Illinois Institute of Technology and Latinos Involved in Further Education (LIFE) present the 16th annual CHAPA Walk for Hispanic Education 10K walk to be held Saturday, April 3, 2010, at 10a.m. LIFE invites the community to participate in the walk in support of scholarships at IIT.

Participants will meet at Chicago's Lincoln Park located at the intersection of Lake Shore Drive and Irving Park Road. Those walking can meet in the parking lot behind the tennis courts. From the Totem Pole, walkers will continue south along the lakefront to the Chess Pavilion and back to the Totem Pole for a complete loop of 10K.

Proceeds from the walk will directly benefit Hispanic students at IIT through the CHAPA endowment scholarship. The CHAPA endowment fund was established in memory of Fernando Chapa, an IIT alumnus who received a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering in 1988 and a master's degree in computer science in 1991. In 1992, Chapa died in an automobile accident, inspiring a group of IIT alumni and colleagues from AT&T Bell Labs, where he was employed, to start the $100,000 endowed CHAPA scholarship fund. In Chapa's memory, the fund aids Hispanic students in technical fields at IIT.

IIT's Hispanic student population has increased in recent years, with more than 200 Hispanic students enrolled in the current semester.

The winner of the 2010 CHAPA scholarship will be announced at the annual LIFE Banquet on Saturday, May 1, 2010, at 6:30 p.m. at IIT's Herman Hall Conference Center. The banquet will be held in conjunction with the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers, the National Society of Black Engineers, and the Black Student Union.

**To register for the walk, or for more information, contact IIT's Office of Multicultural Student Services at (312) 567-3789 or visit Latinos Involved in Further Education website [http://omega.cs.iit.edu/~life/](http://omega.cs.iit.edu/~life/).**

To donate to the Chapas Endowment Fund, visit please visit [www.iit.edu/giving](http://www.iit.edu/giving) and click the red “GIVE” button. On the gift page, select the Fernando Chapa Scholarship Fund in the field marked “Designation.”

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