

Friends of the MIT PKG Center

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PUBLIC SERVICE CENTER

An Opportunity

MIT students are known for their technical prowess, innovative mindsets, and drive to succeed. Yet most MIT students graduate with limited or no direct experience or exposure to public service work, either through their courses or other programs.

With your help, the PKG Center for Public Service can fill this “public service gap” with challenging, academically-aligned, hands-on opportunities for MIT students to tackle today’s pressing social and environmental challenges.

PKG programs provide public service opportunities that allow students to explore and meaningfully engage with ethical, political, social, and community issues—topics and problems that extend beyond students’ immediate self-interest to the broader public welfare.



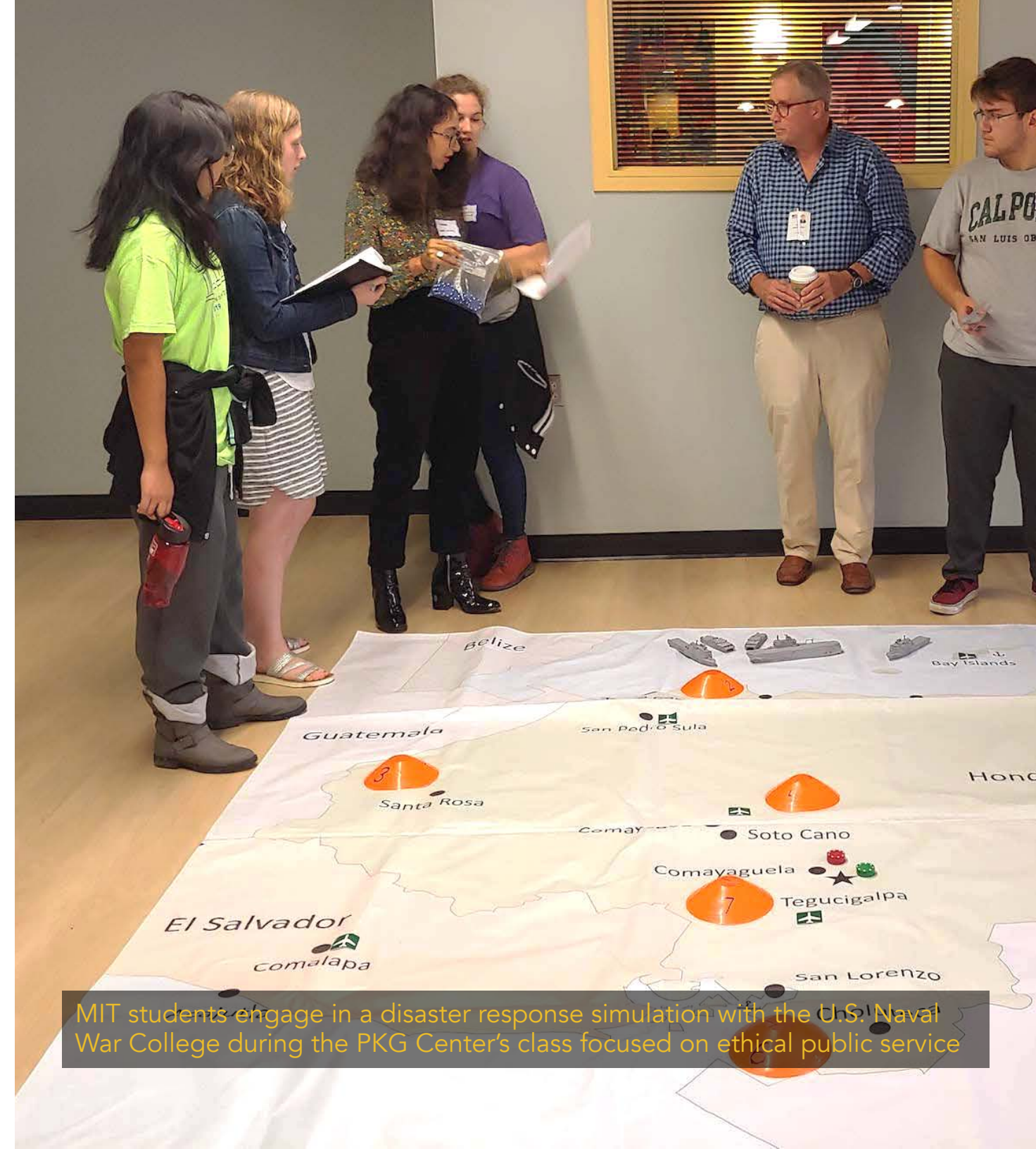
Matthew Chun '18, Mechanical Engineering, presents the prosthetic knee he designed for amputees from developing countries

Our Need

The PKG Center puts students on the front lines of key issues such as climate change, health equity, and using technology for social good, working side-by-side with innovative leaders and organizations.

Each year, we must raise nearly 50% of our annual budget just to maintain existing programs. Over the past year, student and community interest and participation in our programs has surged.

As we continue to grow, serving more students will require more funding, new internship sites, and expanded community and Institute partnerships.



MIT students engage in a disaster response simulation with the U.S. Naval War College during the PKG Center's class focused on ethical public service

Become a Founding Member

We invite you to join our newly-formed Friends of the MIT PKG Center, the Institute's preeminent engagement opportunity for alumni and supporters who believe that **public service** should be an essential part of an MIT education.



