

**Fifth Graduation Ceremony  
Of  
Online College of Astrology**

Held Saturday January 10, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. EST

Honoring Graduates

**Luiza Azancot and Dori Alsop Paden**

**Opening Ceremony.....**Julene Packer, Education Director

Hello everyone. Welcome to OCA's Celebration of our 5<sup>th</sup> graduating class! Thank you all for attending this monumental event as we honor two more graduates and bestow the hard earned, well deserved designation Dipl.OCA upon Luiza Azancot and Dori Alsop Paden.

Before we do that, let's take a moment to reflect on the past 11 years. OCA opened its cyber doors under Jupiter in Aquarius in December 1997 and this means our Jupiter Return is right around the corner as we enter our 12<sup>th</sup> year. Our school began as a dream that our beloved president and founder, Ena Stanley, had. She wanted an astrological education to be available and easily accessible to everyone everywhere in the world who wanted to study this great scientific art of Astrology. She enlisted the help of astrologer and computer programmer Ed Perrone who turned her dream into a reality as he built this school.

Over the years, Ena Stanley worked very hard with the astrological community to broaden the scope of the education OCA offers. It was important to her that she left no stone unturned as she developed a curriculum with the help of Cheryl Whisman in the early days and Evan Bortnick's numerous unsurpassed contributions throughout OCA's history. Ena wanted to encourage free thinking astrologers whose education encompassed both the depth and breadth of different astrological techniques. She wanted to ensure that whatever the topic was at an Astrology conference, her students would have heard of it and explored it. Thus, she invited leaders in the astrological community to teach classes in their areas of expertise. She worked with the national and international certifying bodies to give her graduates benefits of certification through the hard work and testing they have undergone at OCA. The really cool thing... it was the year 2000 when we had our first graduating class under Jupiter in Taurus, the waxing square. As astrology in its divine and infinite wisdom would have it, the

first major revisions to the curriculum were implemented and we reached out for recognition and certification benefits under this waxing square.

The opposition came in 2002 with Jupiter in Leo. The revisions to the curriculum were in place, we achieved certification benefits from two major astrological organizations and credit exchanges with Kepler College as a result of the hard work done at the first quarter square. OCA was realizing the intention set out in the beginning and reaping the rewards of the changes we made at the first quarter square. Our membership was growing, our school was becoming recognized, and our student retention rate was growing. At this time also, Ed Perrone was busy working to make changes to our website to ensure it was kept up to date. Meanwhile, Ena Stanley began working with Monica Escalante-Ochoa to breach the language barrier and make OCA accessible to even more people. The creation of the Spanish Language department began under the half Jupiter cycle and materialized appropriately under the disseminating phase.

With the revisions in place and some added requirements, it was 2005 before we had our second graduating class. Jupiter was in Scorpio and we were at the waning square. With the momentum from the opposition still in place OCA saw graduates almost yearly after that in 2007, 2008, and now in 2009.

Meanwhile behind the scenes in our last quarter of our first Jupiter cycle, Ed Perrone again gave his blood, sweat, continued hard work, support, and dedication to bring more changes to the website including this AV classroom we are in sitting in right now. This ever evolving school of ours brings us a legacy we can be proud of, a rigorous curriculum, dedicated instructors that challenge each and every one of us too be our very best, and our wonderful, brilliant students whose passion for Astrology, dedication toward pursuing a diploma, disciplined hard work in the application of the techniques in each homework assignment, along with their love and support of this school gives OCA its high regarded esteem. As we embark on our second Jupiter cycle we have renewed vision, more plans and inevitable changes to make OCA even better!

**Introduction of OCA President.....**Julene Packer, Education Director

So without further adieu, I would like to introduce to you Ena Stanley, President of OCA whose blood, sweat, tears, persistence, vision, dedication, faith and love for us all, brings us here tonight to this most auspicious occasion to honor our 5<sup>th</sup> graduating class and brief us on the exciting upcoming changes. Let's all give a standing ovation to Ena Stanley as she takes over the mic...(clapping)

**President's Address.....**Ena Stanley, President

“(Now I’m suppose to follow you with mascara running down my cheeks?)

Thank you Julene...Welcome faculty and guest. It is my greatest pleasure to be here for this occasion: to send Luisa and Dori out in the world as competent astrologers...

When a student has been at OCA long enough to get their diploma, they have transformed from a name on a registration, into a person, and on into my heart, as friend whom I will cherish for the rest of my life. Moreover, each student – and especially these two women – have given OCA as much or more value than they are taking away from OCA today. Without conscious design, OCA is a synastry of learning and giving. Each student comes into OCA with their personal life experience which blends with OCA's construction, making OCA an ever-flowing, constantly expanding venture.

