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DEAR FRIENDS:

Thank you for your generosity! This magazine tells stories of the impact you made at Illinois Institute of Technology this year by supporting promising students and exceptional faculty.

You make this community of visionary thinkers possible, and your contribution links you to a network of people who support excellence in research and education.

In this issue of Impact Magazine, we’ll show you the valuable connections among alumni, students, and friends of IIT. You may find you have a lot in common with other donors, and you may learn about new initiatives and programs in which you can take part. But most of all, I hope you see that everyone in the IIT community is working together to make our university great—and this greatness has global implications in areas of energy sustainability, biomedical research, aerospace, and more.

As you read this latest edition of our magazine, please take time to peruse not only the articles, but also the names of the hundreds of donors who have given so much of themselves so that our university can succeed. When you come across your own name, we hope you are proud to be part of this community of scholars, teachers, learners, and philanthropists who have come together to support IIT. We are grateful for all you have done and continue to do.

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STUDENTS GIVE BACK TO IIT

It’s not just alumni and friends who give generously to IIT. This year, the students themselves raised money to upgrade part of Main Campus. Not only did they meet their goal, they established a Tech Tradition of giving.

The 2010 Student Gift Campaign raised funds to refurbish the outdoor enclosure in The McCormick Tribune Campus Center (MTCC). With the help of a matching gift from generous alumni, students raised more than $7,800. The matching dollars were contingent on the students meeting their goals of more than 25 percent participation from the Class of 2010 and more than 250 total student gifts.

“Everyone was really supportive of the project and wanted to be part of its success,” says Renee Arrowood (BA ’10). “It will be nice to come back to campus and see the renovated space. I’ll be proud to know I had a hand in it.”

Alumni Board member and Development Committee Chair Joel Krauss (MATH ’71) saw the class gift as a way to further engage students. “As an alumnus, I want to encourage students to give back. It’s up to all of us to help the school advance.”

The MTCC outdoor enclosure was refurbished in fall semester to become a more student-friendly space, with new landscaping and seating so students can enjoy outdoor lunches, group study projects, or a peaceful moment of fresh air between classes. It will also serve as an inspiration for future generations of students to give back to the university.

But more than that, the student-supported effort gives IIT a chance to feature an alumnus’ work. Richard Schultz (DSGN ’51) designed the new furniture in the enclosure. “We are so excited to use an alumnus’ outdoor furniture line,” said Sarah Zimmerman, IIT’s assistant director of annual giving. “The space will reflect the IIT community’s generosity as well as its historic contributions to modern design.”

WHAT ARE TECH TRADITIONS? Tech Traditions are cherished activities and experiences, large and small, that are distinctive to the IIT community. From longstanding IIT customs and beloved campus happenings to students’ personal favorite moments, Tech Traditions create the connective fibers of IIT. A few favorites on our ever-growing list of Tech Traditions are the annual Pumpkin Launch competition, the Bridge Building Contest, and hanging out at The Bog on Friday nights.
This past year, IIT mourned the loss of Keith E. McKee (CE ’50, M.S. ’56, Ph.D. ’62), who throughout his career served as a major connection between IIT and Chicago-area industry. Most recently, he had been the director of the Industrial Technology and Management (INTM) programs, which he founded in 1994.

McKee had discovered that in every industrial setting there were talented technical specialists who had the desire to move into management positions, but they often lacked the required education to do so. He created the INTM program to serve those individuals, as he believed strongly in the value of education and supporting others in their goals and career ventures.

Looking out for the needs of others came naturally to McKee. Not only did he personally donate funds to the INTM program, but he was also a generous benefactor to the university and supported the initiatives of other departments and numerous scholarship programs—all while serving as a mentor.

“Keith’s insight and straightforwardness were tremendously effective. It was his advice and support that got me through my doctoral dissertation and got me into adjunct teaching both at IIT and the Lake Forest Graduate School of Management,” says Don Tijunelis, adjunct faculty member in INTM.

