Parent Orientation 2019

*Please note: event locations will be printed in the schedule you pick up when checking in for Orientation*

**Saturday, August 24**

10:00am – 6:00pm
**Check in for Parent Orientation**
Grab your nametag, chat with the Parent’s Association, and pick up any tickets you purchased on EventBrite before the event.

1:30pm
**Campus Tour**
Get to know the MIT campus and interesting facts about the Institute.

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**Sunday, August 25**

9:00am – 5:00pm
**Check in for Parent Orientation**
Grab your nametag, chat with the Parent’s Association, learn more about the Tide Laundry service available to your student, and pick up any tickets you purchased on EventBrite before the event.

9:30am – 10:30am
**Christian Welcome Worship & Breakfast Bite**
Join this special casual worship gathering for those from any Christian background desiring to spend some moments in praise to God on your first day at MIT. Hear introduction to the Christian community at MIT and learn about churches in the Boston area. Parents and students are welcome to join others from non-denominational or other backgrounds. Invite given to walk to church with picnic to follow.

9:30am – 10:30am
**Tech Catholic Community Welcome Mass**
Welcome Mass followed by reception in W11 – Main Dining Room.
11:00am
**Welcoming Worship with Protestant Student Community and ORSEL**
Meet other Christians on campus at our new weekly Sunday worship, followed by time for food and fellowship!

12:00pm
**Hillel Jewish Community Lunch**
Welcome to MIT orientation! Hillel provides Jewish life on campus and is happy to host a Kosher bagels and lox lunch for new students and their families. For more information, please contact hillel-orientation@mit.edu.

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**Campus Tour**
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1:00pm – 2:00pm
**Academics Panel**
Learn about core first year classes and unique learning opportunities. Professors, administrators, and current students will be on hand to answer questions relating to your student’s academic endeavors.

1:00pm – 2:00pm
**Tech Catholic Community Welcome Mass**
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12:00pm – 2:00pm
**Fraternity and Sorority Life at MIT**
Join MIT’s fraternities’ and sororities’ executive boards for an open house in W20-400 to get to know more about our communities and how your students can join at the Institute in a more casual environment. *Drop-in event*

2:00pm – 3:00pm
**Fraternity and Sorority Life Forums**
The executive boards of MIT’s fraternities and sororities will be hosting separate panel discussions about their specific communities, what role they play at the Institute, and what it means for your students to join. **Parents interested in hearing from the Interfraternity Council (IFC) about fraternities should go to Lobdell, Student Center 2nd floor, and those interested in hearing from Panhellenic Council (Panhel) about sororities should go to W20-407, Student Center 4th floor.** These will be question-driven events, so please come with any you may have.
2:30pm – 3:30pm
Health and Safety Panel
Staff from MIT Medical, Student Support and Wellbeing, Residential Education, and the MIT Police will be available to answer questions about your student’s well-being and safety at MIT.

3:00pm – 4:00pm
MIT Dining & Dining Dollars/TechCASH
Join staff from the Division of Student Life to learn more about dining on campus and Dining Dollars/TechCASH. This presentation will cover everything from dining options and meal plans, to the most convenient way for students to purchase goods and services across campus using only their MIT ID, including laundry, books and food items. All sessions will cover the same topics, so please feel free to join us for any one of the scheduled presentations. *Drop-in event*

3:30pm – 4:30pm
Transition to Campus Living Panel
Is your student excited about living in residence? Join representatives from Housing & Residential Services and Residential Education to learn more about your student’s new home. The panel will discuss various aspects of living on campus and the support provided to your student. Time will be provided for Q&A.

3:30pm – 5:30pm
Office of Minority Education (OME)
Parent/Student Reception – Introduction to the OME
While enjoying some delicious food, meet the OME staff and your fellow classmates. During this event, you will hear about our mentoring, leadership, graduate school, and academic excellence programs. You will hear about ways to maximize your MIT experience by building ties with faculty and getting involved on campus. All parents and students are welcome.

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5:00pm
Dinner on Your Own
5:00pm – 6:00pm
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7:30pm
**Jazz Night**
Enjoy an evening relaxing to smooth jazz melodies while meeting parents of incoming students, as well as current MIT students. There will be light refreshments and an open bar. Bar sponsored by the MIT Parents Association. *Drop-in event*

**Monday, August 26**

9:00am – 10:30am
**Residence Hall Open House**
Want to meet the people who will be helping your student navigate MIT? Come and meet your student’s House team for an informal meet and greet located in the lobby of all residential facilities. This is an opportunity to ask about support within the houses, resources offered to students, and more. *Drop-in event*

11:00am – 12:00pm
**President Reif’s Convocation and Welcome**
President L. Rafael Reif officially welcomes you and your family to the MIT community. Come celebrate the greatness that is MIT!

12:00pm – 2:00pm
**Vice President and Dean for Student Life Welcome for Parents/Families**
While students enjoy a brunch in their residence halls hosted by Heads of House, parents and families are invited to attend a welcome brunch. The program will include welcome remarks from the Vice President and Dean for Student Life, Suzy Nelson, as well as an opportunity for informal interaction with student services staff, student leaders, and alumni volunteers. Parents will be able to connect personally with these resources, ask questions, learn about student life opportunities and services, and obtain information to keep in touch with student life resources at the Institute.
2:00pm – 3:00pm
**All About UROP**
~90% of MIT students take advantage of the UROP program during their time at MIT. Learn more about the Undergraduate Research Opportunities Program and how your student can be a part of it.

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2:30pm – 4:00pm
**MIT Student Health Plans**
Staff from MIT Medical will be available to answer your questions and provide information on student health insurance. *Drop-in event*

3:30pm – 5:00pm
**Finding a Path, Starting the Journey – Preparing Students for Lifelong Success**
*Overview of MIT Career Advising & Professional Development (CAPD)*
This session will provide an overview of Career Advising & Professional Development and essential programs for student success Career Services, Prehealth Advising and Professional Development. Learn about the resources, exploration of career options, and support they receive starting in their first year. Discover what employers look for in graduates and hear highlights of the Class of 2018 employment and graduate school outcomes. Finally, gain insight into ways in which parents can help students find their path and start their journey.