



Annual Report to the Board of Trustees on the State of the University

Alan W. Cramb, President
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ILLINOIS INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY



PRESIDENT'S INTRODUCTION

During the last year, my first as president, the university celebrated a number of very significant accomplishments that indicate our continued improvement as a university. These highlights included:

- The decision by our Board of Trustees to build the \$37 million Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship and the subsequent groundbreaking on August 25. This will be the first academic building to be erected on our Mies Campus since the early '70s. This building was made possible by a naming gift from alumnus and Trustee Ed Kaplan (ME '65) and his wife, Carol.
- The Life Sciences building was renovated and renamed the Robert A. Pritzker Science Center to honor the legacy of our former alumnus and chairman of the Board of Trustees.
- The building known simply as Engineering 1 was renovated by architect Dirk Lohan and renamed the John T. Rettaliata Engineering Center in honor of our second president of the merged Illinois Tech.
- Our Fueling Innovation campaign, which was initiated and led by former President John Anderson, was completed and achieved its stretch target of \$250 million.
- The inaugural \$1 million-plus Nayar Prize I competition resulted in three projects being funded in the first stage of the competition. Alumnus and Trustee Madhavan Nayar (M.S. IE '68) and his wife, Teresa, on behalf of the Nayar Family Foundation, also committed to funding a second \$1 million-plus Nayar Prize II competition in fall 2016.
- Trustee Chris Gladwin donated \$7.6 million to allow our Department of Computer Science to continue to grow and to allow our CS graduates to be a major part of Chicago's growing tech community.
- Five of our faculty members were recognized as National Science Foundation CAREER Award winners, the most in a single year in our history.
- Mohammad Shahidehpour was elected to the National Academy of Engineering.
- The Institute of Design moved to a newly renovated space in our Downtown Campus.
- We welcomed five new inductees to our Hall of Fame: Martin Cooper (EE '50, M.S. '57), Abraham Lincoln Marovitz (LAW 1925), David P. Boder (psychology faculty 1927–1952), Phyllis Lambert (M.S. ARCH '63), and Susan Solomon (CHEM '77).

Enrollment this fall was very robust with increased numbers over last year in both undergraduate and graduate degree-seeking students. Total students equaled that of last year.

On a less positive note, our income did not meet our budget projections, and a restructuring of our university occurred to ensure that future budgets would balance income to our expenditures. We are in a better situation than we were last year due to all of the efforts of faculty and staff to recruit a total of 913 new undergraduate students and 1,936 new graduate students.

Although one can always question rankings methodologies, I was pleased to see our overall *U.S. News & World Report* ranking improve to #103 on the 2017 list, due mainly to our improved retention and six-year graduation results. This is a significant improvement as we were ranked #116 only two years ago. An even better result was that we were ranked as the #36 best value school by *USNWR* for 2017, an improvement from #47 the previous year.



I appreciate the trustees, faculty, staff, and students for their commitment to excellence as we continue to grow the university.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan W. Cramb". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Alan W. Cramb, President
Illinois Institute of Technology

ENROLLMENT REPORT

As of the fall census date, a total of 2,977 undergraduate students and 4,832 graduate students have enrolled for the fall 2016 semester at Illinois Tech. Our total enrollment is 7,809 students.

Undergraduate Enrollment

Among our undergraduate students, 2,800 are seeking bachelor's degrees and 176 are visiting students. The growth of our degree-seeking undergraduate student body is shown in Figure 1. As shown in the figure, our degree-seeking student body has grown by approximately 2 percent per year over the past five years. The growth in our degree-seeking undergraduate student body has been fueled by both strong new enrollments combined with increasing retention and graduation rates. This year our first-to-second-year retention rate came in at 92 percent, and our six-year graduation rate came in at 71 percent, above 70 percent for the second year in a row (Figure 4). Characteristics of our first-year class are given in Table 1.

New Undergraduate Students

This year we enrolled a total of 913 new undergraduate students (763 degree-seeking students and 150 visitors). The growth of our new full-time, degree-seeking students over the past five years is shown in Figure 2. This year's total of **503** full-time, first-year students is our highest total in the past eight years. Our combined total of **744** new full-time students is the largest number in at least the past 20 years.

Graduate Enrollment

This fall our total number of graduate students came in at 4,832 students, up 31 heads over last year. New graduate student enrollment came in at 1,936 students, up from 1,872 in fall 2015. Total graduate enrollment has remained steady at approximately 4,800 students over the past three years as shown in Figure 3.

