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I overall liked my IAP experience. Although Boston was cold during my stay, I found that I enjoyed the snow and all the daily changes it brings. It was fun to see everyone clad up in furry coats and clutching hot coffee cups. I found it charming. Further, the MIT campus was vibrant with energy even for that cold. There was a sense of intense thought and impending deadlines everywhere. The old buildings housed such new tech and fresh ideas that it was infectious and there was a constant feeling of “missing out”, there seemed to be so much happening in the campus.

The SCALE program itself was conducted in the hall E32-123, an iconic sloping room, with bright red chairs, that could house 250 students. It had 10 sliding blackboards and one gigantic projector screen. It was what a movie theater would look like if it was converted into a classroom. With the room full, it was the exact opposite of what our classes are like here at MISI. We went from cosy and intimate to noisy and exposed. The change was good and much needed and was made enjoyable because of the company of the 200 students who shared the experience with me.



More than 50 countries were represented in that classroom and we were all united by the common theme of supply chain education that MIT has been championing since the last decade. There was a significant spanish buzz in the room because of the GCLOG and the Zaragoza contingent and a sputter here and there of languages I have never heard before. I would say even at the end of the three weeks I was still introducing myself and meeting new members of the network.

The interaction in the classes with the students from all the SCALE network reinforced the fact that I'm part of a high calibre group of individuals and that the program is sincerely betting on the value of this education.

I was very happy to just sit through the classes and listen to the speakers and absorb every bit of wisdom that was being shared, but MIT being MIT, needed us to complete written assignments on almost every word that was spoken. I surprised myself by handling the load and actually becoming efficient with the deliverables by the end of the period.

Although, a lot of innovative and cutting edge ideas were shared, one of the key concepts that hit me home was that, every leader in the Supply Chain field who spoke to us utterly loved the field and that has been their secret to a successful career.

The research fest was a mini gala affair with a wonderful opportunity to mingle with the industry leaders and our colleagues. The formality of the affair and the diversity of the projects showed the potential of supply chains to drive the future.

I feel grateful, to have made new friends, to have competed and to have broadened my perspectives at the most renowned engineering school in the world.