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Roll Call
Alumni Association
Undergraduate Association Meeting
December 4, 2019

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139,318 LIVING ALUMNI
FY20 Overall Population
(*at start of FY20)

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DEGREE TYPE DISTRIBUTION
- 53% GRADUATE DEGREE EXCLUSIVELY
- 47% 1ST DEGREE UNDERGRADUATE
  25% of undergrads are dual degree holders

GENDER DISTRIBUTION (CONTACTABLE ALUMNI)
- 76% MALE
- 24% FEMALE

PARENTS:
- 8,041 PARENTS (CLASSES 2020-2023)
- 4,675 HOUSEHOLDS
- 207/161 ALUMNI PARENTS/HOUSEHOLDS
- 3,147/1,739 ACTIVE PAST PARENTS/HOUSEHOLDS

STUDENTS:
- 4,346 UNDERGRADUATES
- 4,559 GRADUATES
- 1,398 ALUMNI WHO ARE CURRENT STUDENTS

77% DOMESTIC
15% INTERNATIONAL
96% CONTACTABLE WITH E-MAIL ADDRESS
81% WITH POSTAL ADDRESS

MEDIAN GRADUATION YEAR (CONTACTABLE ALUMNI)
- 1989 UNDERGRADUATES
- 1997 GRADUATE DEGREE EXCLUSIVELY

BY SCHOOL
- 7% ARCHITECTURE
- 46% ENGINEERING
- 5% HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE
- 20% SCIENCE
- 19% SLOAN
- 3% OTHER
OUR MISSION AND STRATEGIC PLAN
Why do we engage with alumni?

Because well-aligned alumni associations and the institutions they embody lead to strong relationships, reputations, and philanthropy.
Long-Standing Mission:

“The mission of the MIT Alumni Association is to further the well-being of the Institute and its graduates by increasing the interest of members in the school and in each other.”
To engage and inspire the global MIT community to make a better world.
Goals

▪ Deliver value to alumni/ae
▪ Be world class
▪ Make a better world
▪ Create a strong volunteer pipeline
▪ Strengthen alumni/ae and friends philanthropy
▪ Strengthen the MITAA organization, staff, and volunteers
Strategies

- Strengthen clubs, regions, and affinity groups to enhance the strength of the overall community
- Make MIT Tech Reunions extraordinarily inspiring
- Focus communications and create a world-class brand
Strategies (continued)

- Do what alumni/ae value and do it well
- Become an engagement platform for Better World partners
- Align engagement and philanthropy, and realign the MIT Annual Fund in that context to reinforce an “engagement first” atmosphere
- Foster volunteer and staff excellence to optimize this important partnership and the outcomes to which it aspires
79% of Alumni are Engaged
(during MIT Campaign for a Better World from July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2019)

46% of Alumni were engaged philanthropically*

51% of Alumni were engaged face-to-face

31% MINDSHARE

71% of Alumni were engaged virtually**

*Mindshare Alumni engaged in all 3 ways: face-to-face & philanthropic & virtually
**Virtual does not include social media like LinkedIn, Facebook, and Twitter, but now includes email clicks.

Participation Rates may differ, as some alumni are not solicitable or “fund-active.”
Alumni Association Activities in FY2019

- 18,043 Volunteers
- 1,173 MITAA-supported events with 27,322 attendees
  - Average of 3.2 events each around the world
- 55,516 Infinite Connection logins
ENGAGING FUTURE ALUMNI
Programs for Undergraduates

- Student Alumni Association (SAA)
  - More than three decades of engagement
  - Alumni panels, Dinner for 12 strangers program

- Student Philanthropy Program
  - Partnership with the SAA and MIT Annual Fund
  - Students giving back to MIT community through philanthropy
  - Dedicated campaigns, #GivingTuesday, MIT 24-Hour Challenge

- Student/Alumni Externship Program
- Recent graduate elections to MIT Corporation
- Brass Rat partnership
Programs for Undergraduates (Cont.)

- Mentoring programs
  - Community Catalyst Leadership Program
  - MIT Alumni Advisors Hub

- Partnerships with MIT alumni Affinity Groups
  - Black Alumni of MIT (BAMIT)
  - Association of MIT Alumnae (AMITA)
  - Latino/a Alumni/ae of MIT (LAMIT)
  - MIT South Asian Alumni Association and more

- Infinite Connection accounts
  - Online Alumni Directory
Programs for Undergraduates (Cont.)

- Undergraduate Association partnership
- Pre-orientation summer sendoff events with regional alumni clubs
- Career Advising and Professional Development partnership
- D. Reid Weedon Jr. ’41 Award and Grant Program for FSILGs
- Commencement Week activities, including Zeroth Reunion & Senior Class Toast
- Various campus partnerships
  - Division of Student Life
  - Office of the Vice Chancellor
  - The Chancellor’s Office
  - DAPER
Other Major MITAA Programs this Year

- Tech Reunions
- Alumni Leadership Conference (ALC)
- Family Weekend
- 24 Hour Challenge
- Grad Gathering
Thank you
Internal UA State of Affairs
- Restructuring of the UA Committees
  - Ideological
  - (potentially) Structural
- Code of Conduct <> Violation of Code of Conduct
  - Reporting procedure
  - Removal of committees, individuals
- Diversity Audit
Mutual Selection
Questions on Fundraising
Ad Hoc Process Committee

- What has been your exposure to philanthropy, either at MIT or otherwise?
- How does fundraising and gift processing affect you?
- What is your role in fundraising and gift processing?
  - Research
  - Student Groups
  - Living Communities
- How can fundraising and gift processing be improved?
Discussion: How to Engage Students on Values