CHOOSE IT
YOUR OWN ADVENTURE

An Exclusive Guide for Illinois Tech Admitted Students
This is the table of contents. We know you know that you got in to Illinois Tech, after all. Congrats again, btw! So please take a minute to read this list of what’s inside this magazine. It’s got the important stuff and the fun stuff—everything you need to know to take the next steps to enrolling at Illinois Tech!

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a.k.a. If you do one thing today, this is it
Congrats on your acceptance to Illinois Tech! Before we dive into all the great things you’ll experience as a Scarlet Hawk, you need to complete one simple task to secure your place in the incoming class: Send in your deposit to finalize your admission.

Finalize Your Admission Today
Log on to: iit.edu/ug_admit

Once you deposit you can:
• Reserve your room on campus
• Register for Student Orientation, Advisement, and Registration (SOAR)
• Work with advisors to build your course schedule

Remember to Check Your Hawk Email!
Instructions for how to log in—including your user ID and password—will be emailed to you soon.

DEADLINES FOR SPRING ACCEPTANCE
• Immediately: Complete your housing reservation, FAFSA application, and SOAR registration
• January 4: Move-in Day
• January 5–6: Attend SOAR
• January 9: First day of class

DEADLINES FOR FALL ACCEPTANCE
These dates have a tendency to sneak up on you—mark your calendar!
• October: FAFSA opens. Submit your federal student aid application as early as possible to maximize your available aid and receive your complete award package. Illinois Tech’s FAFSA code is 001691; use IRS data retrieval for faster processing using 2015 tax information. fafsa.ed.gov
• December: Housing reservations open. Claim your res hall! If you are a first-year student, you are required to live on campus unless you live with your family and your commute is within 50 miles of campus.
• February: SOAR registration opens
• March: Complete award packages sent to FAFSA filers
• April: Course registration opens
• August: Join us at Illinois Tech!
   — August 11: Move-in day
   — August 11–20: Welcome Week
   — August 21: First day of class

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YES!

Illinois Tech attracts smart people.
The kind of people whose curiosity, focus, ambition—and a good bit of rebelliousness—are helping us to do things better, smarter, and faster. People like you. Welcome to our family!

Pin It! Grin It! Show Us How You Celebrate!
Wear your Illinois Tech pins with pride (find yours inside this package). Go to a beach, your high school, a mountaintop, the street—wherever! Snap a photo of yourself sporting your pins, and share your excitement with the world!
Post your photos on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram! Visit our Facebook page to see photos that other new students have posted.

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LOOK SHARP!
It’s time to dress the part! Show your Illinois Tech pride all over town. Once you deposit, we’ll send you a FREE Illinois Tech T-shirt. (Yes, free!)
Emily Warman
Computer Science, 4th Year, Toronto, Canada

Last summer I was an intern in software development for Visa. It was the best summer ever! It was cool to see the life cycle of a software development project from beginning to end. Illinois Tech definitely prepared me for my internship. I picked up a new language easily.

Last year a few girls from school and I went to an event that Google had on women in technology. We were solving algorithm questions like they would ask in a technical interview. The Illinois Tech computer science people were the best!

Illinois Tech has a place to go if you want to be successful. All of my friends have diverse interests and are doing cool research. If you’re passionate there’s no better place to go than Illinois Tech.

Emily’s Activities:
- PR chair, Association for Computing Machinery
- Kappa Phi Delta

Sarah Kirby
Chemical Engineering, 4th Year, Tinley Park, Illinois

At Illinois Tech I’ve met so many students who are incredibly smart. These are the kind of students who want to learn something new every day.

Last summer I worked on a research project studying collagen matrices. The impact of this research could lead to a better understanding of brain damage. The type of work we are doing at Illinois Tech could potentially change the world.

Being at a smaller school has been such an advantage for me. At a big school it can be hard to fit in. At Illinois Tech I’ve met so many people who are different from me, but our core values have brought us all together. Most of my friends are involved in research projects here.

