This is the table of contents. We know you know that (you got in to Illinois Tech, after all. Congrats again!). 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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“My Choice”

We’ll say it again: Here’s why our students chose Illinois Tech. In their own words. Find out for yourself why it’s the university of choice for students who want to do it all!
Stop Right Here
If you do one thing today, this is it (okay, four easy things)

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 four easy steps to secure your place in the incoming class for fall 2017.

1. CONFIRM YOUR INTENT TO ENROLL
Update the Decision Status section of your App Tracker to let us know if you’ll be attending Illinois Tech.

2. PAY YOUR ENROLLMENT DEPOSIT ONLINE
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.

3. COMPLETE YOUR ROOM AND BOARD CONTRACT ONLINE
You could wait to do this—but we definitely don’t recommend it. Housing space fills up quickly, and your housing form will not be processed until you complete steps 1 and 2 above. Complete the contract to secure your on-campus housing now.

4. SUBMIT ANY MISSING DOCUMENTS TO ILLINOIS TECH
If you haven’t yet submitted your passport copy or Financial Affidavit of Support to Illinois Tech, make sure to do so right away so we can begin processing your immigration documents. If you are a transfer student, you also need to submit your course descriptions in order for us to determine your transfer credits.

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

QUESTIONS? WE’VE GOT YOU COVERED
Email us: admintl@iit.edu
Be Social

Start connecting with current Illinois Tech and your fellow students on social media. We tweet, snap, instagram, post, flick, tumbl, and even link up!

LOOK SHARP!

It’s time to dress the part! Show your Illinois Tech pride all over town. We have a FREE Illinois Tech T-shirt (Yes, free!) reserved for you once you pay your deposit.

You will be able to pick up your t-shirt and keychain from your admission counselor when you arrive on campus!
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 is 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.

There are lots of opportunities to do undergraduate research. There is so much funding, and you don't have to wait in line. So many of my friends at bigger schools say they have no idea how to get a project funded.

Coming to Illinois Tech was the best decision of my life. I'm around smart people who want to do great things with their lives after college. I have so much fun here because the people are really cool and we have so much to talk about.

Emily's Activities:
- PR chair, Association for Computing Machinery
- IIT Hackathon
- Society of Women Engineers
- 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.
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 can 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 spin. 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

Sarah’s Activities:
- Camras Scholar
- Member of New Velocity dance crew
- Resident advisor, SSV student residence
- High school chemistry and math tutor
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 in his lab. We’re researching the health benefits of strawberries and other fruit, 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 so happy to be learning new things that I can apply right away—just like that! It’s mindblowing! At Illinois Tech it’s not just another lesson—it’s about making sure that you’re really prepared for life.

Amy’s Activities:
- Lewis College Student Organization
- Study Abroad, Japan
- Undergraduate research assistant

Lap’s Activities:
- Triangle fraternity
- American Medical Student Association
- MEDLIFE
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 living. Coming here was a smooth transition for me—I’ve 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 first I was a little afraid of making anything manually. Since then I’ve worked with masonry in one class and have also learned how to use all the machines in the shop.

While 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.

I’ve learned there are so many great opportunities to be a leader. When you’re a leader, it’s not just about you—you’re part of a group. You always have to set a good example. If others see a good example in you, they will also work to set a good example, too.

Amy Kamin  
Digital Humanities, 4th Year, Farmington, Missouri

When I first learned of the digital humanities program at Illinois Tech, it sounded like so much fun. A light went off in my head, and I said to myself, “I want to do this. This is where I want to be—Illinois Tech is going to be the place for me!”

This program is the future. I’m so fortunate. It has been the best fit.

Last semester I worked on a research project that is a finalist for the Nayar 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. Having that kind of exposure to research as an undergrad is incredible.

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 like that Illinois Tech focuses on what you’re going to do in five, 10 years from now. The Introduction to the Profession 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
SCARLET HAWK PRIDE

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
— Bags/Cornhole

...and many more!

