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Photo by Gordon Lew, Philosophy, Class of 2015
EVERYTHING HEATS UP IN THE WINTER

As the snow falls, life in Chicago bursts forth with new activities and energy.

Winter has arrived in the Windy City, but far from hunkering down until spring, Chicagoans revel in their coldest season. Across campus, students admire the magical quality that the campus takes on when it is covered in snow, elevating buildings to their maximum Harry Potter-esque best. You will no doubt find ever growing galleries of photos dedicated to glorifying the campus in its wintery best springing up across social media platforms.

At the same time, campus life bursts forth with new events, activities, and opportunities for personal growth. Student are encouraged to focus on their health and well-being through campus-wide programs (p.12). Second and third-year students contemplate their future at Taking the Next Step, a gathering of UChicago alumni and students with the goal of offering mentoring and support through the career development process (p.4). First-year students continue their Steps to Success career development series. Of course, planning for study abroad opportunities (p.8) and applications for Metcalf internships (p.14) also become top priorities for students.

It might be cold outside, but at the University of Chicago, the winter is really a time for reflection and personal growth. For students experiencing their first winter here, they may find it a little different than the winters they remember from home. It is as cold as people say, and we don’t exaggerate the bracing quality of the wind. At the same time, though, embracing winter is a central part of becoming a true Chicagoan. It provides a bonding opportunity for communities and refocuses us all on what is most important.

For many parents and family members, winter presents an in-between time, separated from the excitement of autumn and the closure of the spring. At the same time, winter is a great time to get involved with the University. We invite you to attend a Harper Lecture in a city near you or consider getting involved with some of the other fun and engaging events that are offered around the world. As always, you can find a list of events by visiting the UChicago Parent Community Online at www.uchicagoparents.org.

And though the mercury is dropping and wind is blowing, let us always remember the words of the Italian author Pietro Aretino: “Let us love winter, for it is the spring of genius”. He would have made an excellent Chicagoan.

Warmest Regards,
Matthew Hendricks
Associate Director, Parent & Family Relations
Dear Mom,

It's gotten to the point in the quarter where the sun sets before I get out of class, the weather makes me want to stay inside, and finals are fast approaching. Happy fact for you: this time I happen to have every single one of my finals on the same day. So if you don't hear from me until next Tuesday, you'll know why. It'll be worth it, though, since I'll be able to go back to Austin soon and see you again. Too bad Dad's still in China working, but please send him my regards.

As the quarter draws to a close it's strange to think that this will be my last Fall Quarter in the College, ever. Already many of my friends are beginning to talk about where they'll wind up after graduation. I'm happy that recruiting ended early for me with an offer from Amazon, but it's still sad to think about everyone departing to go their own separate ways. So, I've been trying to make as much out of what time I have left at the University. This quarter a couple of friends and I joined the Japanese Animation Society. We get to hang out with other students who are also interested in anime and Japanese pop culture. It's really nice to have three hours every week to relax and just geek out. I'm also working as a grader for a class called Fundamentals of Computer Programming, a computer science class meant for non-majors. It's almost like taking a fifth class since I have a stack of code to read through every week, but it's kind of fun to be on the other side of the table for once, and I really enjoy giving the students advice about how to write code.

I've been keeping busy with all of my courses too and trying my best not to catch any Senioritis. Sometimes being a double major between Economics and Computer Science is stressful. Fortunately, the classes are interesting, and double majoring means I get to experience a diverse range of material. For example, this quarter I'm taking a class on Game Theory, which involves analyzing strategic choices players make in certain situations. Some of the results are quite remarkable, and solving these games for equilibrium solutions is lots of fun; like solving a logic puzzle. I'm also taking an Operating Systems course. You know how computer programs make things easier for you to do things? Well, the operating system of a computer makes it easier for those programs to do things. The course involves a lot of coding, but it's been fascinating to learn what goes on under the hood. Finally, just for fun, I decided to take a Japanese language class. I figured it would fit pretty well with my extracurricular interests. I don't want to lose my Chinese language skills either though, so I've been self-studying whenever I can.

Oh yeah, this past week was Thanksgiving, so I obviously got a ton of Black Friday Shopping done. I headed downtown to the Magnificent Mile on Friday with some friends, and we spent the entire day browsing the shops along Michigan Avenue. After I got home my roommates and I caught an evening showing of Catching Fire at Harper Theater, the newly opened movie theater in Hyde Park. One of the best things about being in Chicago is having so many things to do, and so many interesting people to do them with. It also doesn't hurt to have a friend who drives. We made good use of that on Wednesday when we went to Cho Sun Ok, a nice Korean restaurant in Lincoln Park. Riding in a car up north is definitely faster than taking the Red Line. One of the people who came with us is from Korea, so he helped us translate and pick out all the best dishes to eat!