TABLE 1. Characteristics of our first-year class

Average ACT	28.4
ACT Math	29.3
SAT (Verbal + Math)	1245
Female	33%
International	18%
Underrepresented Minority Students	28%

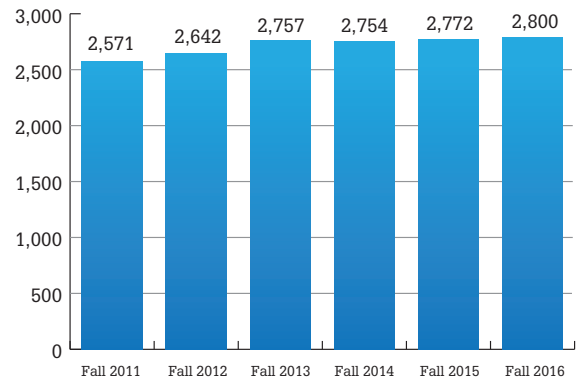


Figure 1. Growth of our degree-seeking undergraduate population

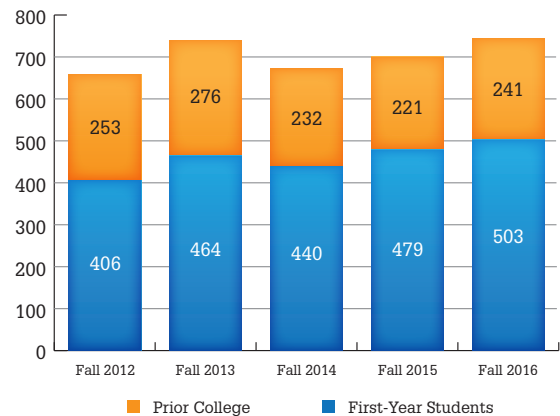


Figure 2. Growth of new full-time, degree-seeking undergraduates

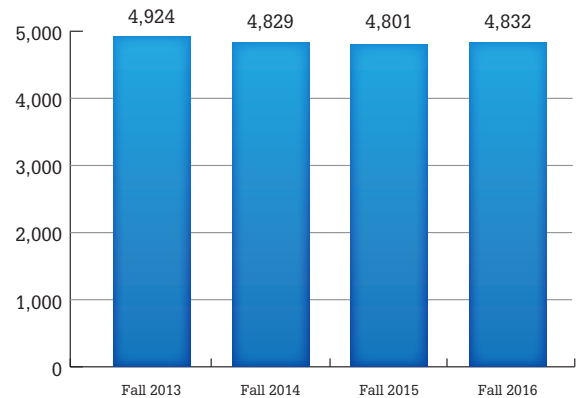


Figure 3. Total graduate student enrollment year to year

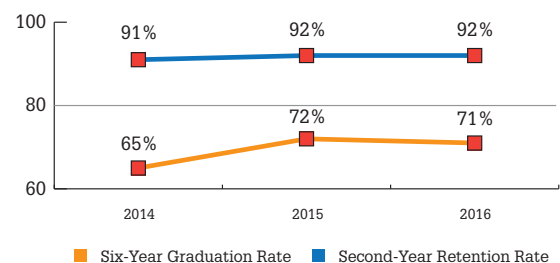


Figure 4. Undergraduate retention and graduation rates

INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT REPORT



A High-Tech Farewell and a Bagpipe Welcome

Illinois Tech's 125th Anniversary Gala, held on June 12, 2015, served as a platform to say farewell to outgoing President John Anderson and to raise funds for the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship. The event, attended by 375 guests, netted \$1.3 million for the Kaplan Institute and featured a high-tech, 220-foot video wall in historic S. R. Crown Hall.

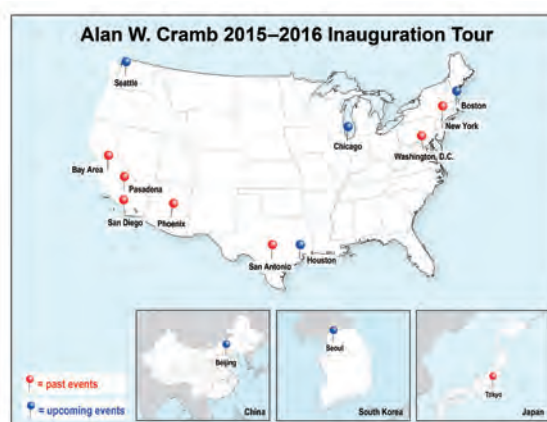


Just a few months later, Institutional Advancement led the inauguration of Alan W. Cramb as Illinois Tech's ninth president on September 18, 2015. Combined with Homecoming and our first alumni Global Spirit Day, the event was attended by 1,500 people on campus and around the world.