Illinois Tech is academically challenging, and it’s hard to be successful without help from others. But here, everyone focuses on collective learning and the success of one another. I’ve found a great network here.

The biggest lesson I have learned at Illinois Tech is that I’m much more capable than I had ever given myself credit for.

Sarah’s Activities:
- Camras Scholar
- Member of New Velocity dance crew
- Resident advisor, SSV student residence
- High school chemistry and math tutor

Jong Massaquoi
Business Administration ’16, Kortulahun, Liberia

Liberia is underdeveloped and there have been lots of civil wars. Every time I go home I talk with young people who could be in my shoes. I want to create opportunities for other young people so they can reach for the stars and make a lasting impact and you can’t do that without being a hard worker.

Last summer I worked as a sales intern for IBM. I traveled to Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, and Ohio. I got to work on my presentation skills, attend meetings, shadow salespeople, and meet people at different levels of their careers. It was very rewarding and showed me how corporate America works.

I talk about technology, even though I’m approaching it from the business end. That’s the beauty of attending Illinois Tech. Even though I’m not majoring in computer science or engineering, I’m learning business with a tech lingo. Some people have even mistaken me for an engineering student!

Once I got admitted I visited campus—and that sealed the deal for me. The day I visited it was raining. A vice provost met me on State and 33rd Street with an umbrella. Someone with importance met me! I thought, “This is good!” The campus was so warm and friendly, and I immediately got the sense that Illinois Tech is a community where you feel like part of the family.

Jong’s Activities:
- Student manager, Illinois Tech Phonathon
- Union Board
- International Students Organization
- Undergraduate Business Council
- African Student Organization

JOIN US! Meet a Few of Your Fellow Scarlet Hawks at Illinois Tech

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Lap-Heng Keung  
Information Technology and Management/Pre-Med Minor, 3rd Year, Los Angeles, California

I want to make technology and medical science more useful for others. Positively affecting one person’s life—even the smallest snippet—can go a long way and lead to progress and change throughout the rest of their life.

We’re all quirky at Illinois Tech. We all have something that makes us light up and launch into an hour-long conversation.

In one of my classes last year, we worked on a project to manage information security for a company. At first I thought the project was make-believe, but we were working on an assignment for a real company. It was exciting to be working on real examples even as a second-year student.

Although I’m studying information technology, a chemistry professor was happy to take me on for his lab. We’re researching the health benefits of strawberries and other fruits, which may range from dissolving fats to reducing inflammation and the risk of heart disease and cancer. I’m glad I could find an opportunity that interests me—and that when this work blows up in 10 years I can say I was a part of it!

There’s a bigger significance to what I’m learning here. It makes me as happy to be learning new things that I can apply right away—just like that it’s mind-blowing! At Illinois Tech it’s not just another lesson—it’s about making sure that you’re really prepared for life.

Amr Mohsen  
Architecture, 4th Year, Cairo, Egypt

I set a goal for myself to hit “30 by 30”—to experience 30 different cultures and countries by the time I turn 30. I studied abroad last summer and went to Switzerland, Italy, France, and Germany. It was the best decision of my life.

Illinois Tech students want to try new things and meet new people. There are so many different students from different backgrounds and ways of life. Coming here was a smooth transition for me—never felt alone, so it doesn’t feel like being away from home.

Illinois Tech definitely has pushed me to the limits. It tests me all the time to get out of my comfort zone. In my architecture classes at IIT I was a little afraid of making anything manually, but since then I’ve worked with masonry in one class and have also learned how to use all the machines in the shop.

We’re working for Residence and Greek Life. I was asked to design a new central laundry room plan for MSV to convert a former loading dock. I wanted to design a place that was practical, where students could do their homework or just meet new people while doing their laundry. I’m excited to have something to add to my portfolio and boost my résumé.

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Last semester I worked on a research project that is a finalist for the Nayer Prize. The moment my professor asked me to participate was one that I’ll remember forever. I worked alongside grad students, assessing educational TV shows for toddlers. I’d like to eventually implement augmented reality in the education sector, such as in a museum.