Threat of looming finals aside, I'm still having lots of fun. It will definitely be tough to leave this place behind, but I've still got two quarters to make the most of it. I can't wait to go back to Austin over Winter Break, and I'll see you soon!

Love,
Shen
Austin, Texas
TAKING THE NEXT STEP TOWARD SUCCESS

UChicago Alumni support the career development of the next generation of Maroons.
By Carrie Murphey, Assistant Director of Class Programs

Each January for the past sixteen years, the College has gathered students together at a downtown hotel to partake in Taking the Next Step (TNS), a career exposure event designed to assist second and third year students in delving deeper into their professional exploration. The event enlists over 200 members of the UChicago alumni community who join us for the day to provide insight into 20 distinct career fields. Alumni are available to students through both industry-specific roundtable conversations during lunch and later in multiple panel presentations.

Recent years have seen student participation soar above 1,100 attendees and regardless of whether the student is a first-time or returning attendee, there is so much to be gained from the day. Some students will choose to “specialize” their day by sitting in on a roundtable and panel of the same industry, engaging in a deep dive into the particular characteristics of that field. Other attendees may utilize the event’s structure to select up to three fields to explore in an “a la carte” fashion, sitting at one industry’s roundtable, while attending two different professions’ afternoon panels.

Whichever path students take at TNS, it is the hope of the event organizers that all attendees leave having gained valuable insight into the career path(s) of most interest to them. Because our alumni participants bring their shared experience of having benefitted from the same Core educational experience in the College as current students, they are able to share valuable professional perspective that uniquely benefits our current student population. TNS relies entirely on the alumni, faculty, staff, and parents that can not only speak to the important steps students should take towards launching their careers, but that they can also put it in the context of a liberal arts education. Each year, we are overwhelmed by the interest of our alumni community in volunteering their time to take part.

2014 TNS Keynote Speaker

This year’s keynote speaker is Tami Sagher, AB’95. Tami is a television producer, writer, and actress who served as a staff writer for the hit CBS comedy How I Met Your Mother. She graduated with a degree in Mathematics before going on to work with Second City and Boom Chicago. Tami has also done work for MadTV, 30 Rock, and Psych.

Professional Industries Represented at TNS 2014

- Advertising, Marketing, and Public Relations
  - Banking and Financial Services
    - Business Management
  - Community Organizing and Social Services
    - Consulting
  - Education, Teaching, and Policy
  - Entertainment and Creative Arts
    - Entrepreneurship
    - Government
    - Healthcare
  - Humanities and Social Sciences
  - Information Technology
  - Journalism and Publishing
    - Law
    - Math and Science
  - Museums and Libraries
  - NGOs, Policy, and International Relations
    - Sustainability
  - Urban Planning and Economic Development

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Such an outpouring of interested participants, combined with the wide variety of student interests to serve, requires the considerable efforts of the Taking the Next Step Planning Committee. The committee, made up primarily of students under the guidance of university staff members, works to identify and invite alumni participants to comprise well-rounded industry roundtables and panels that will speak to the largest breadth of professional curiosity. This committee is recruited late in Spring Quarter in the academic year prior to the event and works tirelessly throughout the Fall Quarter of the current academic year to establish connections with alumni in their field and compose roundtable and panels that will speak to their peers career interests.

With the support of their Staff Coordinators in Career Advancement and other campus partners, our second, third, and fourth year Student Coordinators pound the digital pavement introducing themselves to alumni and appeal to the alumni’s interest in helping fellow Maroons learn more about their profession. The connections these Student Coordinators make with alumni during this planning phase deepens the experience of Taking the Next Step even further.

As a result of the concentrated efforts of a committee of approximately sixty students and staff overseen by a partnership of the College Programming Office and Career Advancement, we are proud to present the seventeenth annual Taking the Next Step. This event continues to bring students and alumni together to have deeply rewarding conversations about the possibilities and realities of professional opportunities that await students upon graduation from the College. We sincerely hope that our second and third year students will continue to take advantage of this tremendous wealth of collected professional insight for years to come.

