Celebrating MIT Sloan together

DEAR ALUMNI,

We very much enjoyed seeing so many of you return to campus last May for Alumni Weekend and Building the Future, the celebration of MIT Sloan. A record number of alumni from every MIT Sloan academic program journeyed to Cambridge from across the globe.

Alumni Weekend affirmed much of what we learned from the Alumni Engagement Study completed in 2009: You strongly desire continuous learning opportunities, prefer to learn with one another, and want more direct interaction with the School’s faculty. The packed Back to the Classroom sessions made that clear.

Many of you also returned early to participate in the dedication of our new building and the faculty-driven colloquium, Exchange 62: Now and Next, which marked the occasion. It was gratifying to see the School’s alumni, many of whom made generous gifts in support of the building, walking the halls of E62 and the Joan and William A. Porter 1967 Center for Management Education.

For those of you who were unable to attend Building the Future, we have posted videos of the dedication, the colloquium sessions, and the Alumni Weekend academic sessions online in their entirety, and edited excerpts will soon be available as well. Please visit http://mitsloan.mit.edu/buildingthefuture/ for coverage of all the events and http://mitsloan.mit.edu/buildingthefuture/alumni-weekend for specific coverage of Alumni Weekend. On the Building the Future website, you also will find photo galleries of the events, more information about our new building, and even a self-guided tour of the building that you can download.

This year during Alumni Weekend, we also began what we hope will become a continuing tradition with our alumni: Sloan Stories. We asked some of you to share on video your memories of your time at MIT Sloan and the impact your MIT Sloan education has had on your careers and lives. Next month, we will be sharing these wonderful conversations with all alumni. We hope Sloan Stories will be a highlight of future alumni gatherings as well, and look forward to hearing your stories about MIT Sloan and your lives. Please watch the coming alumni e-newsletters and visit the Alumni Portal to find out when and where you can view your classmates’ videos.

Finally, welcome to the Class of 2011. Congratulations on your achievement. You are now part of a 20,000-plus-strong global network of leaders who are improving the world through principled management practices. That network includes graduates of all MIT Sloan programs. And, of course, you are also part of a larger alumni community that includes all graduates of MIT.

But the MIT Sloan alumni network also includes graduates of each of the School’s partners in the International MBA program—Fudan University in Shanghai; Lingnan (University) College in Guangzhou; Tsinghua University in Beijing; SKK Graduate School of Business at Sungkyunkwan University in Seoul; and Universidade Católica Portuguesa and Universidade Nova de Lisboa in Lisbon. Congratulations to those recent graduates as well.

We encourage all of you—from the MIT Sloan Class of 2011 to all of the graduating classes that came before them—to join your local MIT Sloan or MIT alumni club, watch for and attend alumni events, and remain connected to MIT Sloan. We look forward to seeing you again soon.

Best regards,

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