

# IITMUG group gearing up for first meeting, Mathematica activities

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The Mathematica site license at IIT is a great resource that begs to be fully tapped, and IITMUG is a step in that direction. We hope the spirit of IITMUG will be similar to the legendary

home-brew computer club, with a lot of informal code sharing, networking, cooperative learning, amazing demonstrations, and fun. Novices, experienced Mathematica folks, students, faculty, and staff are encouraged to attend.

A preliminary (zeroth) meeting of IITMUG was held at the Wolfram Technology Conference in Champaign several weeks ago.

The IIT Math Club students who were present expressed a strong interest and enthusiasm, and we also hope for much broader participation of other people and backgrounds on campus.

The first IITMUG meeting at IIT will be held on Thursday Nov 15 at 12:45 p.m. to 1:45 p.m. in E1 106. The purpose of this particular meeting will be to discuss IITMUG activities,

special topics of interest, future meeting formats, locations, and time(s). And probably a little show and tell of interesting mathematica code!

We hope to see you there - please share this with your friends and students who might be interested. If you plan on going, please RSVP to Grant Bunker at gbbunker@gmail.com.

## Undergraduate Business Council hosts 'Friday Fusion' speakers

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The event "Friday Fusion" on Oct 26 was a Networking/Guest Speaker event hosted by the Undergraduate Business Council. The first special guest was Ellen Jordan Reidy, Founder of America's Food Technologies. Ellen talked about how she started her company. She mentioned how a simple problem during her experience as an employee led her to realize that something needed to be done. She also revealed that her company created every product on the Dunkin Donuts menu, except for coffee.

The second speaker was Danny Verghese, an IIT Alumnus who was recently hired at JPMorgan Chase as a Credit Analyst. He said that the single most important thing he would change, if back at IIT was to focus on academics. Secondly, he would take advantage of opportunities and networking. The other advice he gave was not to be shy. He revealed that he also wants to be CEO one day.

The third speaker was Dan Dhepyasuwan, Private Wealth Manager at JPMorgan Chase. He manages various multi-million dollar clients. A Philosophy major, he said that Dan wants to be CEO.

He stressed that students should care about their appearance -- "You must own at least one good suit and pair of shoes." He also stressed that nobody owes you anything in this world, you must work past your 9-5 to be able to improve your own employment opportunities, and always show up on time. "I don't care if we go clubbing and get back at 5 a.m. I want to see you in proper attire in your desk before I get there." He said to talk to your boss about how hard you're working. Sometimes we don't know who's working the hardest and it's important to know how to market yourself. He mentioned how easy it is to network. "Everyone likes dinner and

coffee so just ask! You won't lose anything."

More than 50 students attended the event. The speakers were followed by a networking session with pizza, coffee and refreshments. All attendees asked about when the next Friday Fusion would be held since they believed it was of great benefit to them.

The Undergraduate Business Council is planning more events, and more Friday Fusions will be held next semester. Please follow us on [www.facebook.com/iitubc](http://www.facebook.com/iitubc) for future events; we look forward to seeing you!

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