Hitting the Road

Post inauguration, President Cramb visited alumni at 16 events in 15 cities and four countries in a year-long inauguration tour with the Office of Alumni Relations. These events marked a year of increased alumni engagement and growth in volunteerism. Increased collaboration with Admission, Career Services, and the deans in each college helped us achieve overall engagement growth.



Stewarding Our Generous Alumni and Friends

Institutional Advancement executed memorable stewardship programs to celebrate our donors and their contributions including:

- Four investiture ceremonies
- Two room/lab naming ceremonies
- Dedication of the John T. Rettaliata Engineering Center
- Dedication of the Robert A. Pritzker Science Center

Launching Giving Day

November 17, 2015, marked Illinois Tech's first ever Giving Day, which raised more than \$685,000 from more than 860 donors, including 238 new donors. The day was a great success and helped generate thousands of social media impressions from our alumni and friends.



A Transformative Gift

Founder of Cleversafe and Trustee Chris Gladwin made the largest gift of the fiscal year in December 2015 with his \$7.6 million donation to help transform Illinois Tech's Department of Computer Science. IA hosted a dinner that month to celebrate IBM's purchase of Cleversafe with their employees, alumni, and investors and to kick off Gladwin's campaign to encourage others to invest in the university.

Breaking Ground and Inspiring Innovation

In August 2016 we exceeded the fundraising goal for the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship and broke ground on the facility in a ceremony attended by more than 700 guests including Mayor Rahm Emanuel.



Declaring Campaign Success

The university successfully completed the Fueling Innovation campaign as of August 31, 2016, four months ahead of schedule, with \$250,242,380 raised in gifts and commitments. The six-year initiative advanced the university and achieved our three major goals of raising \$250 million, developing a pipeline of new major donors, and strengthening our alumni network. Highlights of the campaign include:

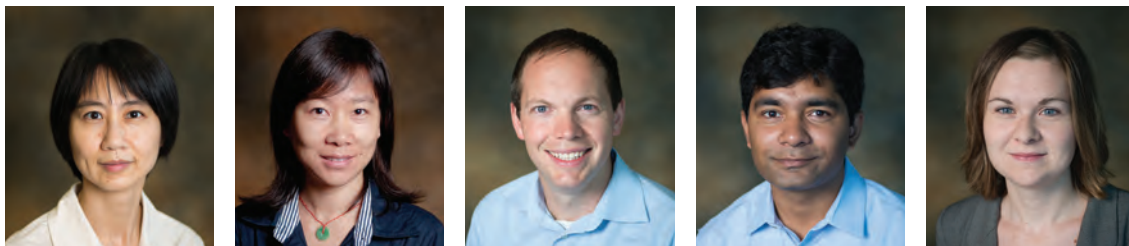
- More than 15,000 unique donors to the campaign
- Raised more than \$45 million for scholarships
- Funded 15 endowed chairs
- 26 new families were inducted into the Philip Danforth Armour Society for donors of \$1 million or more
- 100 major donors of \$100,000 or more whose lifetime giving prior to the campaign was less than \$10,000

ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENTS

Illinois Tech faculty members were the recipients of notable national awards in FY2016.



Mohammad Shahidehpour—Bodine Chair Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, director of the Robert W. Galvin Center for Electricity Innovation, and associate director of the Wanger Institute for Sustainable Energy Research—was elected as a member of the National Academy of Engineering.



Illinois Tech had **five National Science Foundation CAREER Award winners** in 2016, a new record high for the university. Associated with the five-year awards is \$500,000–750,000 in support for each faculty member. Recipients are:

- Assistant Professor **Lin Cai**, Department of Electrical and Computer Engineering
- Assistant Professor **Lili Du**, Department of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering
- Assistant Professor **Jeff Wereszczynski**, Department of Physics
- Assistant Professor **Ankit Srivastava**, Department of Mechanical, Materials, and Aerospace Engineering
- Assistant Professor **Carrie Hall**, Department of Mechanical, Materials, and Aerospace Engineering

In February 2016 Illinois Tech named two faculty members as Distinguished Professors. They include:

- **Patrick Whitney**, Institute of Design
- **Katharine K. Baker**, Chicago-Kent College of Law



Nayar Prize

In June 2015 Illinois Tech announced the Nayar Prize, a \$1 million-plus prize package established to encourage and challenge faculty, staff, and students to develop breakthrough, innovative projects that will, within three years, produce meaningful results with a societal impact. The Nayar Prize is funded by distinguished Illinois Tech alumnus and Trustee **Madhavan Nayar** (M.S. IE '68), his wife, **Teresa**, on behalf of the Nayar Family Foundation. A second \$1 million-plus prize, Nayar Prize II, was announced in March 2016.