McKee’s ability to reach out to people and listen to their concerns made him a trusted advisor and mentor to countless students and associates. A consummate people-person, his favorite activity for business or pleasure was dining out at a good restaurant. “He enjoyed getting to know people over a good meal,” says his daughter, Pam Houser, program coordinator for the INTM program. “It was just his sense of how to best establish—and solidify—a friendship or business relationship. People loosen up and feel more comfortable when they share a meal. But his charm was his secret weapon—that and his big, robust laugh that would instantly put anyone at ease.”

Personally overseeing the growth of the INTM program, McKee initially said he would retire after the first INTM graduate crossed the stage (in 1998). However, he went on to establish the Master in Industrial Technology and Operations program in 2001, and in 2004 he expanded curriculum options for both programs to include three specializations: manufacturing technology, industrial logistics, and industrial facilities.
Faculty and staff who have given $25,000 or more to the university are recognized by the Sawyier Society. Learn about other giving societies on the next page.
Our alumni and friends set IIT apart and make higher education attainable. Read about one of our scholarship students on the next page.

GIVING SOCIETIES

- The PRESIDENT’S COUNCIL is a group of alumni, parents, and friends of IIT who support the university’s mission and make annual personal gifts of $1,000 or more.

- The FRANK WAKELY GUNSAULUS SOCIETY, named in honor of the university’s founding president, recognizes those who have arranged for an estate commitment to IIT.

- The MIES VAN DER ROHE SOCIETY members support the society’s mission to preserve the architectural integrity of Ludwig Mies van der Rohe’s buildings, to modernize the buildings’ performances, to enhance architecture and education programs for students, and to reinforce Chicago’s international reputation for architectural distinction.

- The SAWYIER SOCIETY recognizes the generosity of faculty and staff donors who have given $25,000 or more to the university. Fay Sawyier, for whom the society is named, was a longtime faculty member and dedicated friend of IIT who contributed her knowledge, skills, and enthusiasm for more than 20 years and gave $2 million, the largest faculty gift on record.

- The PHILIP DANFORTH ARMOUR SOCIETY, named in honor of IIT’s founding donor, currently recognizes 66 philanthropic families who have given transformational gifts of $1 million or more in support of the university’s mission.
When I came to the United States at age 9, I didn’t know English, and I had never seen snow. My family and I had no idea that in 10 years I would be a Collens Scholar earning a Bachelor of Science in Humanities and Business Administration.

My parents, five siblings, and I moved to Chicago from Pakistan 12 years ago. We all live in a house on the South Side of Chicago, and my dad and older sister work nights in the same glass factory while my mom stays home to take care of my teenage siblings and baby niece. Even though I graduated from high school with honors and Advanced Placement credits, my family and I thought college was too expensive to even consider. But I wanted to pursue my studies and build a career I could be proud of.

I vividly remember the day I opened a letter from IIT and learned that not only was I accepted, but I had also received the Collens Scholarship to cover all four years. My parents didn’t even know I had applied to college, and when I told my mom I got accepted, she was happy for me, but she was also wary because we didn’t have the money. When I told her I had received a full scholarship, she was ecstatic. We could barely believe it, actually. So the next day I went to IIT’s financial aid office to confirm this was true. It was!

Since starting school here, I’ve developed more confidence. I know I can do challenging coursework, and I have access to faculty who help me along the way. Now my younger brother is attending IIT, too. My younger siblings are also preparing themselves for college. Our dad always told us hard work pays off, and now I see this is true.

“We recently spent time with our scholarship recipient. It was a very moving and inspirational moment for us. We look forward to seeing her graduate soon, and we are convinced she will achieve all of her dreams and serve as a role model in her community. It is a privilege to have helped her along the road to her success.” — Sabrina and Antonio Gracias, Trustee
PHOTO: PORTRAIT OF MUQADAS

Majors: Humanities and Business Administration

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(side bar:) The Collens Scholarship Program supports talented, hard-working Chicago Public School graduates who meet IIT’s rigorous admission requirements but lack the resources to pay for college. Numerous generous donors fund the scholarship program.

