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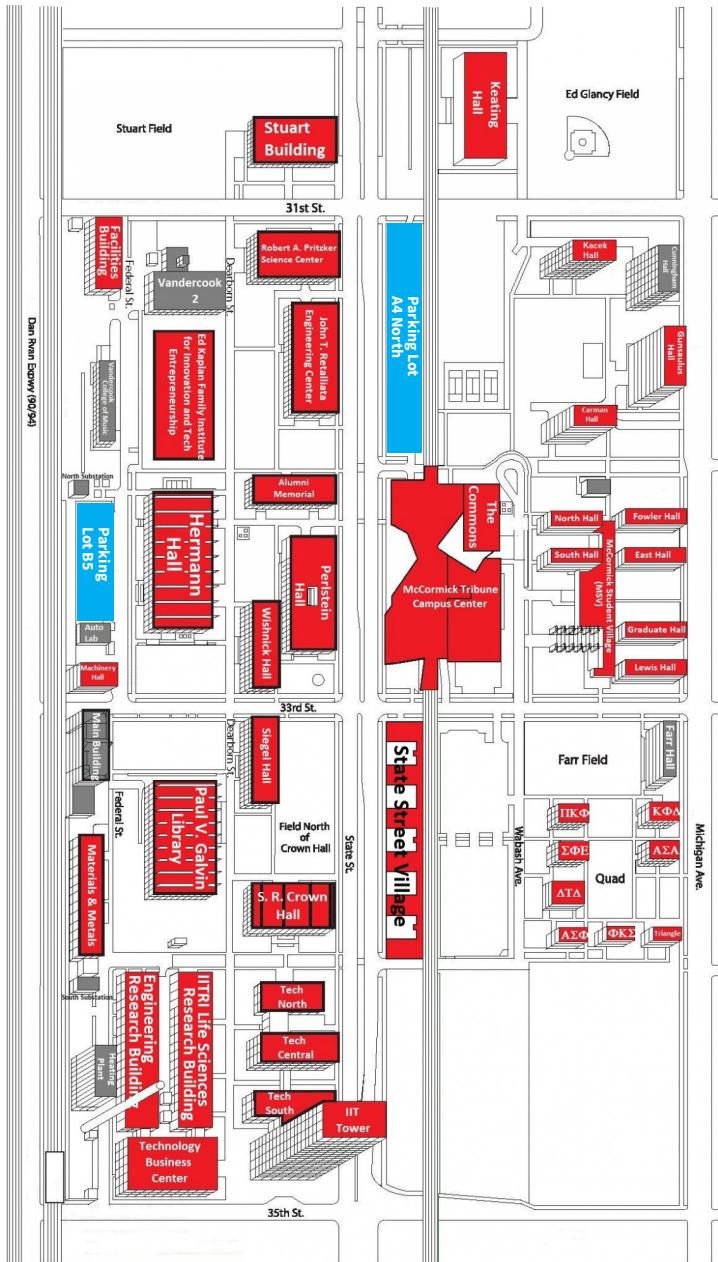
FEBRUARY 19-20
2026

ILLINOIS TECH MIES CAMPUS
THE MCGORMICK TRIBUNE
CAMPUS CENTER (MTCC)

