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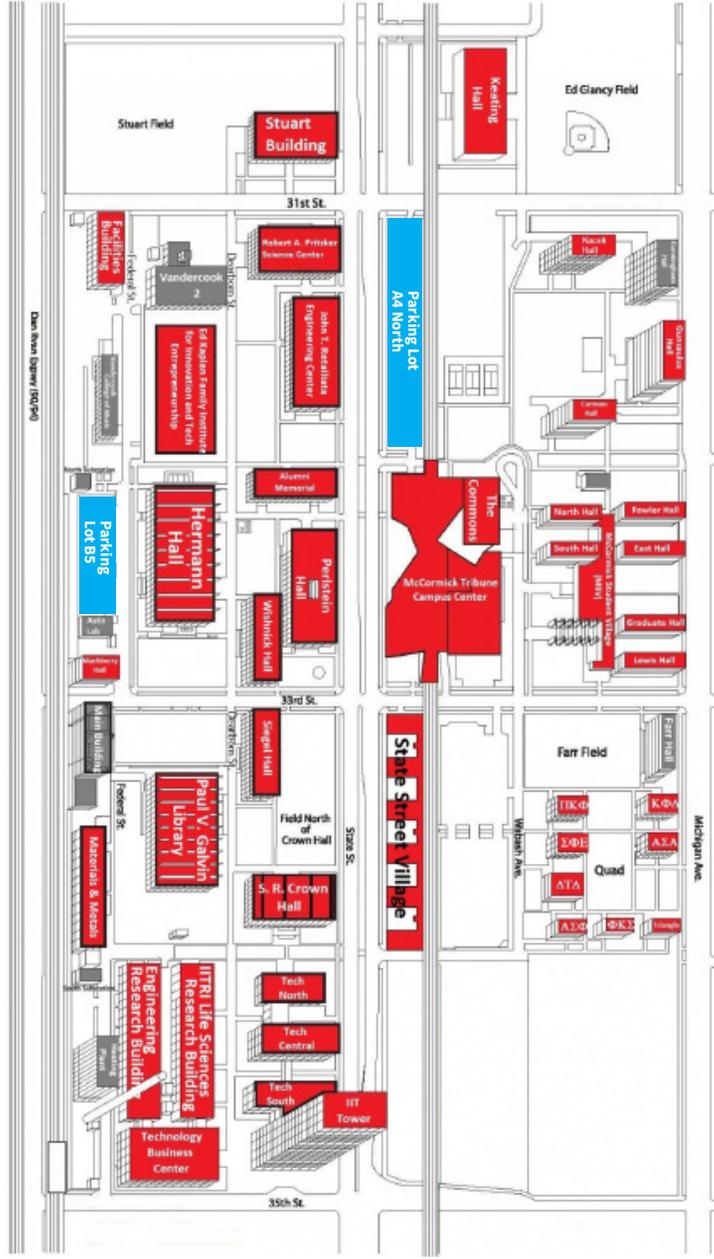
SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