(turn the page to meet Robert Dawe, another accomplished scholarship recipient at IIT.)
BME '06, PH.D. CANDIDATE IN BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

BOB DAWE
I came to IIT for my undergraduate degree when I was admitted to the Camras Scholars Program, and I stayed at IIT to pursue my Ph.D. because of the opportunities here.

When I took my first biomedical imaging course at IIT, it seemed like a big magic show, being able to get an image from inside a body. I wanted to make that the focus of my career. I’ve always been aware that if you do a little bit more work someone might notice, and I’ve been very blessed that someone did notice my work. Konstantinos Arfanakis, associate professor of biomedical engineering, encouraged me to pursue doctoral studies here at IIT.

Now my work focuses on magnetic resonance imaging of the human brain that could help detect the early stages of Alzheimer’s disease. We recently had a breakthrough on a problem that had been dogging us in the lab for three years: how to detect a signal in a postmortem brain using a specialized technique. Finally, on January 1, 2010, after trying every imaginable approach, the effort paid off. This was a long-anticipated success—one of my professors jokes that the best way to train someone for our field is to send them fishing in a lake with few fish. As a fisherman, I’ve spent a considerable amount of time in that exact situation.

As an undergraduate, I received support from The Duchossois Family Foundation through the Camras Scholars Program, and I am immensely grateful to them. I have had the opportunity to thank them in person on a few occasions, most recently with a cherry and raspberry pie my wife made.

The Duchossois family’s support helped me focus my studies and get me where I am today. I buckled down because I knew someone else was paying for my education, and I didn’t want to let them down.

“We’re proud to help those who are going to be future leaders. It’s a thrill for both me and our family to give back to the community.” —Craig J. Duchossois, University Regent
POWERFUL CONNECTIONS: GIFTS SUPPORT RESEARCH TO IMPROVE THE ENERGY INDUSTRY

The need for innovative energy solutions has never been so necessary. Fortunately, support from multiple dedicated donors is enabling IIT to move to the forefront of clean energy research with exceptional faculty, students, and resources.

Roughly 50 faculty members and students across campus are involved in energy sustainability and renewable power research, with Wanger Institute for Sustainable Energy Research (WISER) leading the charge. IIT Life Trustee and Armour Society member Ralph Wanger committed $10 million to the effort this year. In 2007, Wanger launched the institute with a gift of $5 million to enhance the university’s energy and sustainability research activities. Wanger’s endowed gift helped IIT secure additional tens of millions of dollars for new WISER research projects in areas such as clean coal technology ($1.3 million), energy efficiency and plug-in/hybrid vehicles ($2.3 million), wind energy ($10 million), and smart electric grids ($19.5 million). WISER was among the first to receive funding from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

“IIT’s future as a leader in sustainable energy research is owed to a group of alumni and friends, led by Ralph Wanger, who came together to support solutions for issues with global implications,” said President John Anderson.

One of the most critical power-delivery issues is the support of electric systems to run the digital devices crucial to today’s economy. IIT has partnered with the Galvin Electricity Initiative (founded by IIT Regent Robert Galvin) and the United States Department of Energy to design the country’s first Perfect Power System.

“In order to achieve the university’s goals in power engineering, IIT must attract esteemed researchers and educators who will enhance the university’s visibility as a national leader in the field. With a $2.5 million gift to create the Grainger Chair in Electrical and Power Engineering, The Grainger Foundation is helping IIT to recruit and support outstanding engineering faculty. This is in addition to the Foundation’s generous 2007 gift of $5 million for undergraduate power engineering scholarships and labs. The Grainger Laboratories are at the center of the power program and are a source of pride for students and faculty, playing a key role in securing additional support for other IIT laboratories. Inspired by IIT’s momentum in power engineering, Paul D. McCoy (EE ’72) established a power engineering fellowship with his gift of $500,000.