To learn more about Taking the Next Step, visit our website at http://TakingTheNextStep.uchicago.edu. Advanced registration is closed. However, students may still register on-site on the day of the event.
UNIQUELY CHICAGO: THE COLLEGE MEDIA TEAM

Meet the students behind the engaging features, profiles, and social media that bring the College's many stories to life.
All of the College’s content—including Uniquely Chicago profiles, feature stories, and social media—is by students, for students. Get to know the five student editors who are managing College media this year.

**Marina Fang, College Media Editor**

I’m a third-year majoring in Public Policy Studies and International Studies. Passionate about all things writing and new media, I look forward to showcasing life at the College in innovative ways. Journalism and storytelling have been a big part of my life here. In my spare time, like most UChicago students, I’m usually busy being a nerd or wishing I had a time turner. If you like what you see, follow me on Twitter: @thefanger. (Contact Marina by email: marinafang@uchicago.edu.)

**Gordon Lew, Visual Media Editor**

Hey! I’m a third-year majoring in Economics and Philosophy, and I’m also a member of the College debate team. My utility is a function of Instagram likes and time spent arguing about anything, though I really enjoy ironing and napping, too. I love UChicago, but I’m still figuring out how to visually express it. I can’t wait to share my take on Gothic architecture and squirrels with you! (Contact Gordon by email: gordonlew@uchicago.edu.)

**Kelsey Reid, Study Abroad Media Editor**

Hello! I’m a third-year majoring in Public Policy Studies, with a concentration in Urban Poverty and International Development. I’m also unofficially minoring in being a nomad by spending a quarter in London and one in Jerusalem. My favorite things about UChicago include a cup of tea in Hallowed Grounds on a snowy afternoon, doing reading under the cherry blossoms in Harper Quad in the spring, and being a proud member of the fabulous Flint House. (Contact Kelsey by email: kelseyreid@uchicago.edu.)

**Lindsey Simon, Parents Media Editor**

Hi! I’m a third-year in the College double-majoring in Linguistics and Interdisciplinary Studies in the Humanities. A Bay Area native in Chicago, I’m still navigating the brave new world of actual weather, but enjoying the aesthetic possibilities of seasonal fashion accessories. When not doing the student thing, I lead a not-so-secret double life moonlighting as a wedding blogger. My star sign is Taurus and my Druid tree sign is Chestnut. (Contact Lindsey by email: lindseysimon@uchicago.edu.)

**Austin Ward, Senior Media Editor**

I’m a third-year majoring in Law, Letters, & Society and in Economics. I serve as the Senior Media Editor for the College, and last year I worked as the College Media Editor. Besides the College media team, my main activity on campus is MODA, for which I serve as the Sponsorship Manager—responsible for reaching out to companies and working with them to provide products and other goods for our annual Spring Fashion Show (which you should definitely attend!). This year I look forward to expanding our coverage of the many students whose ideas and endeavors enrich the UChicago undergraduate experience. If you have any story suggestions, comments, questions, or concerns, please don’t hesitate to reach out. (Contact Austin by email: austinward@uchicago.edu.)

Keep up with all of the work of the College Media Team by visiting http://college.uchicago.edu/archives. You can also look back at previous Uniquely Chicago features by visiting http://college.uchicago.edu/uniquely-chicago.

You might also consider following them via social media, @UChicagoCollege on Twitter or UChicago College on Facebook.
STUDY ABROAD: SURVEYING THE LANDSCAPE

Winter quarter is the time many students decide on Study Abroad opportunities.
by Sarah Walter, Associate Dean for International Education

UChicago Study Abroad offers more than 50 distinctive programs that blend the College’s academic rigor and spirit of intellectual curiosity with the University’s wide-reaching international mission. With many program application deadlines approaching in the winter quarter, we wanted to call your attention to these opportunities and highlight upcoming Study Abroad events.

Faculty-led Programs: Civilization and Thematic
We currently offer 17 Civilization (Civ) programs in situ – in Athens, Barcelona, Beijing, Cairo, Istanbul, Jerusalem, Oaxaca, Paris, Pune, Rome, and Vienna. In each location, students fulfill their yearlong civilization studies general education requirement in a single quarter abroad. The curriculum and excursions vary from year to year, as seasoned faculty shape the focus of the courses to take advantage of museum exhibits, theater offerings, and availability of local scholars for guest lectures and site tours. The central programmatic elements, however, remain the same: the close analysis and discussion of important texts (historical, philosophical, and literary) that grow out of and illuminate a historical development and the consideration of a society as an evolutionary process. Civ programs are open to second- through fourth-year students in the College.

