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Dear Alumni,

Greetings from Alliant!

With the school year coming to a close, are you planning your next steps toward becoming the best teacher you can be? In this time of budget cuts and teacher salary reductions, how can you rise to a higher level on your District's salary schedule?

A Master of Arts degree from the Shirley M. Hufstедler School of Education at Alliant can help you meet your career goals. And as a graduate of the credential program, you may have already completed 40% of the required coursework for a Master of Arts degree!

An MAE (Master of Arts with an emphasis on Education) opens many doors-it will help you improve your teaching practice while raising your salary grade eligibility. The cost of the MAE can quickly pay for itself through the salary increases typically afforded to teachers with an advanced degree. Additionally, you become eligible to teach in a junior or community college, and it is an essential resume item for senior roles such as district or central school administration, or educational advisor and consultant.

The MAE course of study at Alliant is specifically designed for classroom teachers who wish to advance their teaching skills and abilities. The program courses are taught by professionals who are closely tied to the field, highly qualified, and who share a passion for teaching and learning.

The MAE program is offered 100% online; you may complete assignments at your convenience - at any hour, day or night. That said, you are still part of a class and can enjoy the benefits of collaboration and interaction with your peers. You will meet your cohort and me, the Systemwide Program Director, face-to-face before the first day of class.

Some of the most common questions asked about the MAE degree program are:

When will the MAE program begin?

Courses for Summer 2010 begin on June 7th. Start the [admissions](#) process now to be admitted to the program, registered for classes, and begin your degree work.

How long will it take me to finish the online MAE degree?

Begin Summer semester 2010 and complete the degree by Spring 2011.

Most former ECO students can get a MAE with total of 18 additional units. The length of the program depends on how many courses you enroll in each semester. Register for two 3-unit courses per semester and *graduate in May 2011*.

How much do the courses cost?

Tuition for online courses is the same as for on-campus courses, which is \$540/unit for Summer 2010 and

\$560/unit beginning Fall 2010. Some fees, such as the Parking fee, are waived, and textbooks are an additional expense. Visit the [Alliant International University website](#) for information on fees and payment.

What student services are available online?

[Admissions](#), [financial aid](#), academic advisement, registration, and textbook purchases may all be completed online.

Will I have an Academic Advisor?

Yes, your Academic Adviser will be responsible for communicating the program requirements and helping you through the registration process.

* To view the additional courses required, see pages 142-3 of the [online catalog](#) or contact the individuals below.

Apply Now!

Summer Semester Begins June 7th.

To begin the enrollment process or if you have questions, please contact:

Admissions & Registration for students closest to San Francisco, Los Angeles and Sacramento	Admissions for students closest to San Diego	Academic/Program Questions
Lisa Delmar-Edmonds Coordinator Admissions & Registration (415) 955-2138 ledmonds@alliant.edu	Kara Janowsky Director Recruitment & Student Services (858) 635-4442 kjanowsky@alliant.edu	Dr. Jerold Miller Systemwide & International Director of MA Programs (858) 635-4724 jmiller@alliant.edu

I look forward to the opportunity to work with you.

Sincerely,
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MAE BENEFITS AT A GLANCE:

FAST: Start June 7th and complete your degree by May 2011

CONVENIENT: All courses are 100% online

AFFORDABLE: Competitive tuition. Financial aid available

ACCESSIBLE: Advanced computer skills are not required. Your home computer, Internet access, and basic software programs are all you need.

PRACTICAL: Specifically designed for classroom teachers who wish to advance their teaching skills and increase their salary

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