

# Students rewarded for completing FAFSA at One Stop event

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In order to encourage more Illinois Tech students to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), the IIT OneStop hosted Fat FAFSA Tuesday, an event for students to learn more about the FAFSA and be rewarded for filling it out. The FAFSA is a form that can be submitted each year by current and prospective college students that determines their eligibility for several types of

federally-offered student financial aid including the Pell Grant, federal student loans, and Federal Work Study.

The One Stop's event was held on Tuesday, February 17 in the One Stop office located in MTCC 106. Staff members were available to assist students with completing the FAFSA; students who had already completed the FAFSA were able to show their confirmation email to receive a ticket for a raffle. Raffle prizes included IIT-branded tee shirts, Tech Cash Prizes, a DVD player, a Flip Camera, and

a grand prize of a Microsoft Surface 2.

The One Stop, which was formed in 2012 as a centralized location on campus for students to find answers to administrative questions, also offered other ways for students to be rewarded for their financial knowledge and preparedness. The office allowed students to answer a multiple choice question about finances; if the students answered correctly, they got their choice of some IIT-branded items as their prize, including tee shirts, bracelets, and wallets.

Different varieties of paczki, a Polish pastry similar to a doughnut, were also offered to students who attended the event, and the office and its staff members were decorated with a Mardi Gras theme in the spirit of Fat Tuesday.

At the end of the day, the raffle winners were drawn and picked up their prizes. Fat FAFSA Tuesday also counted as a Freshman Fifteen event for new students.



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