NAYAR PRIZE

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Nayar Prize I finalists (Phase 1) selected fall 2015:

- **ADEPT Cancer Imager.** Kenneth Tichauer (biomedical engineering), Jovan Brankov (electrical and computer engineering), and Rajendra Mehta (biology/IITRI)
- **Game Development for Early Language Acquisition in High-Risk Children.** Carly Kocurek (digital humanities), Jennifer Miller (psychology), Cynthia Hood (computer science), and Matt Bauer (linguistics)
- **The Driverless City.** Marshall Brown (architecture), Lili Du (transportation engineering), Laura Forlano (design), Jack Guthman (architecture, planning attorney), and Ron Henderson (landscape architecture)

Nayar Prize II finalists (Phase 1) selected fall 2016:

- **A Data-Driven Crime Prevention Program.** Miles Wernick (electrical and computer engineering, biomedical engineering), Lori Andrews (law), and Yongyi Yang (electrical and computer engineering, biomedical engineering)
- **Cyberbullying Early Warning and Response System.** Libby Hemphill (communication and information studies) and Aron Culotta (computer science)
- **Microfluidic Drug-Microbiota Interaction Platform.** Abhinav Bhushan (biomedical engineering), Genoveva Murillo (biology/IITRI), and Rajendra Mehta (biology/IITRI)

Rankings Increase

Illinois Tech rose in the *U.S. News & World Report* Best Colleges rankings for 2017. These include:

- #103 on the National Universities list, up from #108 in 2016 and #116 in 2015
- #36 on the Best Value Schools list among National Universities, up from #47 in 2016
- #63 on the list of Best Undergraduate Engineering Programs (at schools whose highest degree is a doctorate), up 15 from 2011 (#78)

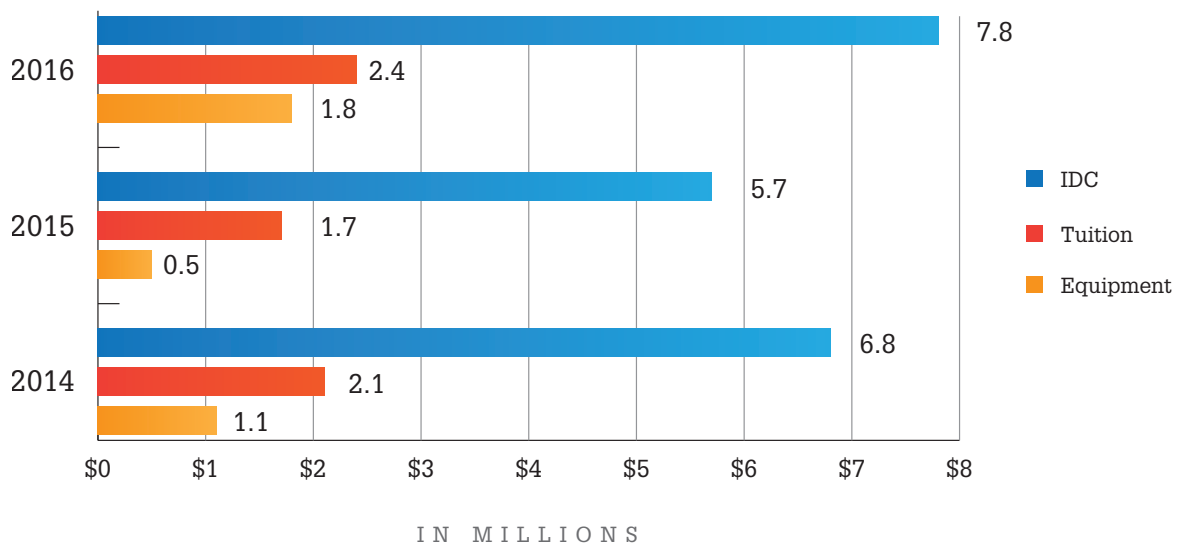
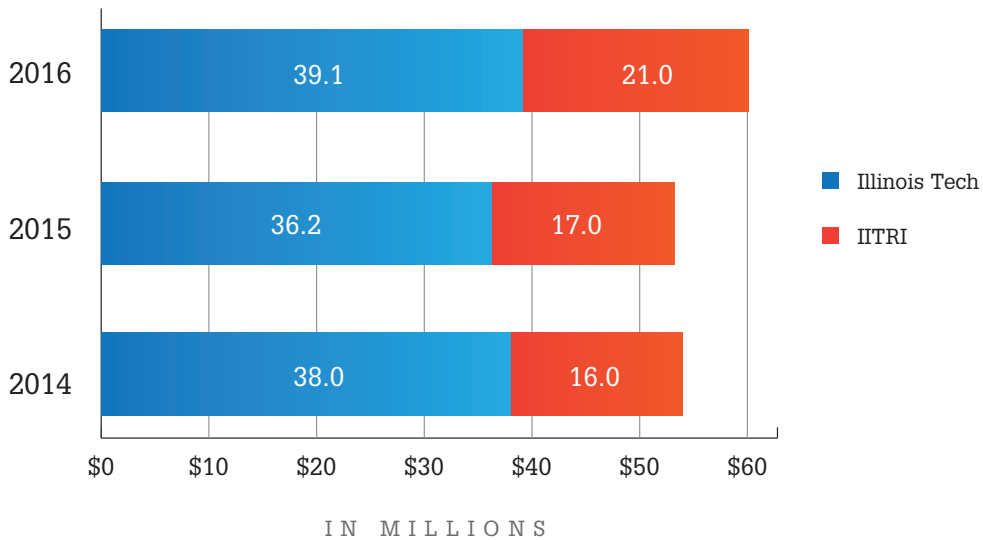
New Endowed Chair and Endowed Professor Appointments FY2016 (Date Appointed)

