

News from IADT-Seattle

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mark Your Calendars!

June 4, 2010 - Project Red Dress. Purchase tickets today at www.projectreddress.com

June 5, 2010 - from 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

[Nick Verreos](#) returns to IADT-Seattle on Saturday. Nick will conduct a special workshop presentation and is **FREE** to attend.



Nick Verreos

Nick received national and international attention after appearing on "**Project Runway**" and has since enjoyed success as a red carpet fashion expert on E! Entertainment, TV Guide Network and SoapNet. Nick has also appeared on MTV's "The Hills", WB's "Crowned" and "Project Runway Canada" and is a "Glam Squad Stylist" on MSN.com's "Style Studio." Under his label **NIKOLAKI**, Verreos and his partner David Paul have designed gowns worn by Heidi Klum, Eva Longoria, Carrie Ann Inaba, Haylie Duff and comedian Kathy Griffin, as well as the gown that Marlee Matlin wore to the 2008 Academy Awards. Their collection has been carried in over 100 stores including Nordstrom, Henri Bendel and Fred Segal.

RSVPs are required. E-mail lnielsen@iadtseattle.com or call 866.903.4238 and ask to speak to a Representative.

June 29th, 30th and July 1st, 2010 - Senior Portfolio Reviews. Would you like to participate on the review panel? Contact: careersvs@iadtseattle.com to volunteer.

July 9, 2010, 7:00 p.m. - Graduation Ceremony / Tacoma's Landmark Convention Center.

September 17, 2010 - Imagine! Annual fashion show - more information and sponsorship information will follow.

Khaled Sakalla joins IADT-Seattle as campus president!

Sakalla is a seasoned professional with more than 20 years of progressive management experience, 15 of those being education. He began working in education as a computer drafting and design instructor in Knoxville, Tennessee at a local technical college. Sakalla subsequently held a number of leadership positions at the school, culminating in his promotion to dean of academic affairs of their Nashville campus in 2000. He held this role until he joined the IADT-Nashville's start-up team in 2004, as vice president of academic affairs.

Sakalla was an integral part of the Nashville campus and led the team to high retention rates and student satisfaction scores. His unrelenting commitment to serving students was crucial in achieving these results. He was also extremely active in the Nashville community, having been appointed by the Mayor of Nashville to serve as a commissioner with the Metro Nashville Human Relations Commission. Sakalla also served on the Nashville Area Chamber of Commerce Education Report Card committee from 2007 - 2010. The purpose of the Education Report Card Committee was to study the public school system in Nashville and to make recommendations to improve high school graduation rates and how to make students better be prepared for college. Career Education Corporation's Tom McNamara notes, "I first met Khaled in 2004, and was immediately impressed by how passionately he spoke about our students and faculty. He has maintained that passion for his work and developed into an exceptional leader. I look forward immensely to working closely with him in the coming months."



President Sakalla

Khaled holds both a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Engineering from the University of Tennessee, where he also completed 27 semester hours towards a PhD program. Sakalla notes, "A college degree is a powerful tool for life. It never expires. My wife Mona and our five children are delighted to be part of the Seattle community, we are eager to begin helping students achieve their dreams".



Jared Nofle

WELCOME JARED NOFLE TO THE GAME PRODUCTION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2010 - 2012 Advisory Committees are forming.

IADT-Seattle is pleased to announce the addition of Jared Nofle, technical director and co-founder of Redmond, Washington-based [Airtight Games](#) to the 2010 Program Advisory Committee.

Nofle started his career in videogames at Radical Entertainment in Vancouver, B.C. before moving on to Midway Games in Chicago, working on sports franchises like NFL Blitz and MLB Slugfest. After Midway, he joined the Crimson Skies team at Microsoft Games Studios, where he met and subsequently teamed up with some game industry veterans to form Airtight Games in 2004. Welcome Jared!

