



Michael Maltzan

Commencement and Master of Architecture celebrations

Michael Maltzan, FAIA, design principal for Michael Maltzan Architecture, began his architectural journey at Wentworth. He returned to campus for a weekend of celebrations centered around May Commencement and the hooding of the Institute's first graduate-level students to earn a Master of Architecture (M.Arch.) degree.

Maltzan, together with colleague and long-standing friend Nader Tehrani of Boston-based architecture firm Office dA, held an informal discussion with M.Arch. students and faculty on Saturday afternoon preceding a student exhibit and reception in the newly renovated architecture studios. Associate Professor Elizabeth Gibb said the conversations were so engaging and personal that it seemed as though they were in someone's living room rather than an auditorium. Maltzan broke the ice by reminiscing about how, as a new graduate working at Schwartz Silver, his desk was in front of Ann Pitt's, who would look over his shoulder and sigh when his drawings were not

up to her standard. Realizing that Pitt is now an assistant professor at Wentworth, Maltzan said he has a clear understanding of the high expectations that students have to uphold.

Thesis posters from the 84 graduating M.Arch. students were on display in the studios, along with 24 top designs selected for the event. Maltzan was impressed by the quality of the work and found the energy level and enthusiasm of the students to be remarkable. He spent time listening to students discuss their theses and engaging them in discussions.

During his inspirational commencement address on Sunday, Maltzan encouraged graduates to explore entrepreneurial opportunities and to forge the kind of work and company that they wanted to enter into. He offered advice to students about the importance of ambition and persistence, trusting intuition, remaining curious, and developing a deep commitment to experiences.

STREET LEVEL PLAN



UNDERGROUND LEVEL PLAN



Looking Down the Track

Sapir Ng wins SHIFTBoston award

When switching trains at the Massachusetts Bay Transportation Authority (MBTA) Boylston Station, Sapir Ng, ARC '98, would look at the seemingly abandoned tunnel and wonder what exactly it was. When he heard about an ideas competition for innovative urban planning, sponsored by SHIFTBoston, his imagination went to work. He and colleague Andrzej Zarzycki designed a use for the space.

Their Tremont Underground Theater Space (TUTS) would transform an original section of the oldest subway system in the country into an interactive social environment. The space would include digital art galleries, exhibition spaces, and experiential theaters. Neither Ng nor

Zarzycki thought their idea would ever become reality, yet since the award, support for the project from city councilors, train enthusiasts, and others has been overwhelming.

The plan is to build in stages. First would be an exhibition for MBTA machinery, which could be constructed quickly and would be relatively inexpensive. Farther down the track, a gallery and a theater would be developed. This would require substantial funding and take more time, on par with the Highline in New York City, which took ten years to build.

“Many people view Boston as a conservative city, and in a sense, it may be,” says Ng. “But if you look at a map, you will see it is progressive. The Public Gardens and the library, at the time they were built, were one of a kind, free knowledge, and free land for all the citizens. We wanted to revitalize this historic landmark of Boston and transform it to the 21st century.”

For more information, go to www.the-tuts.org.



Andrzej Zarzycki (left) and Sapir Ng (right), ARC '98

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Wentworth's Concrete Canoe weighs **475** pounds, and it still floats! **6** a.m. is the time the crew team leaves the West

WENTWORTH INTRODUCES SECOND GRADUATE-LEVEL PROGRAM

Master of Science in Construction Management

The Institute is proud to announce that it has received accreditation for a Master of Science in Construction Management (MSCM). Classes start this fall. "The program is designed to be the top professional degree program for graduate construction management in New England," said Dr. Craig Capano, department head for civil, construction, and environment. "It addresses industry needs and represents a natural progression from our undergraduate construction management program. Graduates will possess the knowledge and skills needed to advance careers and successfully function in middle- and upper-level management positions in the construction industry." For more information about the MSCM program, go to www.wit.edu/mscm.

RALPH NADER LECTURE

Former Presidential Candidate Speaks on Campus

Members of the Wentworth community and representatives from other Colleges of the Fenway attended a presentation by Ralph Nader titled *Public Citizenship, Ethics, and Engineering*. The four-time presidential candidate discussed his early career and his leadership role in improving motor vehicle safety standards and other federal standards. He challenged the audience to engage in technical debates in the classroom and to maintain a high level of curiosity in their professions.

Regarding concerns about censorship and professional ethics, Nader encouraged reflection on the question, "Do I bring my professional conscience to work every day or do I follow orders?"

The lecture was followed by a signing of his recent book *Only the Super-Rich Can Save Us!*



Wentworth Students

Attend Clinton Global Initiative University Conference

The Clinton Global Initiative, established by former President Bill Clinton, brings together world leaders to devise and implement innovative solutions to global challenges. In 2007, this program was extended to include universities and students in an effort to engage the next generation of leaders.

The Clinton Global Initiative University (CGI U) hosts an annual meeting for students, youth groups, and university officials who share a common objective to take action and make a difference in CGI U's five focus areas: education, environment and climate change, peace and human rights, poverty alleviation, and public health.