- **Eric Brey**, Duchossois Leadership Professor (8/15/15)
- **Philip Nash**, Charles and Lee Finkl Endowed Chair in Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (8/17/15)
- **Siva Balasubramanian**, Harold L. Stuart Endowed Chair in Business (8/17/15)
- **Hassan M. Nagib**, John T. Rettaliata Endowed Chair in the College of Engineering (8/17/15)
- **John F. O. Bilson**, John and Mae Calamos Stuart School of Business Dean Endowed Chair (6/01/16)

RESEARCH REPORT

External funding awards to Illinois Tech for FY2016 increased to \$39.1 million, an increase over both FY2014 and FY2015. Similarly, awards to IITRI also increased this past year. Total expenditures for FY2016 were \$35.4 million, including \$5.9 million in indirect costs. This is a slight decrease from FY2015, however, this was expected as expenditures lag awards by approximately one year. As of September 2016 we have received \$14.1 million in new awards (compared to \$7.3 million for FY2016 and \$5.41 million for FY2015). This is a significant increase and a positive indicator, however, it's too early to know if this trend will continue given the political situation in Washington, D.C.

Total Awards



FACILITIES AND PUBLIC SAFETY REPORT

During the past year Illinois Tech invested \$8 million to plan and implement numerous capital improvements. These capital investments were funded through generous philanthropic gifts, state grants, and a modest operating allocation. Project highlights include:

- The revised design of the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship was completed, the groundbreaking was held, and construction was planned for completion by the end of 2018.
- Phase three of the Robert A. Pritzker Science Center began, with completion by the end of 2016. This phase includes a newly renovated auditorium and two new modern, tech-enabled classrooms.
- The John T. Rettaliata Engineering Center was completed, including the final feature, a new exterior-entrance canopy designed by Dirk Lohan to complement this historic architecture built under the leadership of John T. Rettaliata.
- Restoration of Carr Memorial Chapel was honored with an Award of Merit from the American Institute of Architects.



In addition to new construction and major renovations on Mies Campus, Illinois Tech made strategic investments to house its academic units together in the Downtown Campus and to expand available academic space on Mies Campus:

- The Institute of Design relocated to 565 West Adams Street, now open in the same building as Chicago-Kent College of Law and Stuart School of Business.
- New teaching environments were created in the lower level of Hermann Hall, providing five new modern classrooms.
- Additional space for the Department of Computer Science was made available in Stuart Building by relocating ROTC units to a consolidated space in IIT Tower.