TechPalooza

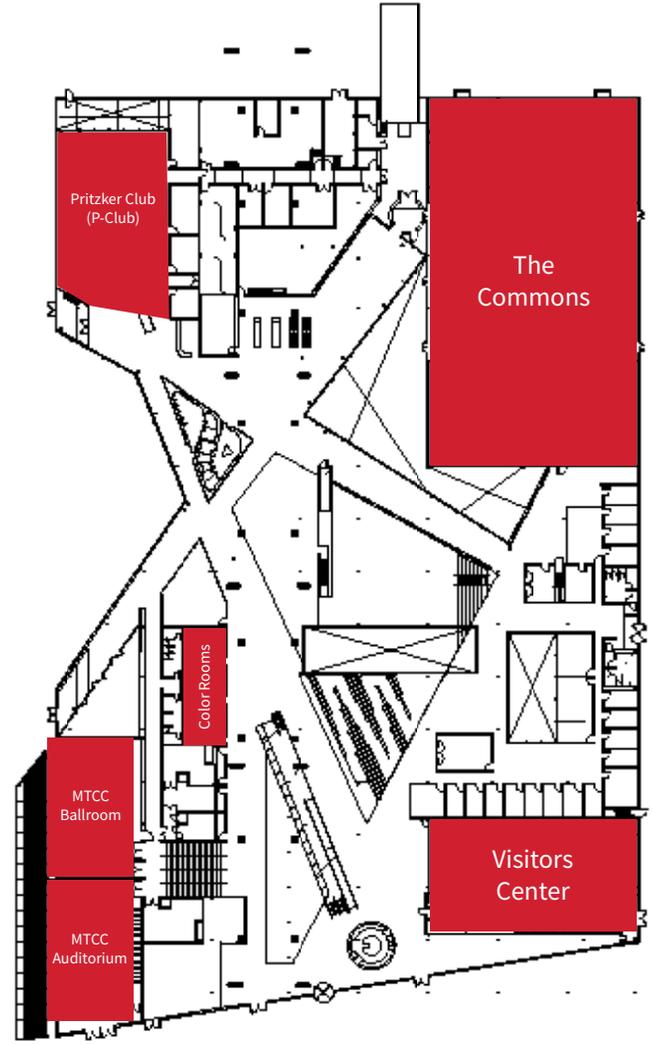
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THE McCORMICK TRIBUNE
CAMPUS CENTER (MTCC)



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MEET YOUR ADMISSION COUNSELOR

Color Rooms, MTCC (12–4 p.m.)
Gallery Lounge, Hermann Hall (5–7 p.m.)

We're here to answer your questions about admission, financial aid, and your next steps at Illinois Tech. We'll walk you through your financial aid offer (if applicable), and help you feel confident and excited about your future!

READY TO BECOME A SCARLET HAWK?

Color Rooms, MTCC (12–4 p.m.)
Ballroom, Hermann Hall (5–7 p.m.)

Visit our Enrollment Station to make it official with Illinois Tech!
Confirm your enrollment and snap a photo to celebrate your big step.

EVENT NOTES

VISITORS CENTER

Located in the McCormick Tribune Campus Center (MTCC) next to Global Grounds Coffee at the 33rd Street entrance. Campus tours will depart here throughout the event.

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 SPACES

Parents and guests looking for a workspace during the day are welcome to use the seating areas near Global Grounds Coffee or the upper level of the Welcome Center.

LUGGAGE CHECK

Luggage check is available at the Visitors Center during check-in. Please remember to retrieve any stored luggage by 8:00 p.m.

THANK YOU!

Big thanks to all of our campus partners—Illinois Tech faculty, staff, and our catering partner Chartwells!

NEED HELP?

Phone: 312.567.3025
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FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2026

12 P.M.

12 p.m. CHECK IN

Welcome Desk, MTCC

Start your day by checking in at the MTCC Welcome Desk, where you'll receive your meal tickets for lunch, and your official Techpalooza name tag.

12–1 p.m. MIES CAMPUS TOUR

Departs from Visitors Center, MTCC

Join our Hawk Ambassadors—current Illinois Tech students—for a guided tour of Mies Campus, including a visit to Kacek Residence Hall. Designed by Mies van der Rohe and revitalized by alumnus Dirk Denison, Kacek offers a modern student living experience.

12–1 p.m. RESOURCE FAIR

Bridge, MTCC

Take this opportunity to connect with key student support offices like the Academic Resource Center, Student Health and Wellness, and Study Away to learn how Illinois Tech supports your success both in and out of the classroom.

12–8 p.m. LUGGAGE CHECK

Visitors Center, MTCC

For those who are bringing luggage to campus, we are offering luggage check in the Visitors Center located in the McCormick Tribune Campus Center (MTCC).

1 P.M.

1–2 p.m. MIES CAMPUS TOUR

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1–1:50 p.m. UNDERSTANDING YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFER

Ballroom, MTCC

This session offers a detailed overview of your financial aid offer and guides you through understanding your financial responsibilities as a future Illinois Tech student.

1–1:50 p.m. CHICAGO DIFFERENCE OVERVIEW

Auditorium, MTCC

This session will cover the key components of the Chicago Difference program, including academic expectations, financial support, and the resources available to students in this program.

