

Saint Baldrick's event raises over \$6,000 for childhood cancer research

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This past Friday, November 20, IIT held the Saint Baldrick's head-shaving event in The Bog. Saint Baldrick's is an organization founded in 1999 that is devoted to raising money for childhood cancer research. Since its foundation, it has raised millions and millions of dollars by having groups get together and volunteer to shave their heads. This event has been a tradition at IIT for many years, but this year was a little different.

Usually, IIT holds the St. Baldrick's fundraiser and shaving in the spring. However, this year, the organizers decided to hold it in the fall so as to be able to focus more on their

spring event, Relay for Life. Also, there is a national competition between colleges to see which institution can raise the most amount of money. This year, with the event held in the fall, IIT was able to rank 8th in the country, with a grand total of \$6,703.20 raised.

Nine brave souls volunteered their heads to be shaved and tried to raise money from friends and family. There were four ladies and five men getting their heads shaved. The shavees were Carly Ilg, Holly Seiler, Isabelle Romero, Christian Jones, Subarno Saha, Dan Kosmas, Eric Schuette, Tyler and Noah Grudowski. All nine of these participants tried to raise money for the cause, and the highest amount raised was by Carly Ilg, who, at the

time of writing, had \$1,920 raised. The four girls were all sisters in the Kappa Phi Delta sorority, and the group raised the most amount of money out of them all, getting around \$5,000 all together.

Many of these participants had taken part in St. Baldrick's shave prior, including the highest fundraiser, Ilg, who shaved her head once before. Both Noah and Tyler Grudowski have shaved their heads five times in support of childhood cancer. Also, the barber, performing all of the shaving and cutting of hair, was Cheryl Sikora, from Woodridge, Illinois, who has participated in this event twice.

The organizer of this event, Anna Chorazyczewski, was very pleased with the

turn out of this event. She mentioned that even though the amount of money raised this semester was less than previous years, the average amount of money raised per person significantly rose. Next year, she hopes to get more involvement by inviting alumni to the event and hopes to continue this tradition.

Along with the head-shaving, there were raffles that took place to raise even more money for the cause. There were ten prizes in total, including gift cards to Bridgeport Coffee, Forever Yogurt, and Freddie's. There was a DJ keeping the event upbeat and happy, DJ Groovy OD. Overall, the event was a great night and raised money for a worthy cause through the participation of IIT students.

Fall Semester course evaluations accepting responses

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One way that the university monitors the quality and effectiveness of professors is through course evaluations, which are completed during the last few weeks of each semester at IIT. Course evaluations allow the university to identify outstanding instructors as well as those who might need some improvement to their classroom teaching.

During each semester's course evaluation period, students have the

opportunity to rate the classes that they've taken in two major areas: the quality of the instructor and the quality of the course. Each question can be answered on a scale of one through five, with five being outstanding. In addition to the quantitative measure of quality, students can also leave comments as feedback for each section.

Students may fill out their course evaluations for the current semester by visiting the Academics tab on MyIIT. From there, students can click on the course evaluation

channel and choose a class to evaluate. Throughout the process of evaluating courses, students' identities remain anonymous to promote more genuine responses without worry.

In addition to helping the university determine the strengths and weaknesses in our faculty, course evaluation results are also made available to students. When registering for classes and choosing between professors, students can access previous course evaluation results by visiting the Academics tab on MyIIT,

scrolling to the Academic Affairs Student System channel, and then clicking on "Search Course Evaluation Results." From there, students may search previous years of course evaluations, filtering by course or by professor.

Evaluations were made available and announced to students via an email on November 16 and will close on Sunday, December 6, the day before finals week begins at the university.

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