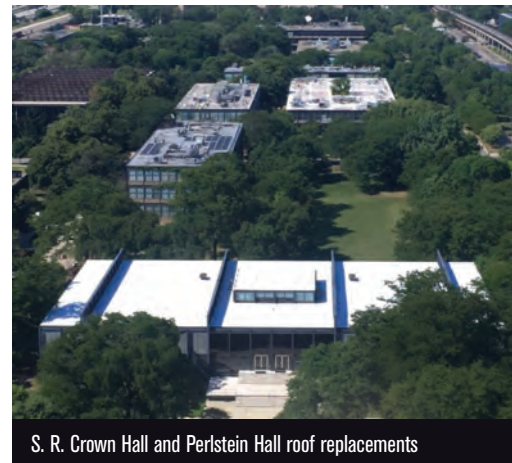


The university also invested in ADA accessibility and life safety upgrades in its residential, academic, and mixed-use facilities:

- Accessibility improvements across campus included a new entrance ramp and interior stair lift at Kappa Phi Delta sorority and entrance modifications at the College of Architecture Materials Lab in the Minerals and Metals Building.
- Fire protection sprinkler systems were installed in three of six fraternities with the remaining three to be completed next summer, accomplishing sprinkler protection for all student housing currently active on campus.
- New fire alarm systems were installed in S. R. Crown Hall and Hermann Hall.
- Installation of fire sprinklers in IIT Tower was completed, bringing the building into full compliance before the deadline imposed by city-wide ordinance.

As part of its ongoing capital improvement program, Illinois Tech invested in key structural, mechanical, and efficiency upgrades to preserve and improve the efficiency of our physical assets:

- New roofs were installed on Crown Hall and Perlstein Hall.
- Energy conservation improvements continued campus wide, making use of rebates and other incentives. Improvements included lighting retrofits, steam system insulation, schedule optimization of building automation systems, and a new 10kW wind turbine.
- The University Technology Park at IIT chilled water plant was upgraded, including mechanical overhaul of two of the four chillers, and other improvements to extend the plant's life and improve its reliability.
- A campus-wide tree inventory and condition survey was completed, establishing a benchmark and plan for future stewardship of this natural resource.



S. R. Crown Hall and Perlstein Hall roof replacements

In order to keep our campus safe for students, faculty, and staff:

- Additional resources were added to increase the presence of Public Safety officers at key places and times, particularly at the north section of Mies Campus.
- New exterior lighting was installed at Keating Hall, powered by solar panels and wind turbines.
- New access control systems were installed in key locations.

In a clear example of the creative collaboration between our administrative and academic units, the Facilities and Public Safety management team supervised 22 Brazil Scientific Mobility Program students, who participated in research projects focused on chiller plant efficiency, building energy audits, utilities master planning, preventative maintenance, sustainable energy, and campus security systems technology.

SUMMARY OF CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ILLINOIS TECH AND IITRI

Financial Position

As of May 31, 2016, total net assets decreased by \$10.4 million, from \$329.4 million to \$319.0 million. Total net assets include unrestricted net assets of \$57.6 million (vs. \$74.6 million in FY2015), temporarily restricted net assets of \$54.6 million (vs. \$47.0 million in FY2015), and permanently restricted net assets of \$206.8 million (vs. \$207.7 million in FY2015).

Total assets decreased by \$25.4 million, from \$605.1 million to \$579.7 million. Cash decreased by \$5.7 million, from \$13.9 million to \$8.2 million. Pledges decreased by \$4.5 million, from \$23.5 million to \$18.9 million. Accounts receivable decreased by \$9.8 million, and includes \$5.2 million in outstanding tuition receivables. Investments decreased by \$10.8 million, from \$243.6 million to \$232.8 million.

Total liabilities decreased by \$15.0 million, from \$275.7 million to \$260.7 million. Accounts payable decreased by \$4.9 million, while deferred revenue decreased by \$3.9 million. Notes and bonds payable decreased by \$6.1 million.

Activities

Total operating revenue was \$276.8 million. Net tuition and fees was \$152.1 million, a decrease of \$2.5 million from FY2015. Government grants decreased by \$0.9 million to \$52.7 million, while private grants increased by \$5.0 million to \$14.7 million. Other sources of revenues decreased by \$1.4 million.

Operating expenses increased by \$3.8 million in FY2016 to \$281.3 million. Total salaries and benefits increased by \$7.1 million to \$160.0 million, while non-compensation expenses decreased by \$3.8 million. Non-compensation operations include IITRI research, which increased by \$3.5 million to \$16.6 million in FY2016.

