COOK: Culinary Offerings from our Kitchens: Buy the recipe book!

In the Spring of 2020 we at the Women's League joined force with MIT Endicott House and MITAC to create a new MIT cookbook. With so many in our community building their cooking skills and missing campus, this was a way to bring people together.

We requested people submit their recipes, the story behind them and their favorite MIT memory. The recipes have been gathered together in this beautiful book, now available for purchase.

On October 19th, a virtual presentation from Endicott House brought together winners chosen by the MIT Endicott House Executive Chef, Eddie Cerrato. The winners prepared their recipes and shared what the recipes meant to them to a delighted virtual audience.

You can order your copy of COOK direct from the Endicott House website, delivered to you for $18. All proceeds from the sale of the book will be donated to Project Restore Us (projectrestoreus.org). Founded by four women who lead local area restaurants, Project Restore Us is a mutual aid organization that tackles food insecurity in the Boston Area.

Looking for an interesting read?

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Honorary League gathers online

Twice annually, the Honorary League gathers together friends to hear a talk from a member of MIT’s faculty or research staff. We’re still not able to host our event in person, but continue to bring together our community online.

This October we were delighted to host John Ochsendorf, Class of 1942 Professor, Professor of Architecture, Professor of Civil and Environmental Engineering. He spoke about his work researching vaulted ceilings by Gustavino, and the labor of love that was the design and creation of MIT’s Collier Memorial.

Thanks to the Honorary League Committee: Chris Santos, Diana Martinez and Nancye Mims.

In-person: WL Holiday Wreath-Making!

Wednesday December 1
9:00am - 12:00pm
W20 Coffeehouse Lounge

Hopes are high this year that we will be able to gather to make the Holiday Wreaths that have been part of the Women’s League’s annual traditions since the 1930s. Last year, we were not able to gather in person to make the wreaths in a safe way, so we donated funds to MIT’s Buildings & Grounds, so that they might put together the wreaths on our behalf.

This year - we plan to be back in person! As always, we are following all of MIT’s event guidelines. Look out for an email announcement soon.

The Fall Fashion Exchange returns

This year is the 26th 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 and the professional clothing they need for interviews. Over the years, the program has expanded beyond its original mandate of helping international newcomers to serving students with a greater financial need.

Last year, unable to gather in person, we had to get creative to make sure we could help those in need. We helped over 200 MIT students get the clothes they needed in the Fall of 2020 and the Winter of 2021. Our remote option was such a success, we’ve continued it this year. Working with Student Support Services, the International Student Office and the Office of the First Year, we got the word out to students who signed up for the clothes they need.

The spreadsheet is live and you can sign up to help a student. Email wleague@mit.edu and we’ll get things moving.

The Fall Fashion Exchange returns
WISDM Fall Speaker Series

November
Tuesday 9th: Krista Pullen, via Zoom, 12-1pm
Thursday 18th: Mara Freilich, via Zoom, 12-1pm

The Women’s League is proud to be partnering this semester with WISDM, the Women in Innovation and STEM Database at MIT. WISDM is in an initiative aimed at promoting the visibility of women within the MIT community. The goal of WISDM is to provide a curated searchable online database of MIT women in STEM, making it easier to find talented and diverse speakers for conference talks, panels, news stories, outreach events and podcasts.

This Fall, we will be hosting four women graduate students giving talks about their careers and research, all held via Zoom. Register for these events at wl.mit.edu.

WISDM was founded by Ritu Raman, a previous speaker at an Honorary League Luncheon. Professor Raman is the d’Arbeloff Career Development Assistant Professor of Mechanical Engineering at MIT. She is passionate about increasing diversity in STEM and has championed many initiatives to empower women in science.

Krista Pullen is a PhD student in the MIT Biological Engineering program. As a member of the Lauffenburger Lab, she is developing machine learning pipelines that will allow translation of immunological data across studies for infectious disease vaccine development. She will talk about how these innovative methods can be adapted to allow us to better understand how vaccines work and for earlier and more accurate prediction of vaccine candidate efficacy.

Mara Freilich studies the ways that physical oceanographic processes, including fronts and eddies, affect ocean microbial ecology, carbon cycling, and nutrient distributions. She uses a range of methods from numerical ocean models to observational work at sea. She also does interdisciplinary work to understand the ways that science can be used to inform socially just responses to climate change.

Check out MIT's IAP in 2022!

Monday, January 3rd - Friday, January 28th 2022
Find classes online: elo.mit.edu/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.

While IAP is a time for exploration 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. During IAP, MIT community members (students, faculty, staff, and alums) can organize, sponsor, and participate in a wide variety of activities like the ones listed to the right. All members of the MIT Community are encouraged to create offerings aimed at sharing a particular talent, expertise, or interest—not necessarily related to their day-to-day MIT roles—with others at the Institute.
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Save the Date
Breakfast Series
Wednesday, December 8th
8am, via Zoom

We're delighted to announce the return of the Breakfast Series, featuring Professor Susan Murcott, Lecturer in D-Lab. She will talk about her career and projects of her students in her course: Water, Climate Change and Health. Look out for an email invite soon.