

Preview: Support an MIT tradition!

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Hey, Class of 2023,

I hope you are as excited as we are to receive our Brass Rats! This ring is a hard-earned symbol of all that encompasses the MIT experience—and one that deserves to be available to all of our classmates.

Unfortunately, it is expensive, and not every student is in a financial place to afford one. Thankfully, we have MIT alumni out there who have our back!

Stephen Fantone '74 helped launch the Brass Rat Financial Assistance Fund to help ensure that all MIT students can get their Brass Rat. You can help [support our classmates](#) by donating \$5 to our Brass Rat Melt & Financial Assistance crowdfunding campaign right now.

Trust us, your gift will have a big impact: Last year, 192 students applied for Brass Rat financial aid, and 80 percent of those applications were granted, using all available funds. This crowdfunding campaign can help offset the cost of rings for all 2023 students who apply through the Brass Rat Financial Assistance Fund.

Let's show up for 2023 by helping our classmates get their Brass Rats!

Thank you,

Ananya Gurumurthy
Class of 2023 Ring Committee Chair

Matt Jens
Class of 2023 Ring Committee Vice Chair

P.S. There will be a Virtual Brass Rat Melt on March 25! Join us to watch the melting process, get a behind-the-scenes look at ring making, and hear the stories of the generous alumni whose donated rings will live on in the new generation of Brass Rats. Stay tuned for the event invite!

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