My advisor helps me figure out which classes to take, and she has also pointed me in the direction of outside educational experiences, such as books to read based on my interests. Even though she is really busy, I have never felt like I’m not a priority.

I love that Illinois Tech because as you’re going to do in five, 10 years from now. The introduction to the Digital Humanities course is genius! In my IPRO class and every other class, I’ve worked in teams. This is all by design. Illinois Tech is giving us the tools to be successful.

Illinois Tech puts its emphasis on setting you up to succeed after school. Period, it’s worth every penny.
3√3,375,000 Ways to Get Involved

College is a lot of work. Hard work. But that doesn’t mean it’s all work and no play. As one of Illinois Tech’s smart, dynamic students, you will find lots of ways to pursue your passions.

Our diverse list of more than 150 student organizations includes groups interested in:
- Student government
- Quidditch
- Theater
- Social gaming
- Engineers Without Borders
- Chess
- Comic books
- Volunteering
- Urban farming
- Skiing and snowboarding
- American Medical Student Association

Get ready to join one—or join a bunch. And at Illinois Tech you can even start your own student group!

Learn more: iit.edu/campus-life

JOIN A VARSITY TEAM
Illinois Tech is proud of our legacy of excellent student-athletes. At Illinois Tech you can really get in the game—and still get a world-class education.

**Men’s:** Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis (2017-18), Track and Field, Volleyball

**Women’s:** Basketball, Cross Country, Lacrosse, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Tennis (2017-18), Track and Field, Volleyball

INTRAMURALS
Our extensive intramurals program lets you get moving at everything from cricket and yoga to dodge ball and martial arts—even a color run!
- Flag Football
- Badminton
- Tennis
- Baja/Corinthian

... and many more!

SUPERFAN
If you love sports, join the fan club and you can get in the game, too.

LIFE ON CAMPUS
Nobody goes to college expecting to live in a mansion. But you may be surprised when you see the features and penthouse views of our campus residences. Illinois Tech’s State Street Village was named one of the “coolest dorms in the nation” by U.S. News & World Report.

College is about lasting friendships, and you’ll find those in our residence halls. You’ll also find your space—and room to be yourself. Quiet places when you need it, and places to kick back when it’s time to unwind. Make instant friends just by walking down the hall. Round up a group for a pick-up game. Most of all, have fun.

CHOW DOWN

Are you vegan? Gluten-free? On the “see-food diet” (you see food, you eat it)? Or maybe you’re pizza all the way? We’ve got it all—plus Taco Thursdays—and we’ve even got a student advisory group just for food. If you’re still hungry, check out one of the city’s hundreds of neighborhoods, each with its own cultural and culinary flair.

LIVE LARGE

The Huffington Post named our State Street Village as one of “10 college dorms that put your apartment to shame.”

Just (less than) a Mile Thatta-Way

Remember: Our campus and residence halls are a stone’s throw from beautiful Lake Michigan!

“We represent a lot of different cultures, languages, and ethnicities here at Illinois Tech, but we also represent a wide range of interests, skills, and personalities. Some students may dress up for cosplay on the weekends, some may attend sporting events, and others may do both. The intimate scale of our campus and our collective commitment to academics pulls together all of these diverse personalities and creates our unique community.”

—Caleb Vick, Architecture 3rd Year, Springfield, Missouri, Resident advisor

Community, great amenities, and hassle-free living—you’ll find it all on campus.

The mission of our student Resident Advisors and Residence and Greek Life (RGL) staff is to create an inclusive community that fosters your education and social development in a safe and well-maintained environment. That means we are dedicated to your success—and we’re committed to ensuring Illinois Tech is not just a great academic experience for you, but also your happy home while you’re a student.

And talk about a dynamic living/learning environment! More than 1,600 students live on campus in one of our six traditional residence halls. You can practically pick up another language and broaden your worldview just by living and hanging out with people from around the country and the world.

Amenities and Access

All residence halls offer you plenty of space to hang out, study, relax, and have fun on campus.