PKG-supported students partner with Growing Change, a nonprofit turning a defunct prison into a sustainable farm

How You Can Help

By joining the Friends of the MIT PKG Center for a 3-year renewable term, your annual \$3,000 membership contribution will directly support rigorous public service programs for MIT undergraduate and graduate students from all Institute departments and disciplines.

Your contribution will help students strengthen and apply critical skills through public service experiences such as impactful non-profit internships, self-directed Fellowship projects, and ground-breaking social ventures. Along the way, you'll be helping them build a better world.



MIT undergraduates explore the criminal justice system at the Massachusetts Attorney General's Office during PKG Spring Break



Skyler Jones '22, Chemistry, assembles a water tank for a Diné family in Navajo Nation

Your Leadership

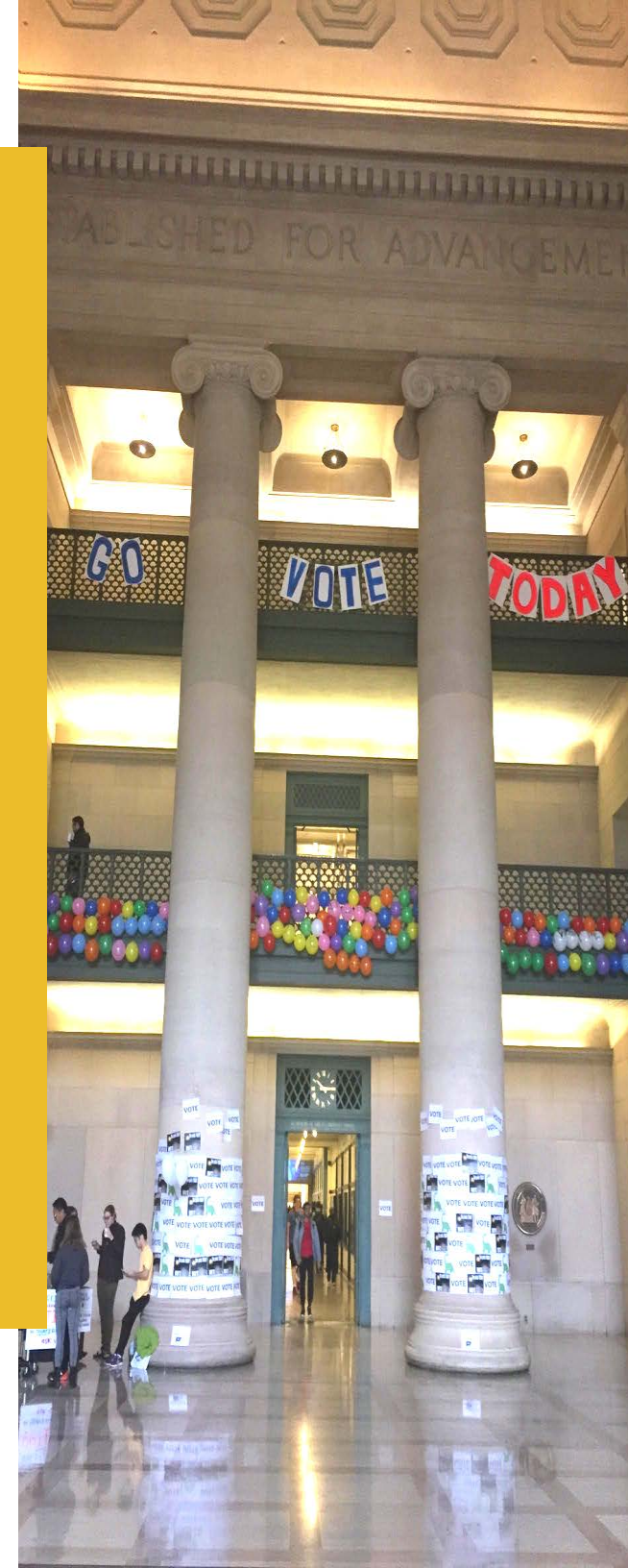
Members will lead by example, demonstrating their support of public service at MIT by:

- Serving as ambassadors for the PKG Center;
- Providing feedback, support, and guidance on special projects; and
- Identifying additional opportunities for financial support through personal and professional networks, corporate relationships, and connections to private foundations.

Meaningful Engagement

Friends of the MIT PKG Center will have the opportunity to attend an annual members-only showcase highlighting student projects across our programs; join students for dinner after the showcase; serve as reviewers for project submissions to IDEAS, the Center's premier social innovation challenge; and receive priority invitations to participate in other PKG Center events and special hands-on, community-based learning opportunities with students.

Members who join during the 2019-2020 academic year will be designated as "founding members" in perpetuity and will receive recognition on the Center's website and in the PKG Center's annual Impact Report.





To request to join the Friends of the MIT
PKG Center or nominate a member,
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The PKG Center taps and expands MIT students' unique skills and interests to prepare them to explore and address complex social and environmental challenges. We educate students to collaborate ethically and effectively with community partners to engage in meaningful public service, today and in their lives beyond MIT.

MIT students discuss ways to have fruitful conversations about politics during a PKG-sponsored Civic Engagement Dinner