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# SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

# TechPalozza

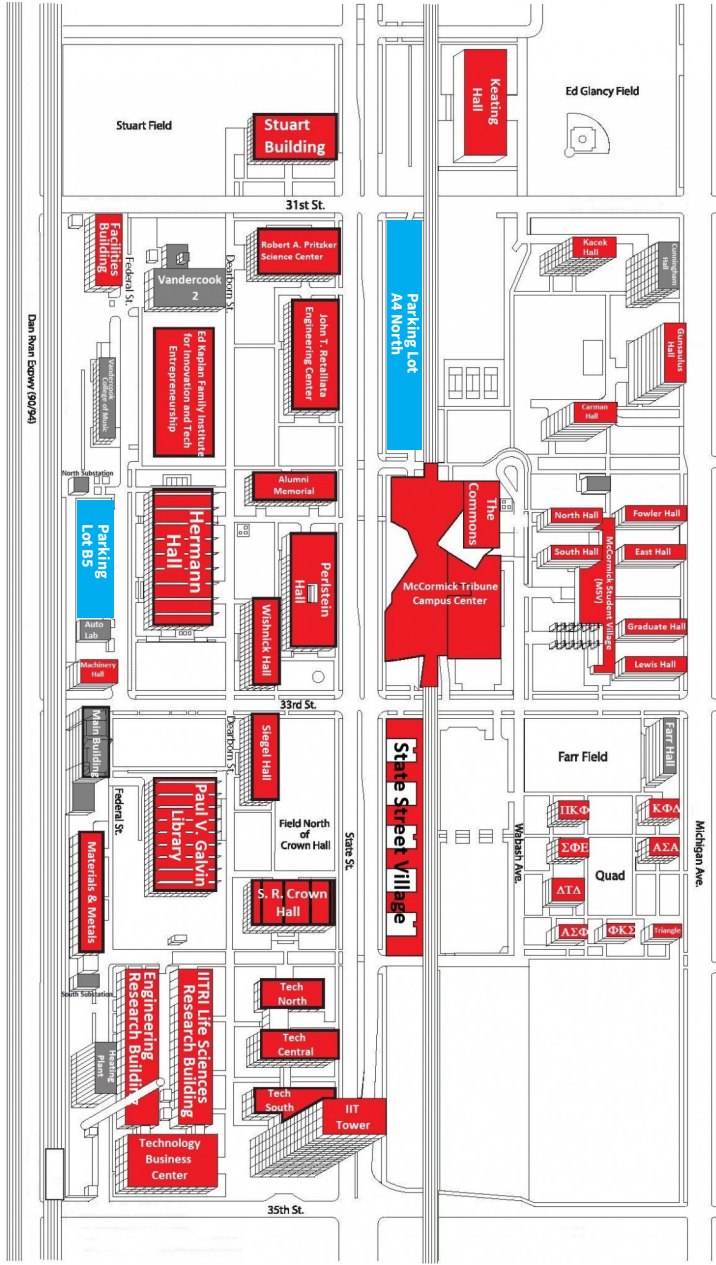
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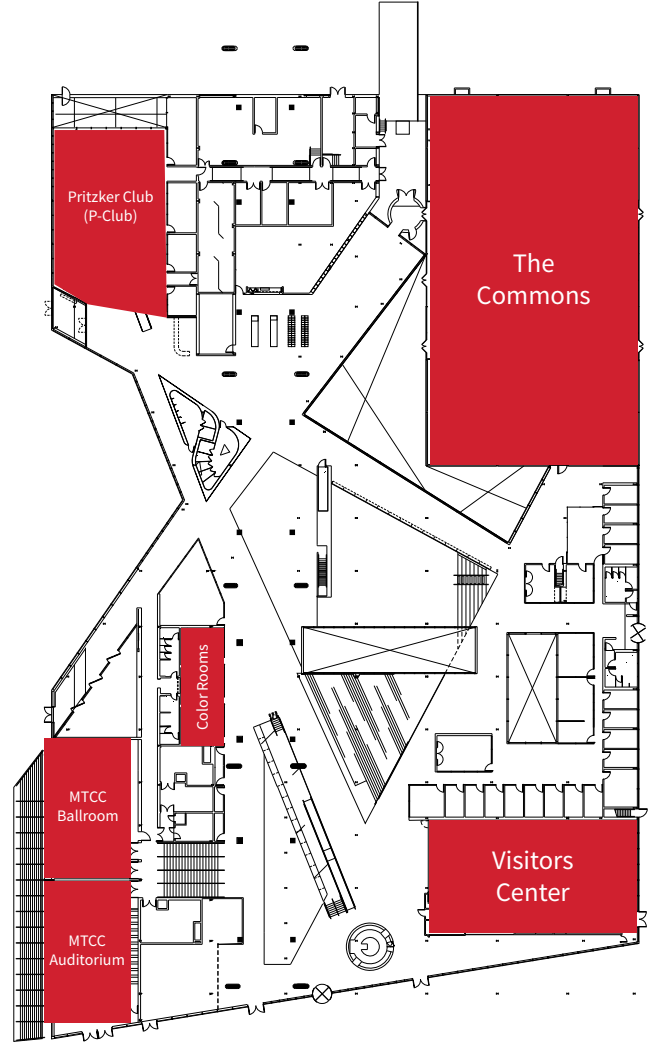
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CAMPUS CENTER (MTCC)