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

NCAA Division III
MAJOR SUPPORTER OF INDIANAPOLIS
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. Have a late-night debate in the lounge. Gather a group of friends for a spontaneous sports game. Most of all, have fun.

**DIG IN**

Are you vegan or vegetarian? Gluten-free? Halal? Have a food allergy? We can accommodate all dietary needs. We’ve got it all—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.

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

**Beach** .75 mi

**Be yourself and be a part of our community**

“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
JOIN THE GREEK COMMUNITY

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

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:

- CABLE TV
- FITNESS ROOMS
- FURNITURE
- LAUNDRY
- 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.
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 all residence halls, fostering a safe community.

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

Drawings not to scale. Room sizes may vary.

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
- 460-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.
- Studio, 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 entrances and student rooms
- 24-hour security
- Voice, data, television jacks in each room
- Individual temperature controls in each quad suite or apartment
- Floor-to-ceiling picture windows with thin slat blinds
- Furnished private and common areas
- Fifth-floor lounges and rooftop decks in each pavilion, with spectacular city views and audio/visual systems
- Staff on premises 24 hours a day
- Access to fully equipped kitchens
- Bicycle storage
- Multiple laundry facilities onsite with online-monitoring capabilities
- Fully furnished rooms and apartments

RATES (2016–17)
- Suite Double................................. $9,180
- Apartment Studio ................. $14,480

Drawings not to scale. Room sizes may vary.

Need special room or meal accommodations?
https://web.iit.edu/cdr/services/disability-housing
https://web.iit.edu/housing/dining-dietary-preferences
Carman 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 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: $6,648
- One bedroom: $5,498

Drawings not to scale. Room sizes may vary.
WHERE INNOVATORS ARE OUR HEROES

Matthew Spenko
Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering
B.S. Northwestern University, M.S. and Ph.D. Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Director, IIT Robotics Lab

Associate Professor of Mechanical Engineering Matthew Spenko and his research team at the IIT Robotics Lab have taken cues from the Asian gecko lizard in their development of a surveillance robot that can climb up and perch on vertical surfaces. NASA hopes the mechanism that enables this robot’s adhesive-like gripping ability can be used with robots designed to remove space junk from low Earth orbit.

Part engineering and part biomimicry, this mechanism employs what is known as dry adhesion. It involves joining a molded material containing nano-sized hairs—much like the beta keratin setae on the feet of geckos, which are especially adept at gripping smooth surfaces—with charged electrodes whose polarized electrostatic fields create a force that enables the gripping of rough surfaces.

A focus of Spenko’s Robotics Lab is building robots that achieve mobility in challenging environments, which makes unwieldy surfaces like space junk right up the team’s alley. The team developed HYDRA, a teleoperated robot that is capable of both flying and rolling over rough terrain (a toy version of the robot is now available on Amazon), and conducts research on how wheeled robots move over various types of soil. The group is currently working with ComEd to develop robots that can supply remote monitoring in areas with unknown terrain.
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 undergrads 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 95 percent of the undergrads who have worked with Xiang have successfully either enrolled in grad school or found jobs after graduation.
WHIRRR!

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 Automobiles Innovation Award at the 2015 Formula Hybrid Competition, in part due to the car’s lightweight carbon-fiber frame. At the competition, Katy gave the vehicle presentation to industry leaders.

“The interviewer said, ‘That’s the best explanation of carbon fiber I’ve ever heard,’” she said. ‘Wow, I’m not even an engineer.’ And he said, ‘We should give you an honorary engineering degree.’ And I think that’s one of the biggest aspects of SAE,” Katy says. “It completely transformed me as a person, as a student, into an honorary engineer.”

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**Seriously Cool Academic Groups**

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

- Design a quad coptor 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

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**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 Lab and FermiLab, plus companies on campus at University Technology Park and throughout Chicago. Many of our faculty are experts in their fields and offer a direct line to research opportunities in the greater Chicago area and beyond. There are even programs that provide undergraduates stipends for research.
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

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.