Interested in partnering with IADT-Seattle? Contact: Laura Nielsen, Director of Career Services for more information. lnielsen@iadtseattle.com

IADT-Seattle students are finding success as entrepreneurs!

Two fashion design graduates not only received high marks in the classroom but are also running successful independent businesses.

Cathy Kalepo is living her dream - owning and managing her own fashion design business, Likas Organic Designs. [Likas Organic Designs](#)



Cathy Kalepo

But Likas is just not any design company; it is a green business with the slogan "Uniting Style & Sustainability." The name Likas is derived from the tagalog word meaning 'produced by nature or belonging to nature.'

Kalepo earned her Associate of Applied Science degree in fashion design in 2007 from IADT Seattle. Following school, she got started in the fashion world by working for a number of fashion companies over the course of a few years. However, her life took a unique turn when her passion to run her own business pushed her to go out on her own. Inspired by an environmental class, she created Likas.

Kalepo started Likas in October 2009 by designing organic T-shirts for children using organic fabrics, particularly conventional cotton. Kalepo creates unique and artistic designs to place on the T-shirts, which she has made locally. Her desire to be green keeps her using only organic products for everything including the shirt tags, which are made from post-consumer recycled paper. Her company is a member of Green America Business Network, and by adhering to such standards, she hopes to make a difference and set an example for other companies.

Kalepo set big goals for this year. She hopes to hit a financial milestone and make the most of her participation in an upcoming New York City trade show where her designs will be on display for potential buyers. From there, the sky is the limit for this passionate, green, IADT-Seattle designer.



Olga Earle

As a little girl growing up in Belarus, a republic bordering Russia, Olga Earle dreamed of wearing gorgeous dresses made from beautiful fabrics, but the \$250 per month that her mother brought home from her job as a construction engineer did not cover extravagant clothing - so she improvised.

Earle's grandmother gave her 20-year-old sister a sewing machine and taking her sister's hand-me-downs, she went to work crafting her own clothes, experimenting and learning along the way. By age 10, she was the primary seamstress for herself and her family.

"I loved to take my older sister's clothing and reconstruct it, making original designs that suited my aesthetic," said Earle. "Even so, I was a practical girl and studied biology and chemistry in school, planning to become a doctor. However, when I had the opportunity to come to the United States five years ago, once again my desire to create beautiful fashions was a possibility. This program, and the chance to create my own original designs, is a dream come true for me."

Earle, a 2010 graduate with a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in fashion design, is a detail-oriented perfectionist and embraces a very European sense of style. Her work has been recognized in the fashion community, including by the Seattle Coffee Competition. Earle received the Best Everyday Wear Winning Garment award with her offering made of fully recyclable coffee related materials.

This past year, in IADT's IMAGINE 2009 fashion show, her club-wear collection was chosen Best of Show.

With the backing and support of family, Earle opened [La Belle Reve](#) in 2007, a full service bridal store in Bellevue. Earle's establishment is both a retail outlet for ready-to-wear wedding gowns, and attendant's formal wear as well as a boutique for custom wedding attire designed by Earle. Currently, she has five employees. Earle has experienced every aspect of fashion design, manufacturing and merchandising. She's also a trained style consultant and enjoys the one-on-one contact in personal style assisting.

About The International Academy of Design & Technology - Seattle

The International Academy of Design & Technology provides educational programs that are designed to prepare students for professional opportunities and career success in select design and technology fields. The Seattle campus, which opened in 2004, offers a variety of Associate of Applied Science and Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in fashion design, interior design, graphic production, digital media production, fashion merchandising and game production. Both credential levels are not available for all programs. IADT-Seattle is accredited by the Accrediting Council for Independent Colleges and Schools to award associate's degrees and bachelor's degrees. IADT-Seattle does not guarantee employment or salary and is a member of the Career Education Corporation (NASDAQ:CECO) network of universities, colleges and schools. For more information on IADT-Seattle visit www.iadtseattle.com.