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Dear LC24 Graduates,

Congratulations one and all for this achievement. It is an accomplishment worthy of recognition and will open doors with keys as yet imagined.

As 2015 marks the beginning of our 20th year offering this degree, I want to take a few moments to share some of our history. In a recent interview I was asked about TIES' accomplishments and I thought you might like to hear my response:

TIES had its beginnings in 1988. We began offering the Masters programs in Integrative Learning and Montessori Integrative Learning in 1996 and have served 400 students and graduates in 42 countries. .

We have assembled an exceptional professional faculty who are renaissance mentors and understand the true meaning of dialogue.

We were instrumental in the creation of the [Global Alliance for Transforming Education](#) (1989): a network of holistic education organizations throughout the world.

We conducted five Montessori teacher-training courses: Atlanta, Georgia (1989). Oslo, Norway (1990-91), Vancouver Canada (1991-92), Christchurch and Wellington (2003 and 2006), New Zealand.

We developed the instructional mobile mind map material: "[Our Planet, Our Home](#)."

We also created the video, [An Introduction to Montessori's Radical Education](#)

TIES produced three virtual conference: Learning Millennium (2000); The Great Work (2003); and Evolving the Radical Nature of Montessori Education (2007). And in the Summer of 2015 we will launch an online course in integrative nutrition titled [Food-Being](#).

We developed another instructional material "At Home in the Cosmos." These "hands-on" stories describe the evolution of the Universe from the first microsecond to present time.

In 2006 TIES was nominated for an International Montessori Peace award by students and graduates of the program.

As of 2015 we have approved twelve Montessori teacher training organization as our partners for

joint enrollment. They are located in Austria, Canada, China, the USA (California, Colorado, Montana, New York, Nevada, New Jersey, South Carolina, Texas).

During the 2014-2015 academic year we created the TIES Living Journal, a compilation of excerpts from students and graduates that identifies their lived experiences during their studies and after graduation.

Since 1988 we have presented our work in 45 countries, giving lectures and seminars on an integrative, transformative view of traditional and Montessori education.

Our physical home is now in Portland, Oregon, where later this year we will open the Centre for Integrative Living - a place for real time workshops and symposia focused on cultivating a new Earth community. This is reflected in TIES new offering: [Cosmos, Gaia and Eros: Inner-Leadership for the Rise of a New Earth Community](#).

We continually receive correspondence from graduates describing the ripple effects of their studies at TIES and how it helped move/expand their great work. For example, Laurie Asperas Valayer, who was elected as an official in a small village in France and went on to create an ecological footprint by regionally introducing permaculture gardening. And Jeff Cummings who was recently appointed as President of a small rural community college and wants to change the culture to view teaching and learning through a systems perspective. We look forward to hearing from you as the years go by.

This is the broader scope of our work.

All good things in all good time,

Philip

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