

Student Link

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SEW at Apple

We had a successful Student Enterprise Workshop (SEW) event at Apple's EMEA (Europe, Middle East, India and Africa) headquarters in London on the 2nd Nov 2010. The evening started with a complimentary reception from Apple surrounded by the latest Apple widgets (yes, there was a piano, a guitar, a few iPads, and of course iPhone 4).

The reception was followed by an opening and thank you note from the Dean of the Faculty Prof. Dominic Palmer-Brown. The keynote speaker and the business development manager,



Alan Rosenfeld (pictured) outlined the creative media revolution at Apple, demonstrated Apple's vision for innovation, the new phenomenon of iAd and the age of Convergence. He generously gave away the top 10 rules of App development that Apple Engineers follow and encouraged our students to do the same. It turned out to be a highly interactive and informative discussion for our students who actively participated in the Q&A session.

A number of complimentary emails have been received from students since the event: "I really enjoyed this event, and I would love to take part in more events like this", "Thank you very much for telling me about the Student Enterprise Workshop (Apple). I went there yesterday (2nd Nov) and it was really amazing. When will the next workshop be held?", "I wanted to take the opportunity to say



thank you very much, that you made the effort to give us the chance to be in the HQ of Apple. I enjoyed it very much; I learned a lot from Alan's presentation especially about the company Apple.", "It was an excellent event". **Remember next SEW on 9 Dec, TG-30 at 5pm with speakers from IBM!**

They Got the Jobs... Hurray! Happy Days for Three MSc Mobile Computing Postgraduates!

Red Button Technology Company, has just recruited three of our MSc Mobile Computing students - Gayathri Muthukrishnan, Vikram Sahai and Kwamena Bannerman - to join their mobile app development team. What good news! Vikram has just released his first commercial Android app "Radio Academy" for the company. Gayathri is releasing the same app but on the iPhone platform on the Apple app store. Kwamena is releasing his iPhone app on the "London Cycle Hire Scheme" on the Apple app store. The faculty congratulates them on securing these jobs and wish them all successful futures!

<http://www.redbuttontechnology.com/>

FoC Student Awards for Academic Excellence

FoC celebrates its student success through cash prizes. Listed below are the winners for Academic Year 2009/10.

FoC Prizes	Student Name
Best PG MM Project	Crystal Cooper
Best PG MM Student	Aneetta Chatlani
Best UG MM Project	Mohamad Hassan Awada Laurent Le Mettez Michel Gutierrez
Best UG MM Student	Garvey Harris Raza Hussain
Best UG MA Student	Mihaela Zgripcea
Best UG MA Project	Apostolos Papazoglou Maria Chatzi
Janet Baker Self Prize	Moinza N'tula
IMA Prize	Mihaela Zgripcea Rakhal Rishta
Best PG CS Student	Anuik Farid
Best PG CS Project	Angeliki Parianou
Best UG CS Project	Oluwatobiloba Black
Best UG CS Student	Miranbeg Suhran Chandra Lekha Kalwa Vaseetharan Sivarajah Chidinma Nwagbara
Best UG CT Student	
Best UG CT Project	Seyed Reza Mirfayzi
FoC Best Student Award	Mihaela Zgripcea

Good at IT? Benefit from Volunteering!

Volunteers needed in North London to deliver free Computer help for disabled people in the following postcodes: N1-N21, NW1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 11. If you are good with computers, they need you! To apply, visit the website at: <http://www.itcanhelp.org.uk/>

Free Microsoft Software

FoC students should have received an email entitled "MSDNAA:E-academy License Management System (ELMS)". Please log into your University account and check your inbox (or junk folder). This is an important email which gives you access to Microsoft software under the MSDN AA. Your ELMS URL is:

<http://snipurl.com/londonmetmsdn>

Username and password, and instructions are in the email. Please note that you should only use this software for educational purposes and for your own use only. We cannot issue duplicate / multiple product IDs. Enjoy the free software!

Get Paid by Playing Computer Games!

Emily Collins a PhD Student at Goldsmiths, is looking into the positive outcomes of video game play. She is currently recruiting participants for two studies.

1) You will need to complete a 20 minutes about personality and video game play that enters you into a prize draw for £100!

http://snipurl.com/games_survey

2) You will be paid £5 for doing a few computer tasks. For further details, please contact Emily Collins at e.collins@gold.ac.uk or telephone 020 7919 7508.

Credit Suisse IT Challenge Take the Credit Suisse IT Challenge and you could win a truly outstanding prize from an iPad, to a BlackBerry, to a £400 Amazon voucher. To register, visit: http://snipurl.com/credit_suisse_it_challenge

StARs Meeting with the Dean

Last Thursday, StARs from courses across the Faculty met with the Dean, course leaders and other staff, who answered questions and listened to issues being raised. These included the need for more societies and social events. The Faculty has agreed to support the new student-led Maths Society and encourages students to get involved in events such as the SEWs.

Other concerns included provision of software, (the free Microsoft service was cited as an example of how the Faculty can offer this support) and the recording of lectures. Students were advised that they must seek permission to record a lecture and not to distribute it.

A list of the faculty's current StARs can be found on the FoC webpage at: http://snipurl.com/foc_stars

On-line 09/10 Course Committee Minutes

FoC Course committee minutes are available at <https://learning.londonmet.ac.uk/computing/ccminutes.html> 10/11 minutes will be published shortly.

Placements / Internships / Work Experience Opportunities - Get Inspired by Some of Our Success Stories!

Intel: Student on long work placement at Intel, David Mahony has been offered a contract! David is very glad that he took the work placement module as part of his study. You may like to follow his steps by applying for the Intel full-time Network Software Engineer Student Internship (Job Number: 584270) at: <http://www.intel.com/jobs/>

NATS Engineering Industrial Placements:

NATS are accepting applications from students for 12 month placements, commencing in July 2011. Deadline to submit applications is 31st December 2010. For more information, visit their website at:

http://snipurl.com/nats_industrial_workplacements

The Student Associates Scheme (SAS)

SAS is funded by the Training and Development Agency (TDA) and gives students in higher education the opportunity to gain valuable experience working in a school whilst pursuing your course of study. To find out further details go to:

http://snipurl.com/student_associates_scheme

Alumni Success: Philip Omigie, BSc Computer Science honours student has now spent two years at Logica. He originally obtained a post as a junior programmer three months after graduating, then successfully got through a number of interviews and was promoted to a more senior post this summer.

Win £300 and have your work published!

Visit http://snipurl.com/hea_essay_competition for more details. Last date for entries is 31/03/2011.