There was a \$5.8 million decrease in net assets due to non-operating activities. Non-operating private gifts and pledges increased by \$11.9 million from FY2015 to FY2016, balanced by an investment loss of \$8.5 million, perpetual trust loss of \$1.7 million, and the endowment spending distribution of \$12.6 million. Investment income rose by \$4.5 million.

Endowment

As of May 31, 2016, the university endowment fund was valued at \$224.2 million, a decrease of \$11.2 million vs. the FY2015 year-end value. Equities lost \$15.2 million, from \$156.5 million to \$141.3 million, while fixed income assets increased by \$3.3 million. Alternatives and loans to the endowment decreased by \$0.6 million. The \$12.6 million FY2016 endowment draw, comprising a \$10.1 million normal distribution and excess \$2.5 million draw earmarked for campaign operations, represented 5.6 percent of the year-end endowment value.

Illinois Institute of Technology
Consolidated Statement of Activities
Year ended May 31, 2016
(In thousands of dollars)

OPERATING REVENUE		Total
	Net tuition and fees	\$ 152,099
	Government grants and contracts	52,673
	Private grants and contracts	14,685
	Private gifts	12,489
	Endowment spending distribution	8,841
	Endowment net assets released from restrictions	3,759
	Sales and services of auxiliary enterprises	14,509
	Other sources	17,745
	TOTAL OPERATING REVENUE	276,800
OPERATING EXPENSES		
	Faculty salaries	\$ 65,043
	Administrative salaries	53,645
	Part-time salaries	14,430
	Employee benefits	26,851
	Operations and maintenance	25,906
	Supplies and services	41,240
	Professional fees and advertising	13,635
	IITRI research	16,602
	Interest on indebtedness	9,993
	Depreciation	13,977
	TOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	281,322
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM OPERATIONS	(4,522)
NON-OPERATING ACTIVITY		
	Private gifts	\$ 11,930
	Net loss on investments	(8,547)
	Net loss on beneficial interest on perpetual trusts	(1,672)
	Endowment spending distribution	(12,600)
	Investment income	4,482
	Change in asset retirement obligation	715
	Other	(154)
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS FROM NON-OPERATIONS	(5,846)
	CHANGE IN NET ASSETS	(10,368)
NET ASSETS		
	Beginning of year	329,364
	End of year	\$ 318,996

Illinois Institute of Technology
Consolidated Statement of Financial Position
Year ended May 31, 2016
(In thousands of dollars)

ASSETS

Cash	\$	8,246
Accounts receivable		
Grants and contracts		7,891
Student activities		
Tuition		5,186
Notes		9,674
Other activities		1,084
Pledges		18,899
Accounts receivable, net		42,734
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Inventories, prepaid expenses, and deferred charges		4,496
Investments		232,807
Bond proceeds held by trustees		2,778
Physical properties, less depreciation		269,122
Interest in perpetual trusts		19,540

TOTAL ASSETS

579,723

LIABILITIES

Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	14,583
Accrued salaries and wages		15,906
Deferred revenue		16,013
Deposits by students and others		2,236
Accrued post-retirement benefit obligation		2,625
Obligation under split-interest agreements		476
Notes and bonds payable		198,900
Advances from U.S. government for student loans		7,954
Asset retirement obligation		2,034

TOTAL LIABILITIES

260,727

NET ASSETS

Unrestricted	\$	57,579
Temporarily restricted		54,630
Permanently restricted		206,787

TOTAL NET ASSETS

318,996

TOTAL NET ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

\$ 579,723

MARKETING AND COMMUNICATIONS REPORT

In the area of admissions, the Office of Marketing and Communications developed and implemented a communication strategy to support Graduate Admission; the plan includes 75 emails total—23 for prospects and 52 for inquiries. M&C also developed a full suite of **recruitment materials for Undergraduate Admission**, including an internally developed rebranding of the university for this audience. M&C received a Silver Trumpet Award from the Publicity Club of Chicago for this work.

To promote Illinois Tech's 125th anniversary, **M&C designed the logo**, produced the kick-off event and video, and developed the anniversary website. *IIT Magazine* in CY2016 was a **trilogy of issues** dedicated to the anniversary, featuring eight videos and three audio exclusives. The team also launched the new design of the web version of the magazine, which included moving all back issues into the new design. M&C won a Golden Trumpet Award from the Publicity Club of Chicago for this work on *IIT Magazine*.