“X MARKS THE SPOT

“When I found out that there was a place at Illinois Tech entirely devoted to creation, I was blown away.”

—Dane Christianson (Mechanical Engineering ’15), who built the 52 moving parts of his X-Cube twisty puzzle using 3-D printers in the Idea Shop during his sophomore year at Illinois Tech. The X-Cube is now sold at Marbles and Barnes & Noble.
PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE

“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

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.

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR (M.S. CS ’88)—Member of the team that developed the Pentium chip

SUSAN SOLOMON (CHEM ’77)—Discovered mammade chlorofluorocarbons were destroying the ozone layer

ED KAPLAN (ME ’65)—Pioneer in barcode technology

GLORIA RAY KARLMARK (CHEM, MATH ’65)—Part of the Little Rock Nine who stood up against segregation in Arkansas schools

ANITA BURKE (ME ’90)—Vehicle Chief Engineer for the GMC Canyon and Chevrolet Colorado

VICTOR TSAO (M.S. CS ’80)—Co-founder of Linksys

ANDREA BERRY (CS ’84)—Emmy Award-winning broadcast media consultant

RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR (M.S. CS ’88)—Member of the team that developed the Pentium chip
LIFTOFF!

Just five years after earning his undergraduate degree, Jason Tenenbaum (AE ’07) helped launch a spacecraft. He works as an engineer for Space Exploration 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 produced 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 that made this a reality is a phenomenal group of people, and I feel really lucky to be a part of it.”

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. Or do 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.

Get Smart

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JASON RESCH (CS ’06)—SOFTWARE ENGINEER WITH MORE THAN 50 PATENTS (AND 200 PENDING) TO HIS NAME

KATHERINE DARNSTADT (ARCH ’06)—FOUNDER OF LATENT DESIGN WHICH CONVERTED A BUS INTO FRESH MOVES MOBILE MARKETS

NISHANTH SAMALA (CS ’14)—DEVELOPED THE APP STRADOS TO DIAGNOSE CAR PROBLEMS, NAMED BY INC. AS AMONG AMERICA’S COOLEST COLLEGE STARTUPS 2014

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This iconic building, designed by an internationally acclaimed architect,* will house the rapid-prototyping Idea Shop, the IPRO Program, and work spaces where your entrepreneurial endeavors can incubate and flourish. In our planned **Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship** your ideas, imagination, invention, ingenuity, and other big ideas will come to life.

* The architect, John Ronan, is also a current Illinois Tech professor. The Kaplan Institute will be a living laboratory for advanced design. Its first-in-Chicago dynamic façade of ETFE (ethylene tetrafluoroethylene) foil cushions will vary the amount of solar energy entering the building through sophisticated pneumatics and give the building a light, cloud-like appearance.

**Envision It:**
*Illinois Tech’s Innovation Hub, the Kaplan Institute*
TAKE A VIRTUAL TOUR
Visit us now! Log on to www.iit.edu/#virtualtour to view a cool online virtual tour of our buildings, labs, open spaces, and more!

WE’RE #1 IN ILLINOIS AND #40 IN THE U.S.
FOR MID-CAREER EARNINGS OF GRADUATES WHO HAVE RECEIVED A BACHELOR’S DEGREE (PAYSCALE COLLEGE RETURN ON INVESTMENT REPORT 2016).

ILLINOIS TECH HAS BEEN NAMED AN EDUCATIONAL “BEST VALUE” BY U.S. NEWS & WORLD REPORT, THE PRINCETON REVIEW, AND FISKE GUIDE TO COLLEGES

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.

Undergraduate Admission page for families:
admissions.iit.edu/undergraduate/families

Parent Network is now Tech Connect (network for families):
web.iit.edu/campus-life/tech-connect/join

Illinois Tech Today newsletter:
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