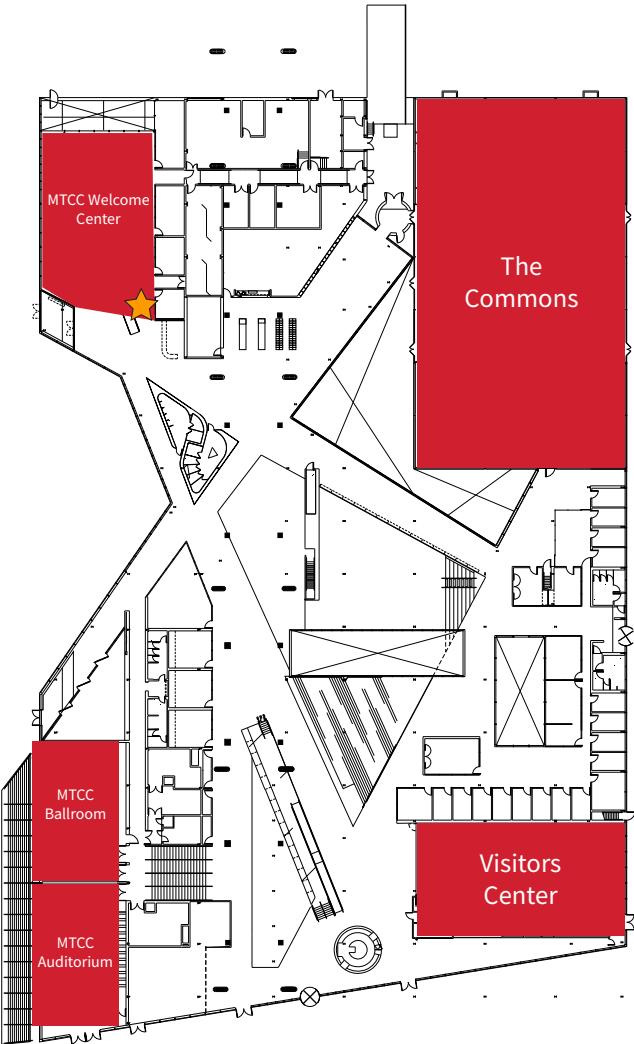
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EVENT NOTES

MTCC WELCOME CENTER

Located in the **McCormick Tribune Campus Center (MTCC)**, open from 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. Thursday and 7:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Friday. Visit the Welcome Center to check-in on Thursday, February 19th, beginning at 9:30 a.m., and check any luggage.

VISITORS CENTER

Located in the McCormick Tribune Campus Center (MTCC) next to Global Grounds Coffee at the 33rd Street entrance. Arrive at the Visitors Center to **check in for your interview 20-minutes prior to your scheduled interview time.**

NAME TAGS

Please wear/carry your name tag at all times as you navigate Symposium. Your name tag will have important information, so be sure not to misplace it!

PARKING

We recommend public transportation or using rideshare service whenever possible; however, complimentary parking is provided in lot A4 North (north of MTCC) and lot B5 (west of Hermann Hall) on a first-come-first-serve basis.

WIFI

For free wifi access select "IIT-Connect" from your available wireless network list on your device. You must add your country code (+1 for U.S. residents) to your phone number.

PARENT & GUEST LOUNGES

Parents and guests in need of a workspace throughout the day may access the seating areas near Global Grounds Coffee and the upper level of the Welcome Center.

CHECK OUT

Check out will occur in the Lobby of Hermann Hall immediately following the farewell on Friday, February 20 at 1 p.m. Please make sure that you pick up your luggage at this time.

THANK YOU!

Big thanks to all of our campus partners — Illinois Tech faculty, staff, alumni and Mies departments; our Hotel Partner — Hilton at McCormick Place; and restaurant partner — Connie's Pizza who helped make this event possible!

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Need Help? Contact Us!

Phone: 312.567.3025
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Special Tour Tickets Required.

Obtain your tickets at Ticket Exchange in the Hermann Hall Ballroom during the check in.



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THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026

9
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9:30-11:00 a.m. CHECK IN

Welcome Center, MTCC

At check in, you'll receive everything you need for the Leadership Symposium, including your interview appointment, event agenda, and any important updates to keep you informed.

9:30-11:00 a.m. BREAKFAST AND STUDENT LIFE SHOWCASE

Expo and Gallery, Hermann Hall

Start your day by enjoying a light breakfast, and explore our current student organizations, and student support offices!

9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. TICKET EXCHANGE

Ballroom, Hermann Hall

Use your two vouchers to select tickets for the specialty tours or sessions that interest you most! With a variety of options to choose from, this is your chance to customize your experience and make the most of your two days on campus.

11
A.M.

11-11:45 a.m. LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM WELCOME

Auditorium, Hermann Hall

Begin the day with a welcome session led by university leadership, current scholars, and admission representatives. This session will provide an overview of this year's Leadership Symposium and help you prepare for a meaningful two days on campus.

