

CLUBS & ORGANIZATIONS:

A FOCAL POINT FILM:

The mission of A Focal Point Film is to develop a networking environment for people to come interact with each other, and to work together to develop different varieties of films. We are here to support and to be a foundation for people who have ideas and stories that they would like to develop into a digital media art form. As a group, we aspire to give students the opportunity to come and get a learning experience of how a film environment operates, and also to give a place where students and their work can grow. The sponsor of this club is Thomasid Rolls, Chair of Digital Filmmaking & Video Production.

AIGA (AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF GRAPHIC ARTS):

This student group is affiliated with the Houston chapter of the AIGA, a professional organization that is committed to the development of groups to encourage students to take the first step in demonstrating a commitment to their professional interest and assisting them in understanding the profession. The goal of the student group is to get the students involved in the local design community, create a community of their own and help them build leadership skills that will be valuable as they move into the professional world. The sponsor of this club is Larry McEntire, instructor in Graphic Design.

THE ART INSTITUTE OF HOUSTON MUSICIANS:

The Art Institute of Houston Musicians exist to unite student musicians for the purpose of performance and student development. The sponsor of this club is Tom Wilbeck, Associate Dean of Student Affairs.

AMBASSADOR PROGRAM:

The mission of The Art Institute of Houston Ambassador Program is to develop the leadership qualities of its members through involvement in a wide variety of activities with new students on campus. An Ambassador assists new students as mentors, leaders, and provides guidance as an experienced student of The Art Institute of Houston. Students selected are instrumental in the development of enhancing the image of The Art Institute of Houston as a leader in career education. Members have an opportunity to identify and develop strategies for expanding the awareness of the college in the community, represent the school and assist with the successful integration of new students into The Art Institute of Houston campus culture. The sponsor of this organization is Tom Piecznski, instructor in General Education.

ASID (AMERICAN SOCIETY OF INTERIOR DESIGNERS):

The student chapter of the American Society of Interior Designers prepares students for the workplace, supports educational efforts, and enhances learning through extracurricular projects, field trips and activities. The sponsor of this organization is Rex Spencer, instructor in Interior Design.

ANIMATION CLUB:

Media Arts & Animation students come together to share industry information, production tips, and support. The sponsor of this club is Jonathan Nelson, instructor in Media Arts & Animation.

THE VETERAN'S CLUB:

The mission and purpose of The Veteran's Club at The Art Institute of Houston is to provide support for veteran's of the Armed Forces in their search of higher education. The club will be open to all veteran students as well as others, such as spouses, children and friends, having an interest in participating. The club will focus on community as well as others having an interest in participating with club events. We will also offer a liaison for new veterans who are integrating into the school system, as well as promote opportunity for further education to veterans who are looking for new careers. The sponsors of this club are Cliff Willson, Associate Director of Readmissions, and Joan Perry, Associate Registrar.

FASHION S.T.A.R.S.:

The mission of the Fashion S.T.A.R.S. is to bring awareness to the true essence of fashion and how it serves a function for individuals in various circumstances. It is our goal to uphold a socially responsible agenda that includes service to the student body and community. The sponsors of this club are Jane Carlton Hall, instructor in Fashion & Retail Management, and Jal Jobe, Chair, Fashion & Retail Management.

GREAT CHEF'S CLUB:

This group does research on the techniques and innovations of the world's top chefs. Additionally they host local and regional chefs who create menus for the school's on-site restaurant. The group hosted famed chef Madeline Kamman and worked long distance with Chicago chef Charlie Trotter in preparing a menu for the restaurant. The sponsor of this club is Chef Michael Holderfield, instructor in Culinary Arts.

THE HUEMAN LEAGUE:

The Hueman League creates an open forum to share our views and values and to embrace all that is different in an effort to enhance our education and career, with the opportunity of a diverse social networking system through the collective efforts and acceptance of the diversity of all people. The sponsors of this club are Chef Francis Jacquinet and Chef Tommy Child, instructors in Culinary Arts.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORGANIZATION:

The International Student Organization is a student led club that is designed to promote activities that enhance the cross-cultural experience of being an international student at The Art Institute of Houston. The purpose of the club is to provide international students with a safe and welcoming atmosphere to meet new friends and exchange ideas. The club will also assist students in understanding where their values fit into The Art Institute of Houston and the broader American culture. The sponsors of this club are Amy Makiyama, International Student Advisor, and Leslie Magdaleno, instructor in Arts Foundations.

NATIONAL TECHNICAL HONOR SOCIETY:

NTHS is a nationally recognized program that promotes scholastic achievement in occupational education. The Society encourages professional excellence and responsibility. Community participation and leadership are also important elements of this organization. Members have participated in activities such as mentoring other students and leading school tours. They have also joined in community events such as food drives, holiday toy drives for underprivileged children and the AIDS Walk Houston. To be inducted, students must maintain a 3.5 GPA or above, have a good attendance record and demonstrate the ideals of service, leadership and professional development. The sponsor of this organization is Dr. Wil McCorquodale, Director of General Education.

NEWH:

The NEWH Student Chapter has been established in order to get students more involved with Hospitality Design. The NEWH Houston Chapter meets once a month. NEWH gives students a chance to network and meet professionals in the hospitality field. The sponsors for this organization are Lynda Wood and Rhonda Jones, instructors in Interior Design.

PHOTOGRAPHY CLUB:

The Art Institute of Houston Photography Club encourages the development of photographic skills of all students through education, exhibitions, friendships with others who share a love of photography and to share our talents with individuals and organizations in the Houston area. The sponsor of this club is James Stevens, instructor in Photography.

POETRY CLUB:

The mission of the Poetry Club is to promote appreciation and awareness of the art of poetry through publications such as The Keyhole poetry journal, on campus events such as Library poetry readings and off-campus through our continuing Poetry Reading Series. The sponsor of this club is Ken Jones, instructor in General Education.

US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL:

To raise awareness among students on the need to transform the way buildings and communities are designed, built and operated, enabling an environmentally and socially responsible, healthy, and prosperous environment that improves the quality of life. Members will work to inspire other interior design students by conducting informative meetings, encouraging participation in community events and design competitions, and organizing educational study groups. The sponsor for this club is Diane Alexander, instructor in Interior Design.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS ABOUT ANY OF THESE CLUBS OR ORGANIZATIONS, PLEASE CONTACT
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