

TESSERACT SCHOOL HOSTS “SELECTIVE COLLEGES ADMISSIONS PANEL,”  
AND IS SELECTED AS THE LOCATION FOR  
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (MIT) ADMISSIONS EVENT

Phoenix, AZ—September 8, 2009— The Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) is participating in two admissions events this month at Tesseract School, a non-profit, independent private school for students in preschool through high school.

On Monday, September 21 at 7:00 p.m., MIT will be one of several colleges joining Tesseract’s “Selective Colleges Admissions Panel” at its middle and high school campus. Panelists representing **MIT, Harvard University, Princeton University, Dartmouth College** and the **University of Pennsylvania** will participate in the panel discussion, moderated by Dr. Chris LaBonte, Tesseract School’s director of middle and upper school. Open to all Valley families, the panel discussion is targeted at underclassmen (freshmen and sophomores) who are looking to apply to highly selective colleges and universities. Panelists will discuss what the institutions they represent look for in their applicants and how prospective applicants can become strong candidates by maximizing their high school years.

“The panel discussion on Monday night is a fantastic opportunity for students and parents to hear what representatives from MIT and other top universities and colleges have to share about their admissions processes,” said Nigel Taplin, Tesseract’s head of school.

In addition to Monday night’s admissions panel, MIT has invited several Phoenix-area high schools to schedule meetings for their students with MIT representatives for its Phoenix-area “Central Meeting.” This event is designed to present an accurate picture of what MIT is like today, and to give a primer on its admissions process to prospective applicants and their parents. These pre-scheduled meetings will be held on Sunday, September 20.

“We are very pleased to be hosting an admissions event for this prestigious institution for the second year in a row,” noted Taplin.

Both events will be held at Tesseract School’s new middle and high school campus, located at 3939 East Shea Boulevard, Phoenix, Arizona. **To attend the Monday, September 21 panel discussion, RSVP to Tesseract School by Thursday, September 17 at 480.385.3673 or visit [www.tesseractschool.org](http://www.tesseractschool.org).**

#### About Tesseract:

Tesseract School is a non-profit, independent private school for students in preschool through 10th grade, with its inaugural 11th-grade class starting fall of 2010. All grades, preschool through 12, will be available fall of 2011. Tesseract School has high academic standards, thematic learning and more than two decades of academic excellence. An educational leader in the Valley, Tesseract prepares students to excel in college and beyond, lead lives of purpose, and become ethical and compassionate citizens with a global perspective. The school’s innovative educational approach creates an environment where students master the basics while also providing them with opportunities outside the classroom to apply what they are learning to the real world. Tesseract’s lower school is located at 4800 East Doubletree Ranch Road, Paradise Valley, Arizona 85253. Tesseract’s middle and high school is located at 3939 East Shea Boulevard, Phoenix, Arizona, 85028. For more information visit [www.tesseractschool.org](http://www.tesseractschool.org) or call 480-991-1770.



About MIT:

MIT is a world-class educational institution. Teaching and research—with relevance to the practical world as a guiding principle—continue to be its primary purpose. MIT is independent, coeducational and privately endowed. Its five schools and one college encompass numerous academic departments, divisions and degree-granting programs, as well as interdisciplinary centers, laboratories and programs whose work cuts across traditional departmental boundaries. For more information visit <http://web.mit.edu/>.

###