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We need Illinois Tech students to build the future.

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Why should you get ready for November 17th?

Because you can change the world.

Illinois Tech **faculty and staff** are making the world a better place by supporting students in STEM and other fields. This year, faculty and staff have the opportunity to advance Illinois Tech's mission further on **IIT Giving Day**.



Pattie Piotrowski, assistant dean for public services at Galvin Library, has worked with every type of student during her 17 years at Illinois Tech. The students are “absolutely” the most fun part of her job.

“Our students are very unique. And our campus gets along so well.”

She gets to meet the parents when she works Discover IIT Days. “Many of our students are the first in their families to attend college. You can see it on the parents’ faces—parents know they have this incredibly bright child, and they want to

do the right thing by their child, but they’re very scared. When I give to Illinois Tech, I think of those parents.”

Piotrowski gently challenges faculty and staff to become more connected to the Illinois Tech community. “I pose the question, ‘Is it really just a job? Do you believe in the mission of this university?’”

Illinois Tech has rebounded from different trials and financial issues through the years and is now positioned to take its place as a leader in higher education. Piotrowski notes that evolving 21st century technologies demand constant adaptation from the university. “We need to pull together and stay strong as an institution.”

Piotrowski’s greatest point of pride as an employee is Illinois Tech’s impressive academic history, especially in the fields of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM). She believes Illinois Tech alumni with these skills will build a better tomorrow. And while Congress says there are not enough STEM workers, Illinois Tech is educating the best and brightest in these fields.

From clean, renewable energy; to water conservation; to bridges, roads, and dams that strengthen the economy—many of today’s problems must be solved by Illinois Tech graduates.

So investing in our students is our best bet for a better future. “As a member of the Illinois Tech community,” says Piotrowski, “I can say that our future is in good hands.”

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