2006)** is a graduate student at Cal State Sacramento in Computer Engineering. **Mark German (2003)** is a Battalion Chief with the Long Beach Fire Department. **Kevin Greggans (1985)** just joined

the UCS Sales Team at Cisco and is looking forward to fully utilizing this exciting opportunity. **Jon Hardy (2002)** is in post production on a 5 minute short and busy working on his next script. **Shawn Henry (2009)** was promoted to Battalion Chief with the Merced Fire Department in December. **Steve Hopkins (2000)** works at Aurora Networks in Santa Clara as a Systems Development Lab Manager and Technologist. **Brandon Hung (2001)**, after working at RedWhale Software for 9 years, is now a GUI Designer at 123GetCustomers.com. **Nathan Karklins (2007)** works for Capcom as a Senior Quality Assurance Tester. **Collin Lim (1993)** is Webmaster for ACCESS Systems Americas. **Richard Luzzi (1999)** is President, Senior Solutions Architect and Implementation Engineer at ECM Solutions - a software consultancy company focusing on enterprise content management solutions. **Ali Mikaili (1996)** works at Intel as an Enterprise Architect. **Fabian Molina (2007)** was hired on at Idle Games in San Francisco in December as their Lead Traditional Animator for a next generation Facebook game. **Alex Okita (1995)** left Black Point Studios to join [Slash-FX](#) as an Unreal Engineer. **Jerry Quijencio (1990)** is an Information Technology Support Specialist for the City of Chula Vista. **Greg Reisdorf (2003)** left Electronic Arts after a 5 year stint and joined [Sledgehammer Games](#), a division of Activision, as a Senior Level Designer. **Jose Sandoval (1993)** was just hired on as a Senior Electrical Engineer at De La Rue North America in Texas. **Greg Shaw (1996)** worked on the Microsoft title [Forza 3](#) for the Xbox 360 that shipped in October. **Nick Tourte (2006)** is a Programmer at [Page44 Studios](#) where he has been assigned to a project so top secret that even he is not sure what it is. **Jose Uribe (1981)** works for the San Jose Public Works Department. **George Williams Jr. (1989, 1992)** works at [Rosum](#) in Redwood City as a Senior Quality Engineer. Rosum was founded by the original architects of the GPS constellation for the sole purpose of providing reliable, accurate location technology that works where GPS falls short. **Bill Winterberg (2001)** was part of a panel discussion at the TD Ameritrade Conference February 3-6 on the topic of Leveraging Social Networking to Grow Your Business. He will also present Client Relationship Management Software for Financial Advisors at the FPA Business Solutions conference in March.

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