Holiday Wreath-Making & Coffee Social

Wednesday November 30th
9:30am-11:30am
Coffeehouse Lounge in the Stratton Student Center (W20)

After a wonderful Coffee Social event earlier in October, we’re delighted to offer a November event paired with our traditional annual gathering to make the large holiday wreaths that hang at 77 Mass Ave every December. Join us for coffee, pastries and crafting as we kick off the holiday season. We provide everything you’ll need if you want to join in with wreath-making, or just come by to say hello!

Register online at wl.mit.edu.

Kate Higgins is a seventh year student in the joint Harvard-MIT MD/PhD program. She was born and raised in Palo Alto, California, but came east to study biology and chemistry at Williams College. She is currently working on her PhD in Jing-Ke Weng’s lab at the Whitehead Institute, where she studies bitter taste receptor evolution across vertebrates. Her current projects involve food allergies, poison dart frogs, and Neanderthals. Clinically, she is most interested in pediatrics and psychiatry. In her free time, Kate reads, runs, paints, plays harp, and dotes on her pet cat. She is also passionate about mentorship and mental health.
Let's get warm clothes to those who need them!

This year is the 27th year of the Fall Fashion Free-For-All, a program launched by Women's League members to make sure that students have all they need to get through the tough New England winter. Over the years, the program has expanded beyond its original mandate of helping international newcomers to serving students with a greater financial need.

Make a direct donation

We have a spreadsheet of requests from students who need your support. They've told us what they need, sizes and even the styles they like - all you have to do is pick a student, and we'll send you their address to send items to them. Feel free to send gently used or new items, and you don't feel like shopping, a gift card is welcome too. The spreadsheet is live and you can sign up to help a student. Email wleague@mit.edu and we'll get things moving.

Donate to a clothing bin on campus

We've bolstered our program this year by a campus-wide clothing drive for winter items - coats, hats, gloves and scarves, in all sizes. Collection bins will be placed around campus and the items then stored in the Office of the First Year, to act as a drop-in closet for anyone who needs an item.

This Fall, the Women's League has joined forces with the ARM Coalition (Accessing Resources at MIT). The ARM Coalition was commissioned by Vice President and Dean for Student Life Suzy Nelson and Chancellor Cynthia Barnhart in fall of 2017 in response to work being done by CASE (Class Awareness Support and Equality) and aims to connect our students with the highest financial need to resources.

Stop by and drop off items, in person, in the following locations:

- Dewey, Hayden & Lewis Libraries
- 5-104 S3 Office
- 7-143 CARE Team
- 14N-213 Women & Gender Studies
- 7-103 OVC/SFS/OFY

Look out for more news from the Fall Fashion Exchange as the season progresses!

Get involved this January with IAP

Independent Activities Period (IAP) is a four-week period in January during which faculty and students are freed from the rigors of regularly scheduled classes for flexible teaching and learning and for independent study and research. It of a wide variety of academic and non-academic topics by all members of the MIT community. IAP offerings are distinguished by their innovative, playful spirit and fusion of fun and learning.

IDuring IAP, MIT community members (students, faculty, staff, and alums) can organize, sponsor, and participate in a wide variety of activities.

Visit https://elo.mit.edu/iap/ for more information.
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LANGUAGE CONVERSATION EXCHANGE
FALL 2022 EVENTS

EAT, MEET, SPEAK
Practice with native speakers and fellow language learners! English learners welcome!

10/24
3-4pm
refreshments served

11/10
5-6pm
refreshments served

12/5
12-1pm
lunch served

Bush Room 10-105

Volunteer with the English Partner Program!

Are you looking for a great volunteer opportunity? Join us as an English Conversation partner!

Every Fall and Spring semester, we pair recently-arrived members of the MIT Community to build a friendly and informal relationship and work on their English skills. You don’t need teaching experience or speak your partner's native language. The idea is to help your partner build their English skills and be a warm and friendly presence as they settle into life in Cambridge and at MIT.

Pairs typically meet weekly or biweekly for about an hour. You and your partner choose a meeting time and location that works best for both of you. Reach out to Kara Cunningham (kbcunnin@mit.edu) with any questions you have.

Looking for an interesting read?

The Book Discussion group will host virtual meetings via Zoom. Please write to Maxine Jonas (jonas_m@mit.edu) to be added to their mailing list.

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Fiber Crafts Group

It’s a good time to get creative and finish that project! The Fiber Crafts Group offers the space to craft online with friends. Meetings will be held throughout the Fall semester via Zoom. Feel free to sign in at any time over the hour, and stay for as long as you like. For a Zoom invite, please email Claudia James (nonnajames@gmail.com) or Olimpia Cacares-Brown (Olimpia@mit.edu). All events are held 12:30-1:30pm.

2022
November 15
December 6 & 20
2023
January 3 & 17
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May 2 & 16
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Save the Date
MITell Storytelling Lunch with the ICEO (Institute Community and Equity Office) will return on December 6th. Look out for an email announcement soon!

The MIT Women’s League Newsletter is published four times during the academic year. Please email the office for a hard copy of the newsletter or for any questions you may have.

Deadline for submission for the November Newsletter is October 1.

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