11:45 a.m.-12:30 p.m. THE ILLINOIS TECH HONORS PROGRAM

Auditorium, Hermann Hall

Learn how the Illinois Tech Honors Program creates a supportive space for undergraduates to explore enhanced opportunities in academics, research, and service learning.

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12-2:00 p.m. LUNCH

The Commons, MTCC

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12-12:45 p.m. DESIGN REIMAGINED: IDEA SHOP TOUR

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1-1:45 p.m. ELEMENTAL ESPRESSO: WHAT'S IN YOUR COFFEE?

Departs from Auditorium, MTCC



This session explores what everyday materials are made of by taking a closer look at a simple cup of coffee. We'll use it as a starting point to think about matter, particles, and the basic building blocks of the physical world. **Open to students with a 20-person capacity.**

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1-1:45 p.m. PRE-HEALTH POSSIBILITIES AT ILLINOIS TECH

Departs from Auditorium, MTCC

Join us for an informal Q&A session with your pre-health advisor, Dr. Kathryn Spink. This is your opportunity to get acquainted with the pre-health program at Illinois Tech.

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1-1:45 p.m. BRIDGING BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY AT ILLINOIS TECH

P-Club, MTCC

Gain valuable insights from our esteemed faculty and current students as they share their firsthand experiences within the dynamic academic environment of the Stuart School of Business.

1-1:45 p.m. FRATERNITY & SORORITY LIFE

Ballroom, MTCC

Join us to explore Greek life at Illinois Tech! Learn about our diverse organizations, the real experiences that define this community, and how it fosters lifelong friendships.

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Students will gain experience on cutting-edge methodologies for the study of living systems and important chemical properties of compounds or chemical processes. Topics may include the fluorescence microscopy of cancer cells, macromolecule characterization and purification, culture of microorganisms, crystallization methods, and colored flame exploration. **Limited to students with an interest in Biology or Chemistry, with a 15-person capacity.**

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Departs from Auditorium, MTCC

Join faculty from Armour College of Engineering for a tour of Illinois Tech's WiSER Research Institute. Learn how the institute is tackling global challenges like climate change and water shortages by focusing on energy efficiency and the shift toward clean, sustainable energy. **Open to students and their guests with a 20-person capacity.**



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2-2:45 p.m. LIFESIZE ORIGAMI

P-Club, MTCC

Join current Illinois Tech scholars in a one-of-a-kind team building exercise putting your team building skills to the test! You will create a life-size origami with your fellow scholarship nominees. **Limited to students only with a 15-person capacity.**



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3-3:45 p.m. CANCER CELL DEMO

Departs from Auditorium, MTCC

In the Cancer Cell Demo session, students will visit our cell culture facility, observe cancer cell culture process, and examine live cancer cells under a microscope. Students will also observe the process of "killing" cancer cells in action. Through this process, students will learn about the nature of cancer cells and the challenge of traditional cancer therapy.



3-3:45 p.m. CIVIL AND ARCHITECTURAL ENGINEERING INDOOR

ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBER TOUR

Departs from Auditorium, MTCC

Discover the forefront of indoor air quality research at Illinois Tech and gain firsthand experience by visiting our indoor environmental chamber test facility. **This tour is limited to students only with a 25-person capacity.**



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3-3:45 p.m. CALM MINDS, STRONG LEADERS

Departs from Auditorium, MTCC

Join the Student Government Association to make your own worry stone, a small but powerful reminder to pause, breathe, and keep things in perspective. Create, de-stress, and chat with fellow leaders about life on campus, getting involved, and what it really means to lead. Come for the fun, leave with a cool keepsake and a calmer mindset. **This session is limited to students only with a 20-person capacity.**



3-3:45 p.m. SMART FAKES AND FAKING SMARTS

Ballroom, MTCC

Who was the original Mechanical Turk? And, how did a guy in a box convince world leaders he was a sophisticated machine? From the classic chess scam that took in Ben Franklin and Napoleon to the bad bloodwork at Theranos, frauds and fakes are an intriguing and intractable part of our history. Come for a crash course on some of the most outlandish fakes in the tech history and what they tell us about culture and innovation.

