Welcome Students:

The Office of Campus Life and the Division of Student Affairs would like to welcome everyone to the SOAR (Student Orientation, Advising, and Registration) program. The SOAR program is the beginning of your journey at Illinois Institute of Technology, also known as Illinois Tech. Illinois Tech is home to amazing academic programs in engineering, architecture, computer science, psychology, and many other fields! Additionally, Illinois Tech has a diverse student population, with many of our students from around the world as well as from across the United States.

Students are joining a community of scholars and innovators. At SOAR we prepare you for your first year at Illinois Tech. Students will meet their future colleagues whom they will work with on innovative projects in their IPRO courses. Students will also meet faculty and staff who will help them to succeed during their time at the university. Students will connect with professionals who will help to mentor them in the field of their interest. Family members and supporters are a part of the Scarlet Hawk family and we get excited every time they visit campus.

As a part of the Illinois Tech community, you will have plenty of opportunities to get involved in more than 130 student organizations, participate in research, and take advantage of the Chicago area, which is a hub of innovation and culture.

We hope that you will find your time at SOAR to be a great one and that you leave SOAR loving Illinois Tech even more.

Go Scarlet Hawks!

Sincerely,

Katherine Stetz
Vice Provost for Student Affairs and Dean of Students
Checklist

✓ Turn in the student health insurance waiver on the MyIIT portal
✓ Turn in any required financial aid documentation
✓ Register for class
✓ Get your HawkID card
✓ Purchase a meal plan
✓ Have your family member sign up for the Tech Connect newsletter
✓ Download the HawkI app
✓ Create a Handshake account
✓ Attend all SOAR sessions
✓ Go on a walking tour of Mies Campus
✓ Visit the bookstore to buy textbooks and/or Illinois Tech gear

When you come back to campus in the fall...

✓ Attend the required Welcome Week sessions during the week of August 12–18
✓ Attend the Welcome Back Bash
✓ Go to a Scarlet Hawk sports event
✓ Take a Mies Campus architecture tour
✓ Sign up for Family Weekend
✓ Learn more about fraternity life or sorority life at the Taste of the Quad
✓ Visit the Career Center to have your resume reviewed
✓ Grab your U-PASS during the first week of class to explore Chicago
Day I

8–9:30 a.m. **Check In** *(McCormick Student Village)*
Welcome to SOAR and to Illinois Tech! During the check-in process, students and their guests will pick up SOAR materials and check into the residence halls.

9:30–9:45 a.m. **Meet Your SOAR Group!** *(McCormick Student Village)*
Meet your official SOAR Leader—a current Illinois Tech student—and a group of new students in the incoming class! This quick session is designed to help you get to know one another before the day starts.

9:45–10 a.m. **Welcome to Illinois Tech!** *(MTCC Auditorium)*
Illinois Tech would like to welcome all students, family members, and supporters to the university! Join us as we welcome you to campus, introduce the schedule for the day, and more!

**LEARNING**

Academics are a vital part of higher education. We’re all here to learn something new, right? These sessions are designed to give you a better understanding of the academic expectations Illinois Tech has for its students, the staff and resources that help support students and their academics, and the technology available to enhance your learning experience.

10–10:30 a.m. **Academic Expectations and Support** *(MTCC Auditorium)*
What does it mean to take a college course? Can I just walk up to my professors and talk to them or do I have to make an appointment? How is college different from high school? What if I miss a class or two?

These are all very important aspects of academic life at any university. We will share tips, tricks, and resources to set students up to succeed. You don’t want to miss out!

10:30–10:55 a.m. **MyIIT** *(MTCC Auditorium)*
It seems like there’s a portal for everything nowadays, doesn’t it? Well, there is! The MyIIT portal is a vital online tool for students to navigate all aspects of their Illinois Tech experience. Get a crash course in checking email, registering for courses, and more. A representative from the Office of Technology Services will show you how to navigate this portal and how to take advantage of other technology services provided on campus.

11 a.m.–noon **Meet Your Academic College** *(refer to locations below)*
Meet with faculty and staff within your colleges and learn more about the opportunities that will enhance your academic experience at Illinois Tech. SOAR Leaders will take students to each location.

