

WHY MMAE AT IIT?

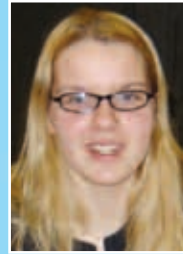
Several MMAE students were interviewed and asked their response to this question: "Why did you elect to study at MMAE/IIT as opposed to any other college/university you could have chosen?" Below are some of their responses.

"IIT is only one of two universities in Illinois offering a BS in Aerospace Engineering and I wanted to stay in this state. Once here, I fell in love with the MMAE Dept. and decided to stay for graduate studies – MMAE rocks!"



Aicha Thiam – Graduate student (MS)
Senegal, Africa
Major: Mechanical & Aerospace Engineering

"IIT is close to home and is known for its excellence in Engineering."



Marta Bastryzk – 5th year undergraduate
Chicago, IL (originally Gdansk, Poland)
Major: Aerospace Engineering/
Applied Mathematics

"IIT is ranked high among colleges in the Midwest. I also received a scholarship to attend. Looking back, I am really glad I joined the MMAE Department."



Vinit Prabhu – Senior
Mumbai, India
Major: Mechanical Engineering

"Having a smaller undergraduate campus allows students to stand out and be individuals, especially for young women in the engineering field."



Priscilla Simmons – Sophomore
Anchorage, Alaska
Major: Aerospace Engineering

"I was born in Chicago and knew of IIT; however, I also have relatives from Thailand that are IIT alumni and they highly recommended the university."



Smati Chupatanakul –
Graduate Student (PhD)
Chicago, IL
Major: Materials Science and Engineering

"While meeting with the Department Chair during a campus visit, I learned of the many research projects available in the MMAE Department. I selected IIT in order to get maximum exposure to Aerospace Engineering."



Minaz Virani – Senior
Niles, IL (originally Gujarat, India)
Major: Aerospace Engineering

"IIT has small class sizes and is near the great city of Chicago. It is far away from home and allows me to experience new places and meet new people."



Brian Rojas – Freshman
Sugar Land, Texas
Major: Aerospace Engineering

"IIT's location, small class size and availability of aerospace engineering had a great deal of allure. The MMAE Dept. has some exceptional research professors who are well renowned in their field of research."



Daniel Bockenfeld – Graduate student (PhD)
Quincy, IL
Major: Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering

WHO ARE WE?

Do you recognize *any of these individuals?*



If you recognize any of the individuals in this photo, please contact the MMAE Department Coordinator, Kim Barrett, at barrettk@iit.edu or 312.567.3177. The first 10 respondents will receive a FREE MMAE Department t-shirt.

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