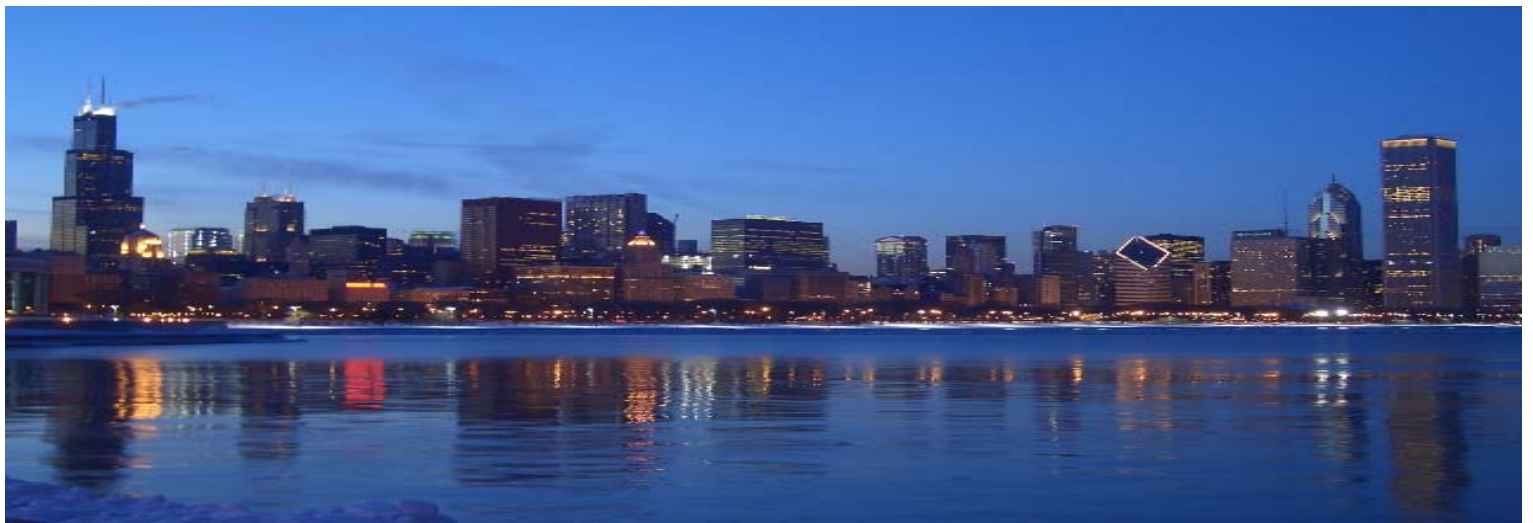




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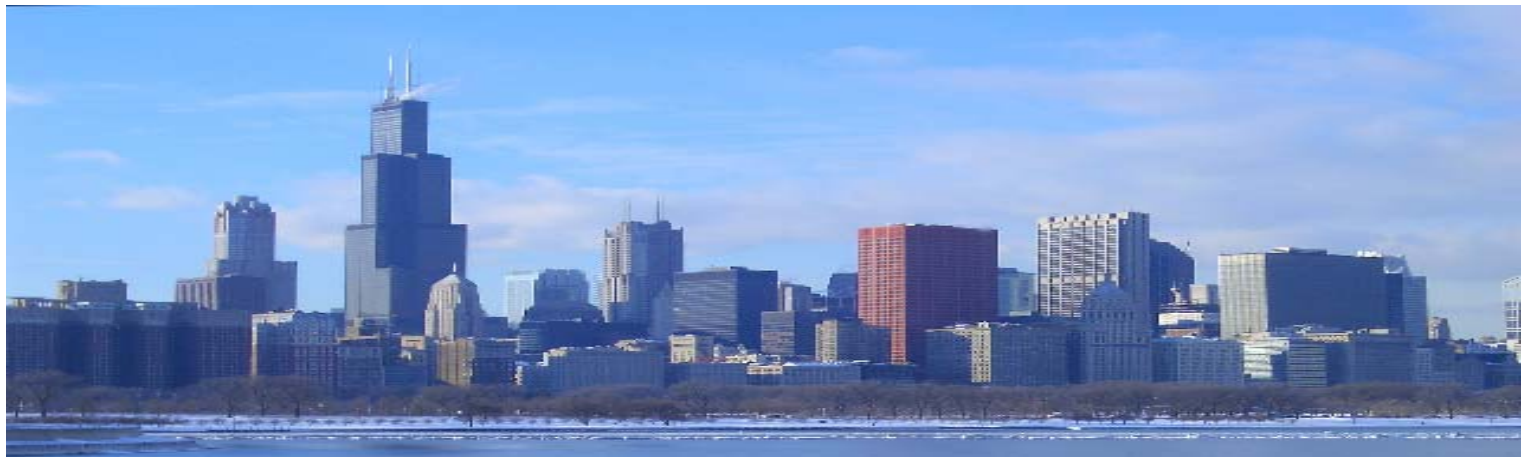