**Armour College of Engineering:** Perlstein Hall Auditorium  
**Architecture:** S. R. Crown Hall, Lower Center Core  
**College of Science:** Stuart Building Auditorium  
**Lewis College of Human Sciences:** IIT Tower, 14th Floor, Dean’s Conference Room  
**School of Applied Technology:** IIT Tower, Auditorium  
**Stuart School of Business:** IIT Tower, 18th Floor, Dean’s Conference Room

Noon–1 p.m. **Lunch With Your SOAR Groups** *(The Commons)*
This is the perfect time to get to know your SOAR group! Enjoy your first meal together as a Scarlet Hawk!
COMMUNITY

At the end of the day, we're all Scarlet Hawks. These sessions will help you start to form connections to the Illinois Tech community—learn the history of Illinois Tech, explore Mies Campus, get to know your classmates, learn about campus housing, discover the diverse identities and populations that make up our student body, and find out how to navigate your new community safely and inclusively.

1:10–1:45 p.m.  **History and Traditions of Illinois Tech (MTCC Ballroom)**
Illinois Tech has a rich history of accomplishments, famous alumni, and fun traditions. Learn all about them through this session and find out what makes Illinois Tech so special!

1:45–2:15 p.m.  **Make Your Mark with Residence Life (MTCC Ballroom)**
Find out about the great benefits of living on campus. Students will receive in-depth information about on-campus living and learn more about getting involved in the community.

1:45–2:15 p.m.  **Commuting to Campus (MTCC Auditorium)**
Learn tips and tricks for commutng to campus while staying connected to campus. This session will introduce you to key resources for commuting to Illinois Tech.

2:15–3 p.m.  **Community Standards and Safety (MTCC Ballroom)**
SOAR is all about introducing you to your new home and community. Learn more about the standards of community life at Illinois Tech and how Illinois Tech supports students through the transition to college life.

Rotating Sessions

3–5 p.m. (Various Locations)
We want to keep you moving, so we’re taking you on a tour! Meet the Illinois Tech team members from various campus offices who will be integral to your transition to college. You will visit the Student Health and Wellness Center, Paul V. Galvin Library, Career Services, Keating Sports Center, and Access, Card, and Parking Services. You’ll also have a chance to stop by the Resource Fair to meet with more than 20 other campus offices! Your SOAR Leader will have your group’s specific schedule, so follow them!

Check your nametag to see if your SOAR group is in the scarlet or gray group and follow the schedule below accordingly:

5–5:45 p.m.  **Scarlet Group: Dinner at The Bog**
Enjoy a meal in our on-campus recreation center and grill. Spend your dinner time chatting with new students or playing some arcade games!

5:45–6:30 p.m.  **Scarlet Group: Time to SOAR (various locations)**
After dinner spend more time getting to know your SOAR group with community building exercises! You’ll also have an opportunity to hear from SOAR Leaders about their first-year experience at Illinois Tech!

5–5:45 p.m.  **Gray Group: Time to SOAR (various locations)**
While the scarlet group eats dinner, you will have more time to spend with your SOAR group! You’ll do some community-building exercises and have an opportunity to hear from SOAR Leaders about their first-year experience at Illinois Tech!

5:45–6:30 p.m.  **Gray Group: Dinner at The Bog**
After time with your SOAR group, enjoy a meal in our on-campus recreation center and grill. Spend your dinner time chatting with new students or playing some arcade games!

7–9 p.m.  **Evening Programming (The Bog and McCormick Student Village)**
Wind down with fun late-night activities! Enjoy arcade games, ping pong tables, and bowling in The Bog or head over to McCormick Student Village for a movie and board games!
Day II

8 a.m.–4 p.m.  **Residence Hall Check Out (McCormick Student Village)**
Students can check out of their rooms throughout the day. You are welcome to check out and bring your belongings to your car in the morning before sessions start or leave your things in your room and wait to check out until after advising.

8:15–9:15 a.m.  **Breakfast (The Commons)**
Enjoy breakfast in The Commons before sessions start for the day.

**WELLNESS**
As college students, it’s easy to get lost in all of the responsibilities you have to balance. However, your wellness—mental, physical, emotional, financial, and more—comes first. While you heard from Student Health and Wellness Center yesterday, today’s session will help you better understand the campus resources that exist to support your financial wellness.

9:30–10:30 a.m.  **Show Me the Money (MTCC Auditorium)**
The Financial Aid and Student Accounting offices will help guide you through Illinois Tech’s financial systems and help you better understand how to navigate college costs.

**INVOLVEMENT**
At Illinois Tech, learning takes place both inside and outside of the classroom. These sessions will offer insight into how to become involved during your first year on campus with leadership opportunities through student organizations, Greek Life, the M. A. and Lila Self Leadership Academy, on-campus jobs, and more!