Just a few of the FREE amenities:

- Wireless Internet
- Laundry
- Cable TV
- Fitness Rooms
- Secure Package Room
- Furniture
- LAUNDRY
- FITNESS ROOMS
- CABLE TV
- FURNITURE
- WIRELESS INTERNET
- SECURE PACKAGE ROOM

Plus, you’re just steps away from the dining halls, Keating Sports Center, the library, and The Bog. Two “L” trains, buses, and a Metra rail stop are on and next to campus. The beach is less than a mile away. You’ve got all the amenities that you need right at your fingertips—and if you want to go downtown for work and fun, you’ve got instant access to transportation.

JOIN THE GREEK SQUAD

Greek organizations have been an important part of the Illinois Tech educational experience on campus for more than 100 years. Anyone is welcome to join!

Illinois Tech has 10 Greek chapters (7 fraternities, 3 sororities), and members make up about 12 percent of the student body. Membership provides opportunities for leadership development, scholastic achievement, and lifelong friendships. Recruitment week takes place during the first week of the fall and spring semesters. At that time chapters will host activities that are open to the entire student body. This is a great opportunity to meet Greek members, find out more about them, and get to know other students!

Housing is available in the Greek houses, but students are not permitted to move into a house until their second semester.

web.iit.edu/greek-life
Join the Illinois Tech Campus Community

**McCORMICK STUDENT VILLAGE**
McCormick Student Village (MSV) encompasses the traditional values of a college residence hall. Built as the first residence hall on Mies Campus, MSV provides large lounges, multiple study areas, and many opportunities to interact with fellow students. MSV has a comfortable and friendly atmosphere. A central common area and one main entrance/exit connect to interact with fellow students. MSV provides large lounges, multiple study areas, and many opportunities to interact with fellow students.

**ROOM OPTIONS**
- 176-square-foot room shared with one other student, with shared bathrooms on each floor
- Small single rooms and double deluxes (suites with kitchens)

**AMENITIES**
- Key card access to building entrance
- 24-hour security
- Computer lab
- Bicycle storage
- Voice, data, television jacks in each room
- Furnished for private and common areas
- Large common area lounges and study areas on first floor
- Individual floor lounges with access to cable TV and a microwave
- Staff on premises 24 hours a day
- Game room
- Big screen TVs and DVD players in lounges
- Multiple laundry facilities onsite

**RATES (2016–17)**
- Double $6,062
- Single $12,124

**STATE STREET VILLAGE**
State Street Village (SSV) offers you one of the finest college residence options in the country. Designed by Helmut Jahn, a renowned architect, SSV is a collection of three residence halls. SSV North and Middle contain double suites, which are one of two housing options available to first-year students. SSV South contains apartments available to students after their first year. Housing scholarships do not apply to SSV.

**ROOM OPTIONS**
- 660-square-foot “quad suites,” which are two separate suites with a shared bathroom, housing four students. This is the only room option available to first-year students in SSV.
- Studios, two-, three-, and six-bedroom apartments with private kitchens and baths. This option is available to students after their first year.

**AMENITIES**
- Elevators
- Key card access to buildings and entrances
- 24-hour security
- Community lounge with access to cable TV and microwave
- Voice, data, and television jacks in each apartment
- Complete furniture package for private and common areas in each apartment
- Staff on premises 24 hours a day
- Outdoor bicycle storage
- Laundry room onsite
- Fully furnished apartments

**RATES (2016–17)**
- Studio $7,386
- One-bedroom $8,910

**GUNSAULUS HALL**
Gunsaulus Hall, named after Frank W. Gunsaulus—the first president of Armour Institute—offers a variety of housing options. Each studio, one-bedroom, and two-bedroom apartment features appliances, window treatments, and flooring. Student rooms include a full furniture package, including bedroom and living room furniture.

**ROOM OPTIONS**
- Apartments range between 480–920 square feet, each with a private bathroom.
- Available to juniors, seniors, transfer students, and graduate students.