As Julene has just told you, OCA is having its Jupiter return and how that is being celebrated is through intense expansion. The genesis of this mission was the meeting we had at UAC, May of last year...which all of you have heard about, ad museum; but nonetheless, it was an outstanding event...Energy and talent swirled around that room with multi-colors, emitting strategies that are to fill Jupiter's promise of expansion. And significant projects are well underway!

Already we have created a new non-profit corporation, with a new name. Online College of Astrology will be replaced with International Academy of Astrology appropriately throughout the 2009. While keeping the curriculum uncompromised, our 14-week semesters in the Natal Studies Module have been upgraded to 9-week sessions, making it easier for students to finish quicker. It has even made it easier for students to take more than one class at a time. Students can learn more quickly and graduate sooner.

And why is this minutiae important at this celebration? Because these two graduates are both cornerstones in this operation...this new structure that will transform Online College of Astrology into the International Academy of Astrology! Luiza world experience and endless energy has brought new horizons to OCA; Dori's diligence and scholastic performance has set a standard for future students. Their proficiency will definitely be experienced in the world as they take their professionalism into their community and subsequently the world. I congratulate you Luiza, and you Dori for your diligent accomplishment. May both of you always be aware of the special place you hold in my heart!

Thank you."

**Introducing the Graduates.....**Julene Packer, Education Director

Thank you Ena! We are all very excited about this new direction taking place around our Jupiter return. In our past 11 years we have seen 13 graduates go on to do great things for the astrological community. Tonight we bring that

number to 15. And now, the moment you've all been waiting for (drum roll), the graduates! (clapping). Tonight we would like to honor the dedication and hard work of two brilliant astrologers who no doubt will also go on to do great things, or should I say continue to do great things because they are already making contributions: Luiza Azancot and Dori Alsop Paden. I'd like to call you up to the virtual podium one by one to receive your virtual diploma (the real one is coming in the mail) and say to a few words.

Can we have a standing ovation for our graduate with a BA in Psychology who is active in the DC Jungian Society and also has an MBA in business and marketing. She lived in the Washington D.C. area before moving to the Cape She is our beloved archetype instructor..... **Luiza Azancot!** (standing ovation)

"My journey with OCA started in 2005 with an email to Evan Bornick followed by a long phone conversation with Ena. This triple Gemini encounter (I am also a Gemini) was so stimulating that I immediately enrolled. I felt then that OCA was the right school for me. I know now that it was because the focus of this school is on teaching astrology and developing critical thinking not indoctrination, a characteristic that I deeply appreciate.

I loved every minute of the grueling semesters and my exchanges with instructors Maria Christine, Evan, Laveta, Vickie, Julene, Norma Jean, Maria Mateus, Shelly Wu and others. Being in class with other students is also very enriching. Doris, my fellow graduate, and I took several classes together and I appreciated her comments and the sharing of life experiences. This is a good opportunity to congratulate her and wish her the very best for her career as a certified astrologer.

I am really indebted to all that contributed to my astrological education but especially to Ena to have the vision and the courage to lead OCA. Please accept my heart felt thanks.

My plans for the future include expanding the number of people that I touch. I have already given consultations to clients in Europe, North and South America, Africa and Asia. I am passionate about the value to astrology, Jungian psychology and mythology and through teaching, conducting workshops and writing I intend to promote this sacred knowledge.

Now that I have celebrated my second Saturn return I can proudly and confidently say *'I am a Professional Astrologer and an Instructor at OCA.'*

Thank you Luiza! Let's have a standing ovation for our next graduate who has a BA in Geology and a large following for her astrology and channeled message blogs on several websites..... **Dori Alsop Paden!** (standing ovation)

"In the May of 2005, when I enrolled in Astro101, all I had was a rusty understanding of the basics. Work pressures and other events did not allow me to do much more than keep my feet 'damp' on the subject.

Now, three and a half years later, not only do I feel comfortable with more than only the basics, I feel that my exposure to Astrology is much more well-rounded than it ever could have been doing just self study. At the same time, I have gained friends and valuable contacts.

My experience with OCA has given me wisdom I didn't have before. As someone with a major stellium crossing my ninth and tenth houses, perhaps that is more important to me than to some.

Thank you, OCA!"

**Congratulations and Comments**.....Attendees

**Closing Ceremony**.....Julene Packer, Education Director

I want to thank all of you for coming to honor Luiza and Dori. I want to also thank your for your support and dedication to our school. Throw your hats!!!