Dear Friend of UPOP:

Many of you have asked "What's going on with UPOP?" These monthly updates will keep you informed. We promise to keep them short, and we hope you enjoy them. If you have any suggestions, let me know. As always, we appreciate your support. Thanks--Leo

Pioneer donates $300,000

Mack Duckworth (L), Pioneer's engineering training & development manager, presents $300,000 to UPOP's executive director, Leo McGonagle, and employer relations coordinator, Amy Bass.

"UPOP is a great program and we're happy to be a strong supporter," said Mack Duckworth, engineering training and development manager for Pioneer Natural Resources. The company recently donated $300,000 to the UPOP endowment fund.

Duckworth presented the check on behalf of Tim Dove, '79, president and COO of Pioneer. Both Duckworth and Dove serve as mentor-instructors during UPOP's intense
weeklong January IAP professional development workshops. Mentor-Instructors coach, guide and teach UPOP students during these popular sessions.

The check was presented during the Fall Farewell & Networking Event celebrating the graduation of UPOP's Class of 2015 sophomores.

Record Enrollment for Class of 2016 sophomores

"It is very gratifying that almost half the sophomore class has applied to UPOP, which makes it one of MIT's most popular undergraduate co-curricular programs," said Joel Schindall ’64, director of UPOP. "The record number of students confirms the priority UPOP has in preparing MIT students for career success."

Sincerely,
Leo

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UPOP is the Undergraduate Practice Opportunities program, a yearlong co-curricular program open to MIT sophomores from across the Institute. The program's mission is to prepare MIT sophomores to successfully integrate into and thrive in the professional world and to be strong contributors to their organizations, supported by a dynamic community of students, program staff, employers and MIT alums. UPOP offers numerous opportunities for MIT alums and companies to get involved--as speakers, coaches, employers, and sponsors.

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