2 P.M.

2–2:50 p.m. EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING AT ILLINOIS TECH

Ballroom, MTCC

Explore tailored pathways to success with Illinois Tech's Office of Career Services as they guide you through experiences within and beyond the classroom, ensuring thorough preparation for your future career. Learn about Illinois Tech's Elevate program for incoming first-year students for their four-year career development.

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2:30–5:00 p.m. FINANCIAL AID COUNSELING

P-Club, MTCC

Meet 1:1 with our expert financial aid counselors to gain a clearer understanding of your financial future at Illinois Tech. Get guidance tailored to your unique questions and needs.

3 P.M.

3:00–3:50 p.m. BUILDING ARTIFICIAL BRAINS AND KEEPING THEM SAFE

Room 113, Wishnick Hall

Dr. Ren Wang will discuss how modern machine learning systems are built and trained, highlighting the emerging field of trustworthy AI and the challenges of ensuring these powerful technologies remain reliable, safe, and beneficial to society.

3:00–3:50 p.m. AN INTRO TO STRUCTURAL FORENSIC INVESTIGATIONS

Room 204, Siegel Hall

Dr. Stephen Kleps will introduce the field of structural forensic engineering, where engineers investigate buildings and infrastructure to determine the causes of structural damage and identify appropriate repairs. Participants will learn how engineers analyze construction defects, vibration effects, and the behavior of materials under extreme conditions to uncover what went wrong.

3:00–3:50 p.m. SUTURE STATION WITH PRE-HEALTH

Room 240, Pritzker Science Center

As a pre-health or pre-med student, you'll have the opportunity to meet Illinois Tech alumnus Dr. Ankit Mehta, Associate Professor of Neurosurgery and Chief of Spine Surgery at UI Health, and learn about his journey from student to surgeon—plus take part in a hands-on suturing activity to practice your clinical skills. (Open to Pre-Health and Pre-Med intended students).

3:00–3:50 p.m. THE SCIENCE OF EXTRATERRESTRIAL LIFE

Ballroom, MTCC

Are there aliens out there? Can we detect them somehow? Will we ever meet them? Astrophysics professor Emily Leiner will teach you what we know about planets outside our solar system and life beyond Earth. Learn what the latest discoveries from NASA's most powerful telescopes are teaching us about one of humanity's biggest questions: are we alone in the universe?

3:00–3:50 p.m. THE LIVING LANDSCAPE OF J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S MIDDLE EARTH

Auditorium, MTCC

Join Prof. Keith Green as he guides you through how the landscape of Middle Earth helps Tolkien relate the complex history of his fantastical world, while still keeping readers invested in its mystery and horrors.

3:00–3:50 p.m. VISUAL ANALYTICS WITH THE STUART SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

Room 113, Stuart Building

Explore how data becomes insight in this hands-on Visual Analytics session led by faculty from the Stuart School of Business. Through interactive demonstrations, you'll see how business leaders use data visualization and analytics tools to uncover patterns, make smarter decisions, and solve real-world challenges.

3:00–3:50 p.m. HANDS-ON COMPUTING

Room 109, Perlstein Hall

Explore essential questions and concepts in computing that shape today's high-tech careers through engaging, hands-on demonstrations. Together we'll examine topics like whether computers are truly perfect, fast, or "smart," and how machine learning systems can recognize patterns—even doodles—in seconds.

3:00–3:50 p.m. SHOP TOUR AND STUDIO CLASS WITH ARCHITECTURE

North Entrance, S.R. Crown Hall

Step inside the creative process with a shop tour and studio class led by faculty from the College of Architecture. Explore the spaces where ideas become reality and experience a hands-on studio activity that showcases how architects design, prototype, and bring concepts to life. (Open to Architecture intended students).

4 P.M.

4–5 p.m. COLLEGE FEUD WITH FYE

Auditorium, Hermann Hall

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.

4-5 p.m. NEXT STEPS FOR PARENTS

Ballroom, MTCC

Parents and supporters, join us as we explore the next steps for families of admitted students. Our admission team will guide you through what to expect in the coming months and share helpful tips, insights, and best practices to support your student's transition to college. We're here to ensure you feel informed, confident, and excited as your student begins this new chapter.