Continued reliance on coal-fired power plants is driving another area of WISER research: clean coal technology. IIT researchers are working on designs for more efficient and cost-effective coal gasification systems, methods for cleaning CO₂ and sulfur from coal gas, and remediating mercury waste from coal combustion. While long-term strategies aim to eliminate the use of fossil fuels, these projects attempt to mitigate their harm in the meantime. The Rowe Family Endowed Chair in Sustainable Energy, established by IIT Chairman of the Board John Rowe, his wife, Jeanne, and son, William, will fund a professorship in energy efficiency studies. “We need to explore the most promising technologies for energy efficiency and conservation, and supporting today’s leading faculty and students is essential,” says Rowe.

The Perfect Power System at IIT will position the university as a pioneer in electricity delivery and infrastructure while hybrid-electric technology being refined at IIT will help to reduce our dependence on fossil fuels and pave the way for a greener future. While our dependence on fossil fuels remains, WISER researchers are working to make fossil fuels as environmentally safe as possible.

“With his outstanding commitment of an additional $10 million, Ralph Wanger is profoundly expanding IIT’s potential to have an impact on the nation and the world.”

—President John Anderson
Each year students from various academic disciplines apply their knowledge to design and manufacture race cars that compete in the Formula Hybrid International Competition. Mechanical, Materials, and Aerospace Engineering graduate student Donald Ruffatto, a 2010 WISER team member, poses here with Hammerhawk, which won first place from General Motors in the category of Best Hybrid System Engineering.
IIT ALUMNI AND SARGENT & LUNDY KEY LEADERS

Harry McMeen (ME ’26), Retired Partner**
Fred McCloska (EE ’29), Retired Partner, posthumously honored at IIT with the Fred W. and Grace L. McCloska Ballroom **
Max Zar (CE ’38), Retired Partner**
Richard Bergstrom (CE ’42, M.S. ’52), former partner and manager of international projects, posthumously honored in 2009 with IIT’s Lifetime Achievement Alumni Award **
Robert Scheibel (ME ’48, M.S. ’55), Retired Partner
Richard French (EE ’48), Retired Partner
George Hoveke (PHYS ’58), Retired Partner**
John McLaughlin (CE ’58, M.S. ’70), retired Executive Vice President
Carmen Chiappetta (EE ’60), Retired Senior Vice President
Paul Wattelet (PHYS ’62), retired Chairman and Chief Executive Officer, honored in 2010 with IIT’s Professional Achievement Alumni Award
Andrawos Morcos (M.S. CE ’68), Retired Senior Vice President
Alan “Bud” Wendorf (ME ’71), Chairman and Chief Executive Officer and IIT Campaign Co-Chair
Robert Herbster (MAE ’72), Senior Vice President
Jack Daly (CE ’78), Senior Vice President
Tom Eisenhart (M.S. EE ’82), Senior Vice President

** Deceased
IIT and the engineering firm Sargent & Lundy share a history that began more than a century ago, when electricity was first commercialized. Now the two organizations thrive from their unique relationship.

It all started in 1890, when business tycoon Philip Danforth Armour was inspired by minister Frank Wakensley Gunsaulus to give a million-dollar gift that would open an institution of higher education accessible to students of all backgrounds. As a result of this gift, Armour Institute opened its doors to educate aspiring engineers. One year later, a mechanical engineer and an electrical engineer formed Sargent & Lundy, a firm that became a global leader in electric power. They have recruited top engineers from IIT ever since, with several alumni leading the firm's helm. Currently, about 150 Sargent & Lundy employees are IIT alumni.

For Alan “Bud” Wendorf (ME ’71), an IIT trustee and Sargent & Lundy’s current chairman and chief executive officer, the rigor of an IIT education proved invaluable.

“It was a tough school and a great education. The years pass, and we learned to appreciate the sound education we received at IIT,” he says.

Sargent & Lundy’s nose-to-the-grindstone culture mirrors Wendorf’s IIT experience. “I think of getting up early, going to labs, and walking under the train tracks,” he recalls of his student years. “It would be cold, it would be windy. You’re going to class in this tough atmosphere, and that’s an excellent background for working at Sargent & Lundy.”