President Zorica Pantić, together with Geoffrey Barber, BCOS '11; Megan Dobstaff, BINT '10; Marie Powers, BSM '11; Kayla MacGregor, BMET '11 (pictured above left to right), joined more than 1,300 student leaders from 83 nations and all 50 states at this year's conference in Miami, Fla.

The meeting showcased students who are making commitments to and developing an action plan for addressing a critical challenge on their campus, in their community, or in other parts of the globe. "Here we are in Boston, doing what we can to improve local issues, not realizing that all over the world other college students are working to solve their own issues," said Powers.

Lot to row on the Charles River. **18,357** total miles (approx.) traveled by our student athletes each year.

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Industry Comes to Campus

Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) Conference

Wentworth sponsored the Associated Schools of Construction (ASC) 46th Annual International Conference, *Building a Global Vision*. The four-day conference focused on collaboration among industry, educational institutions, and community partners. Presenters shared their visions about what is needed to educate construction professionals on the innovations taking place in the industry. The event ran from April 7–10 and welcomed over 250 industry professionals.

Among the attendees were former Massachusetts governor Michael Dukakis and Greg Bialecki, secretary of housing and economic development. Mr. Dukakis was the keynote speaker on Friday; he discussed effective public transportation. Frederick A. Laskey, executive director of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA), was the keynote speaker at the awards dinner.

The conference featured several workshops and panel discussions, including *The Big Dig: So What Now?* which focused on the new directions for and

challenges of rebuilding the transportation infrastructure and Boston post-Big Dig.

American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Conference

Engineering educators, industry professionals, and students gathered at Wentworth from May 7–8 for the American Society for Engineering Education (ASEE) Northeast Section Conference 2010. The theme was engineering education for the “digital generation.” It focused on how this generation is affecting the academic community—and how to embrace it.

Dr. Woodie Flowers, Pappalardo Professor of Mechanical Engineering, Emeritus at Massachusetts Institute of Technology, delivered the keynote address. During the remainder of the conference, the approximately 200 attendees went to professional workshops, presentations, and discussions. More than 85 papers, including 18 student papers, were presented, as well as 45 student posters and 25 workshops. Sandeep Dilwali, associate professor, electronics and mechanical, was the program chair.



SCHOLARSHIP APPRECIATION RECEPTION

Showing Gratitude to Donors

In the last year, Wentworth has raised \$150,000 for academic scholarships and established four new scholarships for students. An April 4 reception celebrated the generosity of donors.

Annamaria Wenner, associate vice president for student affairs and dean of students, spoke on behalf of the Institute. “I am so honored to be here this afternoon, to stand in front of a room filled with such a spirit of philanthropy,” said Wenner. “Your contribution to scholarships for our students

demonstrates the need to invest in the potential of others. I am proud to report that you are receiving an incredibly high rate of return on your investment.”

Scholarship recipients Bethany Oxford, BCMT ’11, and Vinnie Rodriguez, BSM ’10, spoke about the value of their education and their gratitude toward the donors. “Instead of having to find a part-time job to pay for college, I am able to focus on my studies and my extracurricular activities. Being involved on campus is a very important part of my college experience,” said Oxford.

Rodriguez recently participated in a service trip to Peru. In his time there, the value of giving back made him think more about the opportunities financial aid has afforded him over the years. “During the trip,” he said, “we were able to invest in the people of Peru—in their education, technology, economy, and personal growth—just as people have invested in mine.”



Tower 12, Tikrit, Iraq

IRAQ: THE SOLDIER'S VIEW

How Art and Literature are Helping Veterans Cope

Iraq War veterans and college students James O'Neill and Michael Anthony visited campus to speak with students about their combat experiences and how they are using art and literature to cope in the aftermath.

O'Neill is a graduate student at the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, and his artwork, which reflects on his time at war, was on display in Wentworth's Casella Gallery.

Anthony, who is pursuing a bachelor's degree in creative writing at Bridgewater State College, shared an excerpt from his book *Mass Casualties*, which chronicled his year in Iraq as an operating room medic.

The veterans also answered questions from the audience of nearly 300, representing the Wentworth community, the School of the Museum of Fine Arts, Massachusetts College of Art and Design, veterans, and the general public.

Athletics Highlights



Richard Orr Photography

Skylur Jameson, BMET '12

The men's hockey team finished the regular season as champions of the Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) Northeast Hockey Conference. Sophomore forward **Skylur Jameson, BMET '12**, was named the ECAC Northeast Player of the Year and First Team All-ECAC Northeast. **Jeff Olitch, BCET '10**, and **Shaun Jameson, BSM '13**, also joined Skylur Jameson as First Team All-ECAC Northeast selections.

The Commonwealth Coast Conference (TCCC) recognized several members of the men's and women's basketball teams for their outstanding seasons.

On the men's team, **Sam Herrick, BSM '12**, was named to the First Team, while seniors **Matt Abbott, BCET '10**, and **Shane West, BCET '10**, were named to the Second Team. Additionally, head coach **Tom Devitt** was voted TCCC Coach of the Year by his peers for the second time in four seasons.

On the women's team, **Michelle Fauci, BSM '10**, was named the league's defensive Player of the Year and Second Team All-TCCC. Junior **Kirsten Vallone, BCET '12**, was also a Second Team All-TCCC selection.