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Welcome back! If you have already started your school year, we at [IIDA](#) hope that your classes and extra curricular activities have started off with a bang; and we wish you the best of luck in reaching all your goals this school year.

In this issue of *Custom* we are excited to share what we have been working on this summer in order to prepare for all of our exciting student programming! Before I go any further, for those of you who are new to IIDA, I want to share some more information regarding *Custom*.

***Custom* is our quarterly e-newsletter, which is sent exclusively to our Student Members.** This is a forum for our students to learn about what Campus Centers across the country are doing, as well as for students to gain valuable insight into the profession. If you have articles or news you would like to submit, you can do so by sending them to me at ckoskosky@iida.org

Additionally, you can find immediate updates, applications and student news at the "Especially for Students" page on our website. [Click here](#) to visit that page now.

Finally, as you continue to explore your Student Member benefits, do not forget our online [Career Center](#) where you can post your resume and search for jobs and internships.

Have a safe and successful school year!

Sincerely,
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Student Task Force: Call for Applicants

IIDA Student Members who aspire to take their leadership skills to the next level are encouraged to apply to be a member of the IIDA Student Task Force. The Student Task Force is comprised of no more than six IIDA Student Members who will serve as a resource for IIDA Headquarters. Students will be expected to commit one hour a month to the Student Task Force and be available at 11:00 a.m. CST for all conference calls.

Students last year gave feedback on possible webinar ideas, Campus

Centers, NeoCon Student Day events and even assisted with the execution of NeoCon Student Day 2008.

For an application and more information [click here](#). **Applications will only be accepted until September 31st.**

IIDA Membership Renewal

Don't forget to renew your IIDA membership for the 2008-2009 school year. Student membership runs on an academic calendar (September 1st through August 31st). In order to take full advantage of all of your member benefits, be sure to renew now. [Click here to renew online](#).

Campus Center Renewal

Additionally, IIDA Campus Centers should renew by October 1st of every year. New *and* existing Campus Centers will need to [fill out the application here](#) in order to be officially recognized by IIDA. Campus Centers are design-aligned clubs that work closely with the professional Chapter within their state or region. Campus Centers help organize firm tours, portfolio reviews and networking events. We would love to add your school to our growing list of Campus Centers. To confirm if your school has submitted paperwork, contact Christa Koskosky at ckoskosky@iida.org.

Don't Miss: 7th Annual Student Mentoring Week Dates Announced



Actually, this may be old news to those of you who read the last issue of Custom, but as a friendly reminder we are excited to (re)announce the dates of the 7th Annual Student Mentoring Week.

The 7th Annual IIDA Student Mentoring Week 2009 will be held February 2-6, and applications will be available this fall at the Especially for Students webpage [found here](#).

Applications will be made available beginning Monday, October 20th.

This year, Student Mentoring Week will be available only to IIDA Student Members. Student Mentoring Week is one of our most valued IIDA programs, which is why we encourage students to submit their application as soon as possible. Students will be paired with a professional in their area of design interest for one day during the week of February 2nd. Students will shadow this professional and then have

an opportunity to relay their experience as part of the [Lloy Hack Memorial Scholarship](#).

Remember, pairing is done on a first come, first served basis, so send in your application as early as possible!

Don't Miss: Two New Forums

When applying for IIDA membership, you have the option of joining Forums, which usually correlate with your design area of interest or practice. **IIDA Forums offer a venue for discussion and dissemination of information on trends, problem-solving strategies and perspectives on current or developing areas of design practice.** This year, we have added two new Forums:

- **Knowledge Forum:** The Knowledge Forum advances the interior design profession by promoting education, awareness and the value of good design through excellence in undergraduate, graduate, continuing education and professional development initiatives.
- **The Institutional Forum:** This Forum enhances the quality, health, and welfare of interior design in facilities which represent an established organization of a public character. These project types can represent publicly or privately funded projects (other than those represented by the government).

[Click here to visit our Forum webpage.](#) Here you will learn more about all of the Forums and which ones might be best suited for you.

Announcements: NeoCon East Student Day and Northland Chapter Portfolio Review

NeoCon East: Why Your Design Degree May not be Enough.

As a student who will be entering the work force soon, how will you set yourself apart from your competitors? A panel of IIDA Members will discuss the importance of pursuing post-undergraduate opportunities such as the NCIDQ exam, higher education degrees and LEED accreditation that can help you stand out from the crowd. Learn how IIDA will prepare you for these important steps in your interior design career.

The program will be held Thursday, October 30th from 2-3 p.m. at the Baltimore Convention Center. For more information regarding student day and [NeoCon East](#), please [click here](#).

Northland Chapter: Harold Linton Interior Design Portfolio Program

Planning an interior design portfolio and how to bring about professional results from the first to the last page is a challenge. **Come join Harold Linton as he shares his creativity and vast knowledge of this**

challenge and how to create exciting and innovative designs for your individual design portfolio. We invite you to come to the FREE lecture on Friday night, October 3, 2008 at the University of Minnesota, McNeal Hall, St. Paul campus. Students are also encouraged to sign up for the all day, hands on workshop on Saturday, October 4, 2008 also at the University of Minnesota but at Rapson Hall on the Minneapolis campus.

Linton is the author of 14 books on architecture, design, drawing, marketing and color. He has been a visiting lecturer at over 100 colleges and universities. He currently is the chairman of the Department of Art and Visual Technology at George Madison University in Fairfax, VA.

This event is a joint venture with IIDA Northland Chapter, ASID Minnesota Chapter and the University of Minnesota. For more information go to www.iida-northland.org.

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