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[The following letter was sent to all students admitted to the Department of Civil, Architectural and Environmental Engineering.]

Congratulations on your acceptance to the Illinois Institute of Technology undergraduate program in civil or architectural engineering.

As the associate chair of the department and advisor to all incoming students, I would like to invite you to visit our Web site (cae.iit.edu/). There, you may find helpful information regarding our programs, the civil and architectural engineering profession, our faculty and staff members, student organizations, etc.

I am very happy to announce to you that in addition to various specialties within our programs in civil and architectural engineering, we have embarked on developing new specialization areas in environmental engineering. With this new initiative, students may choose a specialty in areas dealing with clean air, potable water and other environmental issues. Please visit our Web site or contact us for more information about these and all of our other specialization areas.

I am further pleased to inform you that both civil and architectural engineering are among the areas with the highest demand within the engineering profession. Our placement records during the past few years have remained at 100%. Our professors are dedicated to your education and I am personally available to help you with your advising needs. You will find our department to be a very friendly environment in which to pursue your professional education and your goal of becoming a successful engineer.

If you have any questions regarding our programs, getting started with your education, life at IIT, student activities, etc., please do not hesitate to call me personally at 312-567-3546 or e-mail me at oleary@iit.edu. I will be delighted to hear from you and look forward to helping you get started in your undergraduate engineering program at IIT.

Best regards,

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