3-3:45 p.m. FIRST-YEAR STUDY ABROAD AT ILLINOIS TECH

Auditorium, MTCC

Kick off your college journey in Seoul, South Korea through our First-Semester Abroad experience. This fully organized, packaged study abroad program allows students to begin their very first semester immersed in a global city, exploring the world while earning academic credit from day one.

3-3:45 p.m. KEYCHAINS WITH CAMRAS

P-Club, MTCC

Meet the Camras Scholars and Exec Board while enjoying a fun, hands-on crafting activity! Connect with current students and learn more about the Camras community.

3-3:45 p.m. PRE-LAW POSSIBILITIES

Visitors Center, MTCC

Are you considering a career in law but unsure where to begin? This session explores how pairing a pre-law education with majors in business, engineering, or the sciences can open doors to unique career opportunities. Attendees will have the chance to connect with our pre-law faculty, hear insights from current students, and learn actionable steps to embark on a successful legal career.

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Pitch, Kaplan Institute

Explore Illinois Tech's IPRO program and experiential learning initiatives, and gain an understanding of how the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship plays a distinctive role in this educational journey. Please note that this session is exclusively open to parents and guests of Symposium Finalists.

4-4:45 p.m. PIZZA TAILGATE

Ballroom, Hermann Hall

Before diving into the Chicago Pizza Dinner, join us for a fun and casual session designed to spark connections and conversations. Share your highlights from the day, meet future classmates, and enjoy some light activities that get everyone talking. Let's wrap up the day with new friends and great vibes!

4:45-6:30 p.m. CHICAGO PIZZA DINNER

Departs from Ballroom, Hermann Hall

Get ready to experience Chicago's famous pizza! After an exciting day, join other future Scarlet Hawks at one of the city's top pizza spots. It's the perfect chance to meet Illinois Tech students, alumni, and staff while enjoying some seriously delicious food.

We'll group you by your academic interests and head out from Hermann Hall Ballroom. Be sure to arrive by 4:30 PM to join the fun!

5 P.M.

5-6:30 p.m. PARENTS OF SYMPOSIUM RECEPTION

S. R. Crown Hall

Parents and Guests of Scholarship Symposium Finalists, you are invited to unwind and enjoy a glass of wine or beer, along with a taste of Little Italy. This is an excellent opportunity to meet other parents, Illinois Tech staff, and faculty, all within the beautiful Crown Hall. **Please be aware that this event is exclusively for the parents and guests of Symposium Finalists.**

7 P.M.

7 p.m.+ CAMRAS BOG BASH

The BOG, Hermann Hall

Get ready to have a blast as you hang out with the fantastic Illinois Tech Camras scholars and your fellow students. It's all about high-energy arcade games, heated bowling competitions, and indulging in delicious snacks—pure fun awaits!

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026

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7:30-9 a.m. STUDENT BREAKFAST

The Commons, MTCC



Symposium Finalists, kick off your day with a delicious breakfast in The Commons, located in MTCC. Parents and guests, we warmly invite you to the Parent Breakfast and Staff Chat at the Hermann Hall Expo.

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9:30 -10:30 a.m. PARENT BREAKFAST AND STAFF CHAT

Expo, Hermann Hall

Parents, join us for a relaxed morning conversation with representatives from Undergraduate Admission, Campus Safety, Financial Aid, Student Life, and Student Affairs. Enjoy breakfast as we address your questions and discuss how to best support your student at Illinois Tech.



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Ballroom, MTCC

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The AMIR Lab tour provides an overview of ongoing research in advanced manufacturing and materials science, offering visitors a glimpse into innovative approaches to studying and improving modern engineered materials. **This tour is limited to students only with a 20-person capacity.**

10-10:45 a.m. ALL THINGS BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

Departs from Auditorium, MTCC

Join us in an exciting review of the BME major and a brief excursion into the multidisciplinary field of Biomedical Engineering, where Engineering, Science and Medicine overlap.

