

# IN MEMORIAM HONORING LOBNA MITKEES



Dear PhD Community, On Thursday, November 30, we planted a honey locust tree in honor of Lobna in the grove on the north side of S. R. Cream Hall. (Special thanks to my colleague Prof. Ron Henderson for his help and to the IIT staff who planted the tree!). We are in the process of ordering a plaque to be placed next to the tree during the ceremony we plan to hold this Spring with Lobna's family and all who wish to attend. We will keep you posted about when the ceremony will take place.

Prof. Sebastiano

## Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony

In the spirit of remembrance and to pay a heartfelt tribute to our dearly missed colleague, Lobna Mitkees, we are honored to announce a special Memorial Tree Planting Ceremony. This poignant event is tentatively scheduled for the afternoon of Tuesday, November 28, 2023. Lobna's warmth, kindness, and unwavering spirit left an indelible mark on all of us. As we come together to plant this memorial tree, we aim to create a living tribute that reflects the beauty and resilience of her soul. This tree will stand as a symbol of the growth and impact she brought into our lives. In the upcoming days, we'll be sharing more details and heartfelt sentiments about Lobna. We invite each of you to join us in this meaningful ceremony as we gather to celebrate her life and legacy. More news and details about this thoughtful tribute will follow. Until then, let us cherish the memories we shared with Lobna and prepare to honor her spirit through this symbolic gesture. With warmth and remembrance.

