

Champion Creates a Legacy for Others



TED ERIKSON (CHE '52, M.S. CHEM '59) is a former Illinois Tech student-athlete and swim coach who set multiple world records as a marathon swimmer. He also spent 20 years as a senior chemist for IIT Research Institute (IITRI), where he conducted major government studies on ozone.

Ted still swims in the Illinois Tech Alumni Swim Meet and does laps in Ekco Pool at Keating Sports Center. In 2015 the swim team named its invitational meet in his honor. To support the Illinois Tech innovators and record-breakers of tomorrow, Ted is leaving a gift of real estate—his condominium—to the university.

“I’ve lived a full life, and Illinois Tech as an organization has played a great role in my life. This university put me on the road that led to many of my successes.”

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Swimmer Conquers Lake Michigan from Chicago to Indiana; Sets World Mark



Mr. E. Erikson, a Chicago chemist, at Dover early yesterday after swimming the Channel both ways in 30 hours 13 minutes, 13 seconds less than the only other person to have performed this feat.

When Ted Erikson, 54, was announced as Michigan City's chosen swimmer, the city was in a state of excitement. The swimmer is the son of a well-known swimmer and coach.

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