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[The following letter was sent to all students admitted to the Mechanical, Materials, and Aerospace Engineering Department.]

Congratulations on your admission to Illinois Institute of Technology!

I am pleased to share with you information regarding the Mechanical, Materials, and Aerospace Engineering (MMAE) Department, which offers undergraduate degrees in the three disciplines, as well as programs with double majors.

As Professor and Chairman of the MMAE Department, I invite you to become more closely acquainted with our academic programs by visiting our Web site (mmae.iit.edu/). The information found in the *About MMAE*, *Programs* and *Student & Professional Organizations* (found by clicking on the *About MMAE* link) sections should be of particular interest to you at this time.

The laboratory activities and research opportunities available in the MMAE Department prepare students for careers in engineering and graduate work. In addition to your regular coursework, you will have the opportunity to participate in valuable hands-on research activities in our facilities—details can be found by visiting www.iit.edu/engineering/mmae/research/research_centers.shtml. During the last two years, significant undergraduate teaching laboratory upgrades have been made possible by alumni donations of over \$1.25 million, thereby enhancing the undergraduate research experience.

Please find enclosed a copy of *Vectors*, our departmental magazine, which provides a brief overview of select faculty's research activities, statistics and other news within the MMAE Department. You might also find the student comments found throughout the magazine regarding why they chose to study at MMAE/IIT of interest to you.

If you have any questions regarding our academic programs, please feel free to correspond with me or with Professor John Kallend (kallend@iit.edu), Associate Chair for Undergraduate Programs of the MMAE Department. We understand that this is a very important time in your academic career and we look forward to assisting you in any way possible.

Sincerely,

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