**AMENITIES**
- Elevators
- Key card access to building entrances
- 24-hour security
- Community lounge with access to cable TV and microwave
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**CARMAN HALL**
Carmen Hall, named after George Noble Carman—the first president of Lewis Institute—features apartments that were fully furnished in summer 2011. A variety of apartment types are available, including studios and one-bedroom with dens. The apartments are available with a 10-month contract. Based on availability, contracts may be extended through summer months.

**ROOM OPTIONS**
- Apartments range between 400–750 square feet, each with a private bathroom.
- Available for graduate students; students living with dependents, spouses, or domestic partners; and students over 23 years old

**AMENITIES**
- Kitchens in all apartments (includes stove and refrigerator)
- Elevators
- Key card access to building entrances
- 24-hour security
- Community lounge with access to cable TV
- Voice, data, and television jacks in each apartment
- Complete furniture package for private and common areas in each apartment
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**RATES (2016–17)**
- One-bedroom/den $5,648
- Studio $6,648

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Choose Your Hall...

**Remember:** Complete Your Room and Board Contract Online

Once you submit your deposit, you will have access to our online housing contract or commuter waiver (First-Year Residency Requirement Waiver Form). If you are a first-year student, you are required to live on campus unless you live with your family and your commute is within 50 miles of campus.
Jialing Xiang
Professor of Biology
M.D., Xuzhou Medical College, Ph.D., University of Alabama at Birmingham

Jialing Xiang’s research team discovered a powerful tumor suppressor found only in cancer cells, suggesting the possibility that sick cells can generate a previously unknown protein that might be able to stop tumors from growing. Researchers have known for some time that a common protein in the body is a key component in programmed cell death—a way that the body rids itself of potentially cancerous cells. When the body fails to express the protein, it can give way to tumor formation and resistance to chemotherapy.

Xiang’s team discovered that, surprisingly, the combination of two “bad” things—two common occurrences in cancer—actually led to production of this new protein, which in studies showed signs of better response to certain chemotherapeutic drugs.

In addition to being a top researcher, Xiang has a system to identify potential undergraduates to work in her lab and to tailor projects in her lab specifically so that each undergrad can meet his or her career goals. More than 15 percent of the undergrads who have worked with Xiang have successfully either enrolled in grad school or found jobs after graduation.
When she was considering which university to attend, Katy Banks (Business Administration 4th year), from Wheaton, Illinois, knew that studying business at a tech-focused university would steer her future forward. In her case, it has happened at racecar pace. “I wanted to be surrounded by people who were actually developing things, engineering things, and thinking about things in new ways, and I wanted to interact with those types of people inside the classroom and outside the classroom,” she says.

As a member of IIT Motorsports, she is part of the student team that designed and built the WISER Tomahawk electric racecar. The Illinois Tech team beat 26 other university teams to win the Fiat Chrysler Innovation Award at the 2015 Formula Hybrid Competition. In part due to the car’s lightweight carbon-fiber frame, the Illinois Tech team beat 26 other university teams to win the Fiat Chrysler Innovation Award at the 2015 Formula Hybrid Competition. At the competition, Katy gave the vehicle presentation to industry leaders.

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Learn It: IPRO, Our Signature Undergraduate Program

Illinois Tech’s very own Interprofessional Projects (IPRO) Program gives you the power to see the world through a different lens. One of only a few programs like it in the country, IPRO joins you with students from various majors to develop a solution to a real-world problem. And IPRO will give you an advantage—employers tell us they hire grads with the same teamwork and leadership skills that Illinois Tech students learn in IPRO.

Recent IPRO student teams have

- Developed a prototype desalination device for the Sahara
- Built sustainable water distribution systems in Haiti
- Started a “smart recycling” system on campus
- Developed renovations for a historic neighborhood theater
- Reimagined the failed 1940s Antarctic Snow Cruiser
- Developed an assistive device to help visually impaired people swim

Seriously Cool Academic Groups

Illinois Tech’s student academic groups and special programs offer something for aspiring architects, entrepreneurs, inventors—name it. You can get involved with groups such as these during your time at Illinois Tech!

