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Cogswell Trustee, Martha Kanter, Tapped by Obama Administration



Cogswell Polytechnical College Trustee, Martha Kanter, was confirmed by the Senate on June 19, 2009 as Under Secretary, Education. She will oversee the nation's postsecondary education policy, as well as federal student aid, adult education and vocational education.

She is scheduled to be sworn in on Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

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2009 Commencement Photos are Up

Relive the day - the pomp - the ceremony - and the candid shots. Click [here](#) to join in the moments to remember.

Update Your Info



Max Sims Leaves for Graduate School



Popular faculty member, Max Sims, resigned from Cogswell at the end of May to pursue a Masters degree. He hasn't yet settled on a school but is getting close. As usual, Max has a number of projects in the works including one for the military and several speaking engagements lined up in Miami, Las Vegas, Monterey Mexico and Helsinki. He will also maintain a strong interest in design, nanotechnology and digital manufacturing.

Max took a keen interest in his students and was always willing to make strategic introductions to help graduates take that first step along their chosen career paths. Many of those he mentored are now filling leadership positions within the industry.

You can reach Max at max@technolution.com if you would like to stay in touch.

Cogswell Has a New Blog

Want to stay on top of everything that is happening at Cogswell? Want the latest news? Then check out our new **blog!**

New posts are added Monday through Friday.

Alumni Notes

Justin Adkinson (2001) has added Video Producer at Flathead Productions to his resume. He says that being able to tell a story through pictures is his passion. **Robert Aguirre (1962)** works for the US Postal Service. **Will Christiansen (2006)** is working on Halo: Reach at Bungie in Kirkland, WA. **Scott Church (2006)** left Digidesign (Avid) and is now the Director of Product Management at Universal Audio. Scott's desire to connect with the end users of products seems to mesh nicely with UA's customer service-oriented philosophy. **Dave Cohen (2002)** is now a Character TD at Qwrkii, a new game company that will focus on creating fun and experimental casual games. **John Fletcher (1948)** just joined the eNewsletter list and works at Caltrans. **Carl Frytz (2005)** is an Animator at Hydraulic, an award-winning visual effects facility in Santa Monica. **Pat Gillette (2006)** and his wife just welcomed their first child into their lives in June. **Cassia Harries (2008)** works at Zynga as a Concept Artist. **Brian Leitner (2007)** is a Graphic Designer at ClubSport Fremont. **Greg Lima (1999)** had his title changed a few years back to Executive Vice President, Gaming at Global VR. **Rajesh Menon (1993)** is a QA Manager at both eBay and PayPal. **Hoa Nguyen (2003)** joined Sony Computer Entertainment in the San Jose area as an Asset Artist. **Eric Painter (1994)** is a Senior Mechanical Engineer at Vavni, a firm that supplies contract workers to other companies. He is working on teleconferencing products for companies like Cisco and Polycom. **Lyndsay Pearson (2002)** was just promoted from Associate Producer to Producer at Electronic Arts. **Devorah Petty (1998)** is teaching a class at Cogswell this summer in Texturing. She is a freelance texture painter and Look developer. Read **more** about Devorah at her website. **Evan Piercey (1986)** is a Senior Program Manager at Sun Microsystems where he has worked for over 6 years. **Kim Roberts (2001)** is majoring in Cinema Studies at San Francisco State University. She is also married to current Cogswell faculty member and alumnus, **Mike Roberts (2003)**. **Seth Robles (2005)** works at Factory Games as a

2D/3D Artist. **Rick Slagle (1994)** is a Principal Engineer with Infoblox where he is responsible for mechanical design, analysis and regulatory compliance for all existing and new products. **Allen Stetson (1999)** and his wife, Ji Sun, welcomed their second son into their family almost 7 months ago. **Adam Wagner (2004)** left LucasArts and has moved on to join ILM as a Research & Development Engineer.

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