ESSEC Chicago Chapter joins Chicago MBA Alliance

The Chicago Chapter of ESSEC Alumni recently joined the Chicago MBA Alliance. The mission of the Chicago MBA Alliance is to promote communication and interaction among members of the Top MBA Alumni Clubs in the Chicago area through a variety of professional, social, educational, and family activities. The next networking event, sponsored by the University of Chicago Booth Alumni Club, will take place on Saturday, **October 10th in Chicago**. Please contact Damien Zinck for more details dzinck@yahoo.com.

Club Members of the Chicago MBA Alliance are: Booth (University of Chicago), ESSEC, Fuqua, Goizueta, Haas, Harvard, INSEAD, Kellogg, Kenan-Flagler, London Business School, Mendoza, Ross, Stanford, Stern, Tepper, Thunderbird, UCLA and Wharton.

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[ESSEC USA Alumni Organization - San Francisco Bay Chapter:](#)

Anne stone is pleased to announce that [Tina Robiolle](#) (ESSEC 2000) takes over the San Francisco chapter. Read more about Tina in the interview page 3.

- [ESSEC USA - NYBSC Happy Hour, September 8th](#)

ESSEC USA is a member of the NYBSC, a club of alumni clubs in NYC, and we are invited to come to the Multi School MBA Happy Hour on September 8th, 2009 at Cafe Nicole, Hotel Novotel. Take the elevator to the lobby on 5th floor, walk across the restaurant to the rooftop bar. We'll be at the lower level.

Date: Tuesday, September 8, 2009 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Location: Rooftop Bar at Café Nicole, 5th Floor, Hotel Novotel, 226 West 52nd Street and Broadway 212-315-0100

Cafe Nicole has a very nice view overlooking Times Square, perfect for summer time.

If you haven't been to the happy hour, take a chance this time. Meet up with friendly guests from various business schools. This will be the last happy hour in 2009.

- [ESSEC USA New York Spice Lunch, September 25th](#)

Come join fellow ESSEC USA New York alumni for lunch at [Brasserie COGNAC](#)

Date: Friday, September 25, 2009 from 12:30 PM - 2:30 PM (ET)

Location: Brasserie Cognac Restaurant, 1740 Broadway (at 55th Street), New York, NY 10019

Contact: Lucie Campos at luciecampos2003@yahoo.fr

- [ESSEC USA San Francisco Happy Hour, September 27th](#)

Meet The new San Francisco Chapter leader and plot new exciting events!

Date: Sunday **September 27**, 2009 from 5:00 p.m.

Location: The Vinyl Room: 221 Park Road, Burlingame, CA

Details: Invitation will be sent out by Tina Robiolle shortly

Contact: Tina Robiolle at tina.robiolle@alumni.essec.fr

- [ESSEC USA Chicago – Chicago MBA Alliance Networking, October 10th](#)

Join us for the 1st event with Chicago MBA Alliance!

Date: Saturday **October 10**

For details contact: Damien Zinck at dzinck@yahoo.com



Interview of the Month: Tina Robiolle ESSEC 2000 and ESSEC USA Chapter leader for San Francisco Bay area

Q1: Tell us about your background and current job?