10:30 – 11 a.m.  **Campus Life (MTCC Auditorium)**
Let’s do this! Join us to learn about joining or starting a student organization, getting involved in Greek Life, and taking advantage of programming and events offered throughout the year.

11–11:30 a.m.  **M. A. and Lila Self Leadership Academy (MTCC Auditorium)**
The Leadership Academy is focused on preparing students with both theoretical and practical leadership experiences during their time on campus. Through seminars facilitated by leading industry professionals to retreats designed to challenge you to apply and expand your leadership abilities, the Leadership Academy is a great resource. Join us for a conversation about leadership, and how you can develop your skills and plan for a future where you can lead change.

11:30 a.m.–12:20 p.m.  **Your First Year at Illinois Tech (MTCC Auditorium)**
Meet current students and hear their stories complete with tips, guidance, and advice on how to navigate your first year at Illinois Tech!

12:20–1:20 p.m.  **Lunch (The Commons)**
We wouldn’t want you to get advice on an empty stomach!

1:30–3:30 p.m.  **Advising and Course Registration (MTCC Auditorium and Ballroom)**
Meet with your advisor and register for your fall courses. See your nametag for your specific advising assignment. Please arrive 10 minutes prior to your appointment.
1:30–3:30 p.m.

**Before You Leave (various locations)**

Representatives from the Office of Financial Aid, the Student Health and Wellness Center, and the Center for Disability Resources will be available to chat with you and to accept all of your documents. SOAR Leaders will be available to bring you to the various locations.

**Office of Financial Aid**

SOAR Sessions I and II: Wishnick Hall, Rooms 115 and 116  
SOAR Sessions III and IV: Perlstein Hall, Rooms 108 and 109

If you were given a financial aid card in your folder, please come by to drop off financial aid documents or chat with a staff member for questions about your aid package. If you were not given a card, the office will also be having drop-in hours for anyone with last-minute questions.

**Center for Disability Resources (outside of the MTCC Auditorium)**

The Center for Disability Resources is the designated office at Illinois Tech to evaluate disability documentation, determine eligibility, and implement reasonable accommodations for enrolled students. Stop by to learn how to access these crucial services.

**Student Health and Wellness Center (outside of the MTCC Auditorium)**

Need to turn in immunization forms or hear about SHWC services? Stop by to their table outside of the MTCC Auditorium before or after your advising appointment.

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Thanks for joining us at SOAR! We can’t wait to see you again in August!
Important Phone Numbers and Email Addresses

- **Academic Resource Center**
  arc@iit.edu
  312.567.5216

- **Access, Card, and Parking Services (ACaPS)**
  acaps@iit.edu
  312.567.8988

- **Armour College of Engineering**
  engineering@iit.edu
  312.567.3009

- **Campus Life**
  campus.life@iit.edu
  312.567.3720

- **Career Services**
  careerservices@iit.edu
  312.567.6800

- **Center for Disability Resources**
  disabilities@iit.edu
  312.567.5744

- **College of Architecture**
  arch@iit.edu
  312.567.3230

- **College of Science**
  science@iit.edu
  312.567.3800

- **Dining Services**
  dining@iit.edu
  312.567.3070

- **English Language Services**
  els@iit.edu

- **Financial Aid**
  finaid@iit.edu
  312.567.7219

- **Illinois Institute of Technology Bookstore**
  312.567.3120

- **International Center**
  icenter@iit.edu
  312.567.3680

- **Keating Sports Center**
  312.567.3296

- **Lewis College of Human Sciences**
  humsci@iit.edu
  312.567.3956

- **One Stop**
  onestop@iit.edu
  312.567.3810

- **Paul V. Galvin Library**
  library@iit.edu
  312.567.3616

- **Public Safety**
  Non-Emergency: 312.808.6300
  Emergency: 312.808.6383
  Downtown Campus: 312.906.5030
  Public Safety Escort: 312.808.6310

- **Office of Residence Life**
  housing@iit.edu
  312.567.5075

- **School of Applied Technology**
  312.567.5900

- **Stuart School of Business**
  admission@stuart.iit.edu
  312.906.6500

- **Student Accounting**
  sa@iit.edu
  312.567.3794

- **Student Affairs**
  dos@iit.edu
  312.567.3081

- **Student Employment**
  seo1@iit.edu
  312.567.5729

- **Student Health and Wellness Center**
  student.health@iit.edu
  312.567.7500

- **Undergraduate Academic Advising**
  advising@iit.edu

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  312.567.3300