The MIT Alpha Chi Omega Alumnae Newsletter

MONICA ISAVA—AN ITALIAN ADVENTURE

This IAP, I had the chance to go to Salerno, Italy to teach physics in two Italian high schools. The idea of the project is to bring the MIT TEAL hands-on learning method to students in Italy who are not generally used to the idea of hands-on learning. This trip was an unforgettable experience. I explored a new city, made tons of new friends, learned about a new culture, learned a ton of Italian, and of course, ate the most amazing food EVER. The students and teachers also took Shireen (the other MIT student in Salerno) and me all around the area so we got to see amazing things like Paestum, Naples, Amalfi, and Capri, and we got to explore snow-covered Rome for the last few days of the trip. Here’s a picture from the Castello di Arechi, which looks over Salerno, and from Capri, an island which is even better in the middle of the off-season when there aren’t a million tourists around, but it’s still just as beautiful.

KATIE DALRYMPLE -AXO’S PREDICTING THE WEATHER NEAR YOU

This IAP, Elise Hens and I took the class weather forecasting. It was very interesting. We learned a lot about how weather systems worked and did a lot of experiments to fully understand these weather patterns. Near the end of the class, we got to go to the local news station. We met the local meteorologist and saw the news station and how they generally do the weather forecast. For the last week of the class, there was a weather forecasting competition. Each day, we had to look at a lot of maps and trends and then make a forecast for the expected high and low temperatures and expected amounts of precipitation. Each day, we got points for how far off our forecast was. At the end of the week, I had the least amount of points and won the weather forecasting contest. I won a weather forecasting station thing and it is not set up in the blue room so the whole house can see inside and outside temperatures as well as expected forecast for the next few hours. It was a lot of fun!!!!

MEET THE NEW VP OF ALUMNAE RELATIONS

Hi everyone! My name is Carrine Johnson and I’m currently a sophomore in Course 2 planning on minoring in 17. I joined AXO this past fall and since then I’ve loved every moment of it! I look forward to serving as VP of Alumnae Relations and getting to learn more about the awesome alumnae of this amazing chapter! Feel free to contact me with any concerns at carrinej@mit.edu.
KIRSTEN LIM—TRUFFLES GALORE

One of the best things about IAP is that you never know what you’ll be doing at any given moment of the day. You can decide to spontaneously bake delicious bread or watch a movie or venture into Boston to get some froyo, then you can walk around campus and find some neat thing happening that you join in on. Essentially... IAP is a beautiful thing.

One of my favorite things that I’ve done over IAP is make truffles!

The Laboratory for Chocolate Sciences at MIT is a student run group that offers these amazing chocolate truffle making classes every IAP. As you can imagine, the truffle making process is extremely messy, so it was a little hard to take pictures of the steps along the way.... BUT my partner in crime Preeti managed to grab a nice shot of our pumpkin spice and vanilla truffles.

BARBARA SCHLOSS—EXPLORING BOSTON

Over IAP I stayed at MIT and finished 18.02A and took the 6.S189 Python class. I had a great time learning to program for the first time and getting to have a very nice relaxing month with my friends.

Additionally I made it my goal to explore more of Boston so Hannah and I went to many different museums, walked the freedom trail and climbed Bunker Hill, and tried lots of cool new restaurants.

Overall IAP was a great learning experience and time to bond with new people and form new bonds.

JOANIE WEAVER—FLORIDA ROWIN’

Jess, Wolfkat, Becca J, Maddie Mott and I all went to Florida for the Rowing Winter Training Trip. We rowed out of Cocoa Beach, FL about 45min from Orlando. We practiced twice a day for 8 days. We even saw dolphins while we were rowing. It was a blast!