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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.

## LET US KNOW YOUR FEEDBACK

Your feedback allows us to improve the Techpalooza experience for future students and their families. Scan the QR code to complete your response!



## 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  
Email: [admission@illinoistech.edu](mailto:admission@illinoistech.edu)

## FRIDAY, APRIL 17, 2026

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**12** P.M.

### **12 p.m. CHECK IN**

**Welcome Desk, MTCC**

Start your day by checking in at the 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).

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**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.

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**2** P.M.

### **2–2:50 p.m. ELEVATE AND 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. Gain valuable insights into diverse experiential opportunities to enhance your professional journey.

### **2–3 p.m. MIES CAMPUS TOUR**

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### **2–3:45 p.m. SHOP TOUR AND STUDIO CLASS WITH ARCHITECTURE**

**Departs from Visitors Center, MTCC**

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 only.**

### **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.

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## 3 P.M.

### **3:00–3:50 p.m. LAB TO LIFE** Departs from Auditorium, MTCC

Get hands-on with biomedical engineering through a series of interactive stations — prepare biomaterial beads, measure your own EKG and EMG signals, analyze blood cell slides, and watch a working dialysis model in action. The session wraps with a showcase of student-designed prototypes, including a non-invasive glucometer, highlighting how Illinois Tech engineers are turning innovative ideas into real healthcare solutions.

### **3:00–3:50 p.m. SUTURE STATION WITH PRE-HEALTH** Departs from Auditorium, MTCC

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 interested students.**

### **3:00–3:50 p.m. BLACK HOLE HISTORIES AND MYSTERIES** Departs from Auditorium, MTCC

Black holes are some of the most fascinating and paradoxical objects in astronomy. Their gravity is so strong that even light can't escape, yet when they feast on nearby gas, they create the brightest sources of light in the Universe. They are both incredibly simple—with only two properties that completely define them—and also complicated and rich in physics. How are these captivating objects born? How do they grow over time? We will discuss modern advances in answering such questions using state-of-the-art telescopes in space and on Earth, as well as the many puzzles that remain as we continue to learn more.

### **3:00–3:50 p.m. THE LIVING LANDSCAPE OF J.R.R. TOLKIEN'S MIDDLE EARTH** Departs from 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. BRIDGING BUSINESS AND TECHNOLOGY** Departs from Auditorium, MTCC

Discover where data meets decision-making—see how the Stuart School of Business will prepare you to turn complex data into clear insights and bold strategies across finance, marketing, entrepreneurship, and analytics.

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## **3:00–3:50 p.m. HACK THE LAB: A CYBERHAWKS EXPERIENCE** Departs from Auditorium, MTCC

During this interactive session, The CyberHawks will demonstrate Red Team exercises used to gather intelligence and probe applications for vulnerabilities. Students will assist in this tech walk-through as CyberHawks demonstrate tools and techniques used in this process. CyberHawks will also share their experiences competing in state and regional cybersecurity competitions. Attendees will learn how to get involved, tour the Smart Lab headquarters, and explore related career opportunities.

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## 4 P.M.

### **4–5 p.m. COLLEGE FEUD WITH FYE** Auditorium, Hermann Hall

Students, 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.

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## 5 P.M.

### **5–7 p.m. TECHPALOOZA CARNIVAL** Ballroom, Hermann Hall

You did it! Join us for the grand finale of Techpalooza—the Campus Life Carnival—where we celebrate your admission to Illinois Tech's fall class of 2026. Connect with your future fellow Scarlet Hawks, enjoy classic and modern carnival games, win fun prizes, and experience a Taste of Chicago with food inspired by the city's most iconic eats as you celebrate the start of your Illinois Tech journey.