Graduated with an MBA from ESSEC, I started my career as a product manager for Sony Music Entertainment and consultant in strategy for Cap Gemini Ernst & Young. Then I spent the past 6 years working for France Telecom Orange as a business and marketing manager. Since 2000, I have also been working with ESSEC IRÉNE (Institute for Research and Education on Negotiation in Europe) providing training at ESSEC (MBA and Master's Degrees Programs), the French Public Administration School (Ecole Nationale d'Administration – ENA), the Sorbonne University, Telecom ParisTech and several major business organizations in the fields of negotiation, conflict resolution, leadership and team building. Since 2004, in partnership with ESSEC IRÉNE and the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars (WWICS), I have organized and delivered seminars in Burundi for the Government, the Parliament, the UN military observers, the leaders of the political parties, the integrated High Command of the Army and the National Police.

When I moved in San Francisco 6 months ago, I began to dedicate all of my time to these consulting and training activities. As an independent consultant and senior trainer, my main mission right now is to help the WWICS develop a conflict resolution curriculum for the secondary schools in Burundi.

Q2: Why did you decide to come and stay here?

Born in Iran and raised in France, I had the chance to visit various countries. Indeed, I have always been interested in meeting new people and learning about their cultures and I knew living abroad would be the perfect way to broaden my horizons. The choice of the USA became clear when I met an American in Paris...

Q3: What advice would you give to ESSEC graduates who would like to come to work here?

Finding a job here is not the most difficult part when you are an ESSEC graduate, even in this economy, the challenge however, is to find a company who will be willing to sponsor you and help you obtain a working permit. One of the easier paths seems to be the following: start working in France for a company that has offices in the US and after a year (minimum) request a transfer to one of the American branches.

Q4: How do you think your ESSEC background helped you?

ESSEC helped me in various ways! The freedom you have to build your own path gives you the opportunity to really find what you are searching for and build the foundations of your career. This freedom is not only based on the fact you can choose your courses but also on the flexibility of the program as you are able to have various experiences in and out of the school. The quality of the faculty and the staff is another important asset of ESSEC, some people I met really influenced my choices and I am still working with them.

Q5: What do you consider as your role in the ESSEC family?

During my studies at ESSEC, I was really involved in the students clubs as a member of a humanitarian association (ESSEC Partenariat Humanitaire) and as the president of an association whose goal was the promotion of music. My studies at ESSEC have been so fulfilling that as an alumni, I have always tried to give back what I received by teaching at ESSEC or being a member of the admission jury as often as I could.

When I arrived in San Francisco, I was very pleased to hear the ESSEC San Francisco Chapter needed a leader to animate the ESSEC network and I found active members eager to help me! We have opened a Facebook group called "ESSEC San Francisco" and will be actively in contact with the community here!

Indeed, we are organizing our first event for the ESSEC Alumni of the Bay area on September, 27th at 5pm in Burlingame (the Vinyl Room: 221 Park Road) and are looking forward to having a maximum of alumni joining us! Save the date!

For more information, please feel free to contact me at tina.robiolle@alumni.essec.fr.

Thank you Tina and welcome to the ESSEC USA Alumni family!



Job Forum

Job Database: See all job offers registered at AAGEF on <http://www.aagef.com/jobs/offerDetail.php?offId=59>

- Only those ESSEC alumni having paid their dues will be granted access to the web site. They must use the e-mail address provided by ESSEC: (in French) Sur le site <http://essecnet.alumni.essec.fr>, entrer son code d'accès, puis "mise a jour de la fiche annuelle" puis "update e-mails". Entrer l'adresse e-mail vers laquelle on souhaite faire suivre le courrier. Cela génère une adresse au format "prenom.nom@alumni.essec.fr" et fait suivre tout courrier. Contact: webmaster@essecmde.com ou 01 56 91 20 20.

To publish a job or internship offer, please e-mail [Anne stone](mailto:Anne.stone@essecmde.com).

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July 8th 2009, ESSEC USA New York Cocktail at Benoit

