



Massachusetts Institute of Technology
Association of Independent Living Groups

Dear Parent of MIT Class of 2008,

We want to be among the first to welcome your sons and daughters to the campus. It is a wonderful opportunity you have given them. Below is some information about our FSILG system here at MIT.

The Association of Independent Living Groups (AILG) comprises alumni/ae from MIT's 38 fraternities, sororities, and independent living groups (FSILGs). Approximately 30 percent of all undergraduates at MIT 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.

Our FSILG organizations have a rich history at MIT. Our first FSILG colonized at MIT in 1873; our most recent group in 1995. Some FSILGs 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.

We are also sending your son or daughter an invite to meet FSILG undergraduates as soon as they arrive on campus this Fall. Each of our groups will be welcoming them to MIT with open houses, study sessions, free dinners, and fun activities to take part in! On Sunday, September 5, at 5:30 PM, 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 Vest speaks on the benefits of our vibrant community, they 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 them the opportunity to join an FSILG organization that fits their interests and personality. Sorority Recruitment begins in January at the end of the Independent Activities Period (IAP) between the fall and spring semester. Information for joining all organizations will also be available for students and parents year-round.

We also look forward to welcoming you to the MIT community, and hope that you will encourage your son or daughter to carefully consider the opportunities and experiences that our FSILGs afford members. If we may answer any questions that you as a parent may have about our experience or our continued commitment to the fraternity, sorority, and independent living group communities at MIT, please contact us.

Very truly yours,

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