In web development, M&C launched more than 39 new university websites, focusing on administrative, departmental, and institute/center websites. This included a new **Office of Research website**, creating—for the first time—a robust site focused on increasing visibility for Illinois Tech by showcasing high-profile research at the university to multiple external audiences.

M&C increased media coverage of Illinois Tech in top-tier local and national media outlets. Illinois Tech's media mentions/stories totaled 15,202 from June 1, 2015, through September 28, 2016, including top-tier outlets such as the *New York Times*, the *Washington Post*, *Associated Press*, *Politico*, *Money*, *Reuters*, and the *Huffington Post*. M&C also created and launched the university's first online Media Experts Guide, representing all colleges and institutes.

M&C work supporting the Nayar Prize included the creation and launch of communication plans for Nayar Prize I and II, based on a comprehensive public relations plan developed to meet the Nayar Prize objectives.

M&C contributions to the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship groundbreaking included successful execution of multiple print and online communications, including three videos and a component for the Vamonde app. Nine media outlets were present at the groundbreaking ceremony, including CBS 2, NBC 5, ABC 7, and WGN 9. Total coverage and clips resulted in 680,275 impressions. ABC, CBS, and FOX all covered the groundbreaking, as did *Cubed Chicago* and the *Architect's Newspaper*. In national coverage, the release that M&C distributed was picked up by 210 media outlets, reaching a potential audience of 12,545,312 readers.

The Event Services team planned/supported 3,078 events during FY2016. In the current FY2017 (through September 30, 2016), the team has planned/supported 1,056 events for four client groups: departments/colleges, student organizations, external events sponsored by university departments/colleges, and external clients.



EXTERNAL AFFAIRS AND COMMUNITY AFFAIRS AND OUTREACH REPORT

The Office of External Affairs renewed the MOU, a formal agreement with the city that was successful in expediting permitting for the Ed Kaplan Family Institute for Innovation and Tech Entrepreneurship and in gaining support for Main Building use and zoning change. The MOU has proved to be a powerful device for successful interaction with the city.

Extensive and coordinated lobbying efforts in Springfield brought a restoration of Monetary Award Program scholarships for low-income students for 2016. The university worked with both public and private colleges and universities to maintain a steady and ultimately effective communication with legislators and the governor to obtain full funding on behalf of our students.

Illinois Tech received \$1.8 million this year for the renovation of the Robert A. Pritzker Science Center in a challenging budget environment in Springfield. Another \$3 million from the state was received for capital projects. The money for the renovation of the Pritzker Center, when combined with philanthropy, enabled the university to complete renovations to the first floor of the building and to hold a dedication ceremony in September.

The Institute for Food Safety and Health once again was able to maintain the \$2.1 million in federal base funding for research. External Affairs is building a federal strategy in Congress to increase yearly base funding to \$3 million starting in the new fiscal year.

Jeff Malehorn, president and chief executive officer of World Business Chicago's Chicago Anchors for a Strong Economy (CASE), met with President Alan W. Cramb to determine ways in which Illinois Tech will continue to participate and support its goal of increasing institutional contracts with local contractors/vendors. President Cramb sent a communication to all senior leaders encouraging them to seek out local contractors in partnership with CASE.

Illinois Tech sponsored the two-day Chicago Zoological Society King Conservation Scholars' Teen Conservation Leadership Conference on August 3–4, 2016, on Mies Campus. Participants included 430 teens from more than 30 organizations. Hamid Arastoopour (M.S. GE '75, Ph.D. '78), director of the Wanger Institute for Sustainable Energy Research, was a keynote speaker.



Chicago Zoological Society King Conservation Scholars' Teen Conservation Leadership Conference



13th Annual Health, Fun, and Fitness Fair



Black Metropolis Research Consortium Cycle of Summer Short-Term Fellowships

Illinois Tech co-sponsored the 13th Annual Health, Fun, and Fitness Fair with State Senator Mattie Hunter (3rd), ComEd, and others on Saturday, August 6, 2016, on Mies Campus. Participants included 800 attendees from the public at large and more than 40 vendors. While open to all, the fair has a special goal of assisting needy families in obtaining required vaccinations, examinations, and other health services so their children can re-enter school.

In the fall 2016 term, Illinois Tech co-sponsored the Black Metropolis Research Consortium (BMRC) 2016 cycle of Summer Short-Term Fellowships. This year's fellowships focused on two areas of research, "Chicago Politics" and "Chicago Medical Arts and Public Health." Illinois Tech has been a founding and constant member key to BMRC's inception and evolution since 2003.



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