Paul Wattelet (PHYS ’62), retired chairman and CEO of Sargent & Lundy, recently defined the work ethic of both IIT engineering students and the firm when he accepted the university’s 2010 Alumni Award for Professional Achievement. When asked what advice he had for IIT students, Wattelet said, “Focus, focus, focus on the basics, and do your best at the tasks at hand.”

Such an approach has served Sargent & Lundy well as it has grown to work with all types of fossil-fuel, nuclear, and renewable power generation and power-delivery projects—designing more than 800 power plants throughout the world.

This remarkable success has allowed IIT alumni to leave a legacy at the university. For example, the Fred W. and Grace L. McCloska Ballroom in The McCormick Tribune Campus Center honors the late Fred McCloska (EE ’29), who was a partner at Sargent & Lundy. And there is a long roster of Sargent & Lundy employees who have given generously to IIT. Their input and support steer the university to an increasingly competitive placement among engineering programs—taking the sort of direction of which Sargent & Lundy leaders are proud.

“I’m very pleased when I see the right things are being done to bring back the recognition of Armour College of Engineering to where it really should be,” Wendorf says. “Good things are happening, and the right things are happening.”
Ever since I can remember, I’ve wanted to fly into space. When we were little, my brother and I dreamed of using whatever we could find to make a spaceship and travel through space, just like in a movie we saw.

Those dreams of speed and discovery stuck with me, and now I’m studying aerospace engineering at IIT. I’m in the third year of my program, and I work closely with Assistant Professor Matthew Spenko on micro air vehicles—small units mainly used by the military for reconnaissance. We’re not breaking the Earth’s atmosphere with them, but I feel like I’ve come a long way from just imagining how to make things fly.

I came to IIT because I received a full scholarship to study what I love. I grew up on the West Side of Chicago with my three siblings and my mom. I was an all-conference basketball player, all-star football player, and my school’s athlete of the year. But at IIT, I’m focusing on academics. A typical summer for me includes taking two classes and teaching chemistry and physics at the Exelon Summer Institute, as well as working at my on-campus job.

In my spare time I play pickup games of basketball and work on my jump shot. I’m also researching magnetic levitation and dreaming of how the technology can be used for spacecrafts. It might seem impossible, but it’s what I want to do, and the difficulty is probably the reason I want to do it. I’m very grateful to donors like Bud and Suzie Wendorf, who believe in me and make my scholarship possible.

“There are lots of students who go to college because it’s expected of them. Suzie and I want to help talented students who want to go but don’t have the resources. Meeting Trevor Townsend confirmed that supporting the Collens Scholarship Program was the right thing to do.”

—Alan “Bud” Wendorf (ME ’71), IIT Campaign Co-Chair
Trevor Townsend was once a student at this IIT summer camp. Now he teaches there. Learn more about this camp on the next page.
The Motorola Foundation sponsored the all-new Summer Math Camp at IIT this summer. It is a program developed to introduce students to math as a common denominator of all academic fields of study. Students spent six weeks on campus, with team projects and field trips punctuating their math studies.

IIT is proud to have a relationship with the Motorola Foundation and the Motorola company, which has recruited IIT alumni to its workforce for decades. And the university is providing opportunities that meet the Motorola Foundation’s goal of supporting programs that encourage young people to pursue science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields.

“We are proud to sponsor the Exelon Summer Institute and give talented, hardworking young people a head start on career paths in fields that are not only crucial to our industry, but increasingly important to our community, to society, and to the environment.” – Steve Solomon

This past summer, a diverse group of 38 students spent four weeks on campus learning study strategies, time management, and communication skills. They also visited Exelon headquarters to take part in "speed networking" sessions with Exelon employees (including some IIT alumni) who were generous with their time and advice, and very positive about their interactions with the students.

ESI isn’t all classrooms and careers. It is also about easing the transition to college life, making new friends, and having some fun. Kelly Burgess, a 2009 ESI alumna and civil engineering major, says of her experience, “Attending the Summer Institute was one of the best decisions I could have made. Being able to meet new people and get ahead in my classes made starting college much less intimidating.”

