

### *Monthly Spotlight*

#### **Spotlight On: Ron Smith, Cohort #4**

Prior to completing the MSIDT Program, Ron held a Bachelor's Degree in Information Technology from University of Phoenix.

Today, Ron is working for a Chevron, analyzing, designing, implementing and evaluating curriculum for operations and maintenance refinery employees. He credits MSIDT with providing him the fundamental knowledge of using computer systems to deliver blended curriculum. He expresses excitement when he discusses the direction of the training program and their partnership with Coastline Community College. Leveraging the relationships he formed during the MSIDT experience, Ron is now teaching and preparing students for a career in Process Technology at Coastline.

When asked how MSIDT has impacted him professionally, he states that MSIDT has had a huge impact on his ability to develop and manage curriculum projects that use cutting edge technology and learning theory. What he has learned has helped to modernize the design and training practices that were used at his company. Much of the instructional theory they followed was based on Instructor led classroom facilitation. Today, they have restructured their learning program into a blended solution, utilizing the latest methods for adult learning in order to maximize knowledge retention and transfer to the work environment. Ron is a great example of another MSIDT success story!

### *What's New with MSIDTAA?*

#### **Election of 2009-2010 Officers**

In June of 2009, we held our annual elections for the MSIDT alumni association board. The new board met on June 18, 2009 and identified the roles to be filled by each new member.

- *Christy Zuehl, President, Cohort #4*
- *Mark Worden, Vice President of Programs, Cohort #6*
- *Cindy Edwards, Vice President of Chapter Development, Cohort #6*
- *Ann Adams, Vice President of Finance and Accounting, Cohort #5*
- *Yoon Nam, Vice President of Membership, Cohort #4*

Please join us in welcoming our new board! We would like to thank the officers from the 2008-2009 board.

#### **2009 Alumni Association Accomplishments**

We are proud of the many accomplishments achieved this year.

- *Redesigned the MSIDTAA website*
- *Held two webinars and one live speaking event*
- *Introduced the quarterly newsletter*
- *Developed an Officer's Wiki to ensure knowledge transfer*
- *Entered the Social Networking Revolution with CSUF MSIDT Alumni Association groups on Facebook and LinkedIn. Association membership is not required.*



#### **2009 Scholarship Recipients**

We are proud to announce our 2009 scholarship recipients: L'Oreal Baptiste and Bren Martin.

#### **Membership Information**

Visit the MSIDTAA website at:

[www.msidtaa.org](http://www.msidtaa.org)

#### **Stay in Touch!**

Don't forget to stay in touch. If you change your e-mail address, have any interesting news, have something to share, or want to find out any program news, contact us!

[info@msidtaa.org](mailto:info@msidtaa.org)

#### **Programs/University News**

Upcoming CSUF events:

- *Friday, Sept.11: 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Concert Under the Stars*
- *Saturday, Sept. 26: 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Wine Tasting*
- *Saturday, Oct.10: Titan Tribute: Athletics Hall of Fame*
- *Saturday, Jan. 30: Homecoming*

### *2010 MSIDTAA Scholarship*

We need your help. We're looking for organizations who would be willing to contribute to the MSIDTAA Scholarship. We simply ask for contact information for the person at your company or organization (if you are not that decision maker) so that an association member might contact them to inquire as to how to request a contribution.