Welcome to your First-Year! Over the next ten months you are going to learn more than you ever thought possible, be challenged like never before and experience more than you can imagine. FYE is here to help.

FYE and You

What is FYE? First-Year Experience is a program developed to help first-year students navigate their first year of college, basically we are here for you. The Division of Student Life has partnered with students, faculty and staff to develop a year-long holistic program that supports you as you figure out your place at MIT. We offer events and programs that connect you to faculty members, help you manage stress, meet others in the class of 2015 and much more.

FYE works with your house teams to help you adjust to community living. An adjustment that we acknowledge is a very different way of living for most of you. Regardless of what community you have selected to live in you are surrounded by people who are here to help.

We want to hear from you because your voice is important to us. To know how you fell and listen to what you have to say FYE will be distributing a variety of short assessment forms. We will send you an email and all we ask is that you take three minutes to fill-out an online survey. Help yourself and the first-year community by making your voice heard. Finally, welcome to MIT we are all excited to get to know you.

Welcome Home

Now that you have arrived here on campus as members of the class of 2015 we are excited to share with you the future of the housing experience here at MIT. During this week you could enter the Adjustment Lottery or remain in your currently assigned building. At the conclusion of that process, your “freshman housing” experience will be complete and they will become part of our entire MIT Housing system. (continued on page 2)
Eligibility
MIT students are eligible for eight consecutive semesters of housing. If you decide to remain on campus for your entire eight semesters, whether in your current building or moving each year, you are permitted to do so. If you who move off-campus or to an FSILG you can request to move back on campus, but the time spent away is counted in your eligibility and requests to return to campus can only be satisfied through our waitlist. At the end of each year students will be given information about confirming or cancelling their housing. Students who choose to cancel their housing will be leaving MIT on-campus housing to pursue other avenues. Those who confirm their housing will be remaining on campus.

Switching
MIT Housing is dedicated to student satisfaction. We will make every effort to house students in their desired locations as quickly as possible. Students have two ways of obtaining a move. The first is from our academic term wait list. Students fill out a housing request form and indicate the building(s) they would prefer to live in. During the term we offer moves as space becomes available. The second avenue is our December and April switch lotteries. These are binding lotteries held for our on-campus students only. It allows students to obtain a switch for the upcoming academic semester. Students living off campus cannot participate in our lotteries. Room to room switches within buildings are handled within the houses themselves. Consulting House Managers, House Masters, and Room Assignment Chairs is the best way to determine each house’s methods.

Housing During Breaks
Students at MIT are permitted to stay for both our winter break (known as IAP) and our summer break. IAP housing is simply an extension of your fall assignment. Students who will be graduating or leaving housing must vacate by January 15th. Students remaining in housing do not need to leave and are not billed for IAP housing. Summer housing begins on the Saturday after final exams. Students may sign up for summer housing at an additional cost and will be granted continuous housing through spring and summer and into their fall assignment.

* For more information please visit our website: http://housing.mit.edu/

I’m Hungry! Where to eat @ MIT

MIT Campus Dining’s restaurants, House Dining Program and catering programs are designed to meet the diverse needs of our diverse campus. The operating hours vary based on type of service, location and time of year. Our venues offer a wide variety of menus, including choices for the health conscience eater, vegetarians, vegans as well as Hillel and Kosher alternatives. Be sure to check our website at dining.mit.edu for locations, hours, and menus.

House Dining Program
MIT Dining is proud to implement a comprehensive meal plan program. This option is open to all students, faculty and staff providing abundant choices for breakfast, lunch and dinner. We have developed many meal plans to accommodate student’s needs. Our House Dining Program is featured in our newest facility, Howard Dining, located in Masse Hall along with four other locations at Baker, Next, McCormick, and Simmons Halls. Students will be able to select from a wide variety of options of freshly prepared items. Our House Dining Program is able to accommodate special dietary needs, and provide information on potential allergens. Please be sure to speak with a manager if you require any accommodations or are in need of nutritional or dietary information.

Retail Venues
Students are sure to find many options through our 19 retail venues across campus. From pizza, to subs, to ethnic quinine, hamburgers, salad bars coffee, pastries and snacks, the MIT community is able to find what they are looking for. We also have four food trucks operating daily by the Kendall Square T stop, and a farmers market every Tuesday with fresh fruits and vegetables.

Catering
Working with on-campus providers assures you that the caterer has a strong working relationship with MIT and a proven service track record. Each caterer is under contract with MIT Campus Dining so you can be assured that all of them meet MIT’s business requirements. This puts you in the strongest position possible when planning, budgeting and negotiating for your event. MIT’s primary on-campus catering groups are MIT Catering, Tech Catering and Bon Appétit.

Bon Appétit operates the House Dining program and arrangements have been made with their group to offer special, competitive rates on catering for residence life and student-community based events. These groups can provide services that range from cookie and sandwich platters for meetings, to catering services for formal events. Many of the independent vendors on campus also offer catering services, including Anna’s Taqueria, Dunkin’ Donuts, The Cambridge Grill, Pacific St. Café, Sepal and Subway.