



Dear Member of MIT Class of 2009,

We join with the entire MIT community in welcoming you to the campus. You are now entering one of the most amazing places on earth. Energy and enthusiasm emanate from every one of the variety of living options available to MIT undergraduates. In particular, we believe you will find the community of MIT's 36 fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups (FSILGs) quite exceptional. We believe it is the best of its kind on any campus in the nation.

Our chapters have a rich history at MIT. Our first FSILG colonized at MIT in 1873; our most recent group in 1995. Some are all male, some all female, and some coeducational. Many of MIT's most distinguished alumni/ae are active members of their fraternity, sorority, or independent living group, and lived in one of our houses as undergraduates where they excelled in scholarship, athletics, music, theater, and public service. Our FSILGs give undergraduates unparalleled opportunities to develop leadership skills immediately useful in education, business, government, and nonprofit organizations.

Recently, an MIT survey found that FSILG alumni/ae have played major roles as entrepreneurs starting new companies while creating new fields and new jobs. By joining an FSILG, a student will have opportunities to meet, network with, and get to know these alumni/ae. On the other side of our letter is an article reprinted from a recent MIT Parents Newsletter. Two alumni – a father and his son who just graduated – explain why the MIT FSILG experience is so fulfilling. We are pleased that so many undergraduates understand the value – and values – of our chapters and choose to affiliate with an FSILG during their first year at MIT and have the opportunity to live in FSILG facilities starting in their sophomore year.

The Association of Independent Living Groups (AILG) comprises alumni/ae from MIT's 37 fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups (FSILGs) and we invite you to meet FSILG undergraduates as soon as you arrive on campus this fall. Each of our groups will be welcoming you to MIT with open houses, study sessions, free dinners, and fun activities to take part in! On the afternoon of Saturday, September 3rd, our coordinated events will get underway with a free "Greek Griller" barbeque for all students hosted by the Interfraternity Council (campus fraternities) and Panhellenic Association (campus sororities), as well as a picnic and faculty mixer hosted by the Living Group Council (campus independent living groups). After dinner, and after MIT President Hockfield speaks on the benefits of our vibrant community, you can spend the rest of the evening meeting FSILG undergraduates and visiting the events all around campus. Fraternity and ILG Recruitment will then continue until September 17 to afford you the opportunity to join an FSILG organization that fits your interests and personality. Sorority Recruitment begins in late January at the end of the Independent Activities Period (IAP) between the fall and spring semester. Information for joining all organizations will be available for students and parents year-round.

We look forward to welcoming you to MIT, and hope that you take full advantage of the opportunities and experiences that our FSILGs afford members. If we may answer any questions about our experience or our continued commitment to the fraternity, sorority, and independent living group communities at MIT, please contact us. We look forward to seeing you throughout Recruitment 2005!

Very truly yours,

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