- Design a quad copter in Illinois Tech Robotics
- Test your Capture the Flag skills in HackIIT
- Develop ways to hide secret files in an MP3 in the Cyber Forensics and Security Lab
- Pitch your idea for a cool new technology in IIT CEO
- Research a building while studying abroad in the IIT Berlin++Summer Program
- Form your own group and design a chainless, fluid-powered bicycle for a national competition

WHIRRR!

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Build It: Idea Shop

It’s one thing to have a great idea. It’s quite another to see it actually take shape—literally and figuratively. Illinois Tech’s Idea Shop has the rapid-prototyping equipment you need to make that happen—a state-of-the-art, rapid-prototyping lab featuring 3-D printers and a 3-D scanner, multiple CNC milling machines, a vacuum former, and laser cutter. Innovations come in all shapes and sizes in this 13,000-square-foot innovation hub, but they all have two things in common: They are the byproducts of imagination and the potential start of something extraordinary.

GET IN THERE—AND REALLY RESEARCH

Illinois Tech connects undergrads with research opportunities. You’ll find opportunities through Illinois Tech’s research affiliates, including Argonne National Laboratory and Fermilab, plus comparisons on campus at the Institute of Technology Park and throughout IIT’s labs. Many of our faculty are experts in their fields and offer a direct path to research opportunities in the greater Chicago area and beyond. There are even programs that provide undergraduates stipends for research.
“I’ve been fortunate in my life, but IIT was one of my luckiest choices. The fundamentals I learned at IIT have been my guiding light in everything I’ve done.”

—Marty Cooper (EE ’50, M.S. ’55), inventor of the cell phone

At Illinois Tech you can be anything—more importantly, you can be yourself.

Be an engineer—and a photographer. Write killer code—and write poetry. Study the mechanisms of the brain—and do yoga. Design buildings—and travel the world. Do or all of them. Be whoever you want to be.

At Illinois Tech you’ll be part of a smart, dynamic group of students who want to be it all. And who really go for it.

Our recent grads were once just like you—finding their way and exploring their dreams. Illinois Tech helped them get there. Meet the next generation of great innovators and entrepreneurs—and prepare to join them.

Choose Innovation: Know Your Illinois Tech Innovators

When you join Illinois Tech you’ll get instant admittance to the worldwide get-ahead-and-do-big-things club.

Our alumni are in more than 128 countries and all 50 states.

RAVEU CHANDRAKUMAR (CE ’90)—member of the team that discovered the Pentium chip

ED EXPLORER (EE ’10)—pioneer in wavelet technology

ANDREAS SEHER—AC ’95, ’96—EMMY Award-winning broadcast media consultant

VICTOR THANH TRAC, CE ’90—co-founder of Aimex

SUHAS SOLOMUN (CHEM ’75)—discovered manmade chlorofluorocarbons were destroying the ozone layer

Rajeev Chandrasekhar (M.S. CS ’88)—member of the team that developed the Pentium chip

Victor Tsao (M.S. CS ’80)—co-founder of Linksys

Andrea Berry (CS ’84)—Emmy Award-winning broadcast media consultant

Anita Burke (ME ’90)—vehicle chief engineer for the GMC Canyon and Chevrolet Colorado

Gloria Ray Karlmark (CHEM, MATH ’65)—part of the Little Rock Nine who stood up against segregation in Arkansas schools

Susan Solomon (CHEM ’75)—discovered manmade chlorofluorocarbons were destroying the ozone layer

JASON RESCH, CS ’06—software engineer with more than 58 patents and 100 pending

GARY SMITH, CS ’06—founder of Latent Design, which converted a bus into a fresh produce mobile market

KATHERINE DAHSTEDT, CS ’05—founder of SpaceX Technologies, a private company that designs, manufactures, and launches advanced rockets and spacecraft

REBECCA DARNSTADT, ARCH ’05—founder of Latent Design, which converted a bus into a fresh produce mobile market

Jason Tenenbaum (AE ’07)—helped launch a spacecraft. He works as an engineer for SpaceX Technologies, a private company that designs, manufactures, and launches advanced rockets and spacecraft. Tenenbaum worked on a brand-new spacecraft, Dragon, by helping to complete all of the rigorous testing and analysis required by NASA. It was the first commercially-provided cargo flight to the International Space Station, and it arrived there in October of 2012 with supplies for the station’s astronauts.

