

Greek community finishes Greek Values Week with celebration at the Wit

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The Greek community welcomed all who bought a ticket to their annual Greek Formal this past Friday. At the event, Greek Council, the governing body for fraternities and sororities at Illinois Tech, gave awards in recognition of the most active members, most improved chapters, and others. The event was held at the Wit, a hotel owned by Hilton in the Loop.

The event began with food, served by State & Lake, the hotel's in-house restaurant. To many peoples' surprise, the food served had a wide variety, with a plethora of

options to suit diets of all kinds: vegetarians, gluten intolerances, and meat lovers. Of the hors d'oeuvres, among the most surprising to many students were bite-sized grilled cheese sandwiches served in a tomato soup. The food continued to please the crowd, with the pasta selections of tortellini, strozzapreti, and cavatelli being a highlight. Though the food was excellent, many complained of steep drink prices, with complex drinks like cocktails costing \$13 and simpler drinks costing upwards of \$6.

The music - seen as the main event - was catered by Alpha Sigma Alpha's very own Venika Jarvis. The almost two hour long set was met with largely positive feedback from

the crowd. The dance floor, once the set began, was full to capacity for a good portion of the night. That said, there were certainly periods of low energy, which some saw as a weakness of Jarvis'. All in all, she gave the community a chance to relax, which is what DJing an event like this is all about.

Greek Formal came at the end of a weeklong celebration of Greek values - community, friendship, leadership, academics, philanthropy, and social - with events ranging from a video screening to a cover letter workshop to an event in the style of the show "Are You Smarter Than a 5th Grader?" Each event was designed to showcase an aspect of Greek life values in an effort to demonstrate

that Greek life is not a place where students focus only on parties and toxic masculinity.

Greek Formal and Greek Values Week were both organized by Greek Council, a group of Illinois Tech students who, with supervision and guidance from the Office of Residence and Greek Life, organize programming and rules for the Greek community. In particular, the individuals most involved in this week's events were: Sabrina DeGenova, the Vice President of Programming; Talia Knapp, the Social Chair; and Gianni Carvajal, the PR Chair.



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