MIT Parent Connectors
Become a Parent Connector Today!

Parent Connectors serve as a resource for MIT and for fellow and prospective parents. They welcome incoming parents, participate in campus events, and attend regional events hosted by MIT and MIT clubs. These activities help build community and connect parents with one another and with the Institute.

Priorities

- Inform parents about MIT and engage them in the MIT community.
- Share insight, practical knowledge, and enthusiasm with current and prospective MIT parents to help ease any anxieties created by their students' transitions to college.
- Help increase parent involvement by providing feedback and suggestions to the MIT Parents Association staff.

Requirements

- Be the parent of a current MIT undergraduate.
- Participate in an initial training, offered twice a year (January and August) via webcast.
- Register for an account with the Parents Association Community at parents.mit.edu. Alumni parents this is the same as your MIT Alumni Association Infinite Connection account.
- Complete your parent profile in the Parents Directory including your Parents Connector Areas of Expertise and Contact Methods (which will be explained in the training). Respond to email or phone inquiries from parents.

Opportunities

- If you use Facebook or LinkedIn, join and participate in the MIT Parents groups.
- Welcome incoming families to MIT by calling the parents of incoming freshman from your area.
- Participate locally:
  - Join or be the liaison to an MIT alumni club if one exists in your area. Encourage the MIT parent constituency to participate with you in the MIT club-sponsored activities and programs.
  - Host or attend a local gathering of MIT parents and students:
    - Attend Spring Break admitted student events: late March (to meet admitted students and their parents)
    - Host or attend Summer send-off events: July (to welcome the incoming freshmen class and their parents)
    - Regional MIT parent events (held throughout the year)
- Volunteer for campus events: Greet MIT parents at campus events, including Campus Preview Weekend in April, Parent Orientation in August, and Family Weekend in October.

For additional information about volunteering, call 617-253-8183 or send an email to mykidis@mit.edu.