“I couldn’t ask to be in a more exciting place in the space industry right now,” Tenenbaum says. “It’s a huge challenge to develop a brand new spacecraft, complete all of the rigorous testing and analysis required by NASA, and then not only fly it to the space station but also return it back to Earth. The team at SpaceX made this a reality in a phenomenal group of people, and I feel really lucky to be a part of it.”

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FAMILY PAGE

Students: Tear Out This Page and Give It to Your Family*

Parents and Families! Illinois Tech welcomes you to our community. Parents and families play a huge role in the success of their students at Illinois Tech. Your student relies on you for encouragement, advice, help with applications, bills—and, well, you raised them, so we don’t have to tell you!

Find out everything your student needs to do before arriving at Illinois Tech. We’ve created this list of essential information to assist you in helping your student finalize enrollment. We’ve also included information about how you can stay connected with the university!

CONIRM ENROLLMENT
Your student has already been admitted to Illinois Tech, so that’s the first step in our admissions process. Now he or she must secure enrollment by following the deposit instructions online at iit.edu/ug_admit.

FINANCIAL AID
More than 98 percent of Illinois Tech students receive some type of financial aid. Our goal is to help you understand funding options available for undergraduate study such as grants, work (or work-study), and loans. Be sure to submit your FAFSA as early as possible starting in October. Many students who do not qualify for federal or state aid will qualify for institutional grants. Illinois Tech’s FAFSA code is 001691. Submit your FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov.

Visit the website for Illinois Tech’s Office of Financial Aid. You’ll find important deadlines and information.
web.iit.edu/financial-aid

HOUSING
Your student’s housing priorities probably include laundry, wireless Internet, skyline views, fun activities, and pizza—in no particular order. You want assurance that on-campus housing is safe, with 24/7 security, plus student and professional staff available anytime, anywhere to assist your student. At Illinois Tech, we have both of you covered.

STUDENT HEALTH AND WELLNESS
Illinois Tech is committed to the wellbeing of your student. Our Student Health and Wellness Center offers a range of services including counseling, medical care with doctors and nurses, health insurance, and more. Illinois Tech automatically enrolls your student in our health insurance plan unless your student opts out of this service. To learn more about our offerings or to review the insurance waiver, visit iit.edu/shwc.

PARENTS: CONNECT WITH ILLINOIS TECH!
Illinois Tech has online resources just for parents and families. You can also sign up to receive Illinois Tech Today, the university’s daily newsletter, which has information about campus events, financial aid deadlines, student career services, and more.

Parent Network is now Tech Connect (network for families): web.iit.edu/campus-life/tech-connect/join
Undergraduate Admission page for families: admissions.iit.edu/undergraduate/families
Illinois Tech Today newsletter: iit.edu/news/iittoday

Have questions?
Connect with your admission counselor at admissions.iit.edu/undergraduate/contact-us or call our office at 312.567.3025.

*You’ll thank us later.

A special invitation for admitted students!

Mark your calendar to join us at Hawk Preview Days, March 30–31, 2017, when you can meet other admitted students, attend classes, spend the night on campus, and just get to know Illinois Tech.


Can’t make it to Hawk Preview Days or just can’t wait that long to visit us? Pick a day that is convenient for you to visit with an admission counselor, take a tour, stay overnight, meet a professor...or all of the above!

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Don’t put it off.
Deposit Today!

Once you deposit you’ll receive information about next steps and resources at Illinois Tech, including:

• Student disability resources
• Advising
• Housing contracts
• Orientation
• Spiritual life
• Financial aid
• Student insurance
• Meal plan accommodations for religious or dietary needs
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Don’t forget to snap a photo of yourself sporting your Illinois Tech pins, and share your excitement with the world! Go ahead and include this back cover in your pic so that everyone knows where you’re headed for college!