10-10:45 a.m. COZY CORNERS TOUR

Departs from Auditorium, MTCC



Join The Cozy Corners Tour, led by Illinois Tech's Resident Advisors (RAs), as they share their favorite hidden nooks on campus—perfect for studying, relaxing, or unwinding. From quiet retreats to comfy lounges, discover the best spots to feel at home at Illinois Tech! **This tour is limited to students only with a 20-person capacity.**

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Explore the world of Chemical and Biological Engineering with our expert professors. Uncover the exciting opportunities and innovative pathways this major can offer as you dive into the possibilities of a ChBE degree!

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10-10:45 a.m. COLLEGE FEUD WITH FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE

P-Club, MTCC

Join us for College Feud, a fast-paced, interactive game hosted by the Illinois Tech First Year Experience Mentor team. Student participants will team up to guess the most common college experiences—from first-semester worries to late-night Google searches—while building community, sharing laughs, and learning about campus resources.

10-10:45 a.m. UNDERSTANDING THE COLLEGE OF COMPUTING

Ballroom, MTCC

Engage with our computing faculty as they provide a comprehensive overview of the diverse career pathways available within the College of Computing.

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11-11:45 a.m. INTRODUCTION TO MECHANICAL AND AEROSPACE ENGINEERING

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11-11:45 a.m. PARENTS ONLY SCHOLARS PANEL

Ballroom, MTCC

Here's your chance to chat with current Illinois Tech Scholars—without the kids around! Ask candid questions about academics, campus life, living in Chicago, and what the student experience is really like. This informal conversation is designed just for parents and guests, offering space for open dialogue and honest insights. **Limited to parents and guests only.**

11a.m.-12:00 p.m. IIT MOTORSPORTS GARAGE

Auto Lab, West of Hermann Hall

Visit the IIT Motorsports Garage at Illinois Tech to see where students design, build, and test competitive race cars from the ground up. This hands-on space showcases innovation, teamwork, and real-world engineering experience as students prepare vehicles for national collegiate racing competitions.

11 a.m.-12 p.m. WIIT RADIO STATION

Radio Station, MTCC

Open to students of all majors, WIIT—Illinois Tech's own radio station—invites you to step behind the mic! Explore our professional-grade equipment up close and discover how you can become a part of the vibrant WIIT community as a student at Illinois Tech.

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12:15-12:45 p.m. LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM FAREWELL

Auditorium, Hermann Hall

Join us for the Farewell Session, a time to express gratitude, share reflections, and celebrate our collective journey at the Leadership Symposium. Your presence made it special. Let's wrap up with appreciation and anticipation for what's next on your journey to Illinois Tech!

12:45–1:15 p.m. LEADERSHIP SYMPOSIUM CHECK OUT

Auditorium, Hermann Hall

Thank you for attending Leadership Symposium 2026! On your way out, we encourage you to fill out our survey to receive a special Illinois Tech swag item.

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1–1:45 p.m. DESIGN REIMAGINED: IDEA SHOP TOUR

Departs from Auditorium, MTCC



Explore our innovation space, where Illinois Tech students engage with cutting-edge technology, including laser cutters, 3D printers, 3D scanners, and an array of tools as part of the IPRO Program and their independent projects. **This tour is limited to students only with a 20-person capacity.**

1–2:30 p.m. CITY OF CHICAGO TROLLEY TOUR

Departs from Auditorium, MTCC



See our wonderful city and Illinois Tech's neighborhood by trolley! Check in by 12:45 p.m. Tour length: 90 minutes. **This tour is limited to students only with a 27-person capacity.**

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2:30–4:00 p.m. CITY OF CHICAGO TROLLEY TOUR

Departs from Auditorium, MTCC



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6–9:00 p.m. DUCHOSSOIS PIZZA SOCIAL

Room 129, Pritzker Science Center

The Duchossois Pizza Social is an opportunity for current scholars to get to know the Duchossois Leadership Scholarship interviewees! Board games, activities, and, of course pizza, will be a part of the Duchossois Leadership Social!