For many college students, summer is for cookouts, ball games, and going to the beach. For ambitious new IIT students, summer also means pursuing educational and career goals at a pre-college summer camp.

Students got a taste of campus life and a jump-start on college-level academics this summer by participating in the Exelon Summer Institute and the Summer Math Camp at IIT supported by the Motorola Foundation. Chicago Public Schools high school students will be eligible for additional opportunities next summer with the launch of the Boeing Scholars Academy.

The Exelon Summer Institute at IIT (ESI) helps incoming IIT students prepare for the university’s rigorous curriculum by focusing on college readiness in engineering, mathematics, and science. Exelon has ensured the program’s long-term sustainability with a generous $2 million endowment.

“With our corporate giving focus on education in math and science, it’s natural that Exelon has enjoyed a long and reciprocal relationship with Illinois Institute of Technology. We are proud to sponsor the Exelon Summer Institute and give talented, hardworking young people a head start on career paths in fields that are not only crucial to our industry, but increasingly important to our community, to society, and to the environment,” says Steve Solomon, Exelon’s director of corporate relations.
aides are extremely approachable and extraordinarily personable.”

In 2011, there will be yet another great summer camp. The Boeing Scholars Academy will target high-achieving, college-bound Chicago Public Schools students—many of whom will be the first in their families to pursue college educations. Prospective scholars will participate in a rigorous application process, with 75–100 selected for a three-week summer session.

“Boeing is built on professionals with advanced technology, engineering, math, and science skills like those instilled at IIT,” says John Tracy, Boeing chief technology officer and senior vice president of Engineering, Operations, and Technology. “We value Chicago as our corporate home and want to help Chicago Public Schools students get hands-on experience with professional skills that are the key to a fulfilling career.” Tracy serves on IIT’s Board of Trustees and was instrumental in establishing IIT’s new partnership with Boeing.

Boeing Scholars will study science, technology, engineering, and math, while participating in workshops to develop skills in the areas of project management, technical writing, instrumentation, and data acquisition. They will also receive leadership training aimed at developing the skills to build, participate in, and lead teams effectively—a vital talent in the modern workplace.
My parents, brother, and I came here from abroad when I was two years old, and we moved around throughout the United States. However, it wasn’t until I came to IIT that I learned how diverse the world really is, because that’s where I met and worked with people from India, China, Nigeria, and beyond.

When I received the Vitale and Camras Scholarships at the start of my undergraduate studies, it was reassuring to me to understand that it meant others saw I had the potential to succeed. While I have always wanted to be a physician, I’m glad I chose to major in psychology because I learned so much about human behavior and cognition, which will help me as I interact with medical patients every day.

As an undergraduate, I had the opportunity to apply what I learned in the classroom when I helped with schizophrenia research. As part of a team working with Assistant Professor Dror Ben-Zeev (M.S. PSYC ’05, Ph.D. ’08), who expected a lot from us, we learned about the spectrum of schizophrenia. He also taught us a great deal about methods for sampling moods and thoughts in real-time using technology to support our research. It was amazing to apply classroom knowledge and new methods as we interviewed study participants.

The coursework at IIT is difficult, but it’s also rewarding. I learned that if I really work hard for what I want, I can definitely achieve it. At IIT, I developed great study habits and teamwork skills that I will need in the next phase of my life.

I graduated from IIT in spring 2010 with a degree in psychology, and I began medical school at American University of Antigua in the fall. I wouldn’t be where I am without the support of the IIT community—or the valuable experiences I gained there. I’m ready for the challenges of medical school, and these scholarships made it possible because I felt a responsibility to prove myself to my benefactors.

“I was a scholarship student myself, so I know how important financial aid is to a lot of people who want to go to school. I’ve always felt the best way to support a university is to support people who cannot always afford to go.”

—David Vitale, Vice Chair, IIT Board of Trustees