Students Graduate from CDIA at Boston University

Students from five digital arts programs received certificates at the Center for Digital Imaging Arts at Boston University's commencement ceremony.

Waltham, MA: January 17, 2009 — Full- and part-time students in five programs graduated from the Waltham campus of the <u>Center for Digital Imaging Arts at Boston University</u> (CDIA) on Saturday. The 75 students were honored with certificates and exhibition of their best work.

Graduation festivities began on Friday, with presentations of student work throughout the CDIA campus. Photography students displayed their photos in the main gallery at 274 Moody Street in Waltham, while a screening of Digital Filmmaking students' projects was held at the Embassy Cinema. The gallery also included work from practicum students and a multi-platform presentation of student accomplishments in Graphic & Web Design, 3D Animation and Audio Production.

Saturday's commencement ceremony, held at 11 a.m. at the Embassy Cinema, began with welcoming remarks from CDIA Executive Director Bob Daniels, who spoke about the history and evolution of technology through the centuries and the current challenges and benefits of such rapid development.

The commencement address followed Daniels' remarks. Keynote speaker Mary Chiochios, a veteran of the film and television industries, now works as Director of Operations at the Massachusetts Film Office. Chiochios' address focused on both the local film opportunities being created in Massachusetts, as well as her own experiences and the valuable insights she has gained over the course of her career.

Following Chiochios' speech, certificates were presented to the graduating students in each program. Photography student Katherine Castro received the Brandon Hom Award, representing outstanding effort, enthusiasm and commitment to the school. Campus Director Norm Brzycki delivered brief closing remarks to end the ceremony. A reception for the new graduates followed at CDIA.

About CDIA:

The Center for Digital Imaging Arts at Boston University offers intensive, hands-on training in **Digital Filmmaking**, **Photography**, **3D Animation**, **Graphic & Web Design**, **Audio Production** and **Web Development**. Full- and part-time certificate programs are available at state-of-the-art campuses in Waltham, MA and Washington, DC. Financial assistance and career services are available.

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