Beyond the Civs, our faculty lead programs that provide in-depth study of a particular subject or theme. Thematic programs span a variety of disciplines, including the humanities, social sciences, physical and biological sciences, and mathematics. These programs allow students to complete credit toward their major or minor, or to receive general education (Core) or elective credit. Thematic programs can be valuable stand-alone opportunities, or students may pair them with a Civ program to extend their time overseas in a new context. Certain spring quarter thematic programs are open to first-year students as well.

The UChicago faculty who teach in these programs bring the intensity and rigor of their on-campus courses to the classroom abroad. Though the coursework is in English, students also take a fourth course in the local language, taught at various levels from beginning through advanced. Because the class sizes are small (approximately two dozen students in each group), these become excellent opportunities for students to build connections with faculty members, and one another.

Battle reenactment at Marathon
Photo by John Paulas, PhD’08
Direct Enrollment Programs
Through our partnerships with select universities overseas, students may spend up to an academic year abroad, completing coursework in their choice of subject with local professors and students. Many of these programs require a yearlong commitment, though others, such as our new program at St. Catherine’s College, Oxford, can accommodate partial year participation. Two years of the relevant language are required for most programs in non-Anglophone locations. Typically, students participate in these programs in their third year, earning credit toward their major at an institution of prominence in that field.

Language Programs
Our quarter-long intensive language programs offer intermediate and advanced level instruction. These programs often appeal to students who are beginning a new language at UChicago. After completing the first year on campus, students can then finish the full second year (plus) in a single quarter abroad. From there, students are positioned to delve into advanced content courses, and are also eligible to take the College’s Advanced Foreign Language Proficiency Certificate exam.

Summer Study and Research
Each year the College awards approximately 100 Summer International Travel Grants to support outstanding undergraduates for intensive language study or research abroad. With Foreign Language Acquisition Grant (FLAG) support, students pursue intermediate or advanced language study in the location and program of their choice. These grants are ideal for students who seek an independent immersion experience. A number of research grants are also awarded for students with projects that benefit from time spent on the ground overseas. Often this work leads to a BA paper.

“Studying abroad has taught me that there is far more to living the ‘Life of the Mind’ than the four-walled classrooms of Hyde Park. If anything, studying abroad solidified the importance of the great thinkers that I read in my SOSC class. The most fulfillment I have experienced stemmed from the knowledge I have acquired as a result of the new relationships I formed and the challenges they posed by exposing me to new points of view. They let me see the world through their eyes.”

Nicholas Zebrowski (Class of 2014) -- Middle Eastern Civilizations in Jerusalem, FLAG in Brazil, Direct Enrollment program in Santiago

To learn more…
We were delighted to see so many students at our October and November information sessions, and we hope many more will join us at these upcoming events:

Study Abroad Student Fair
January 16, 6:00-8:00 pm, Quad Club Library

Summer International Travel Grant Information Sessions
January 16, 4:30 pm – Kent 107
Wednesday, January 29, 4:30 pm – Harper 140

And of course, we hope students will stop by our office in Harper 203 to talk with a Program Coordinator. We are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm. No appointment is necessary!

Questions—and a questing spirit—are encouraged.

Flip ahead for more great student photos from abroad.
Barcelona Civ students contemplate Catalonia from above. Photo by Cat Gao, Class of 2014.
Students in the Paris Primates and Human Evolution program observe lemurs at the Vallée des Singes. Photo by Hannah Koch, Class of 2012.

Vienna Civ students visit ruins of the Crusades. Photo by Stephanie Koch, Class of 2014.

FEELING WELL AND MAKING GOOD DECISIONS

UChicago’s Health Promotion & Wellness Department provides outreach education, services and resources to students of diverse needs and interests.
By Kelly Hogan Stewart, Director of Health Promotion and Wellness

The University of Chicago prides itself on providing health promotion and wellness services to students with diverse interests and needs. Many Hyde Park neighborhood resources are available for students in support of their overall wellbeing, in addition to a Health Promotion & Wellness (HPW) office dedicated to meeting students’ wellness needs on campus. This office’s mission is to promote and enhance student’s quality of life and academic success by assisting them in becoming healthy, confident, and resilient individuals. We are excited to announce that the Health Promotion & Wellness office has recently moved to the Woodlawn Social Service Center building, located near the South Campus Residence Hall at 950 E. 61st St, suite 300. Our new location offers a student-driven wellness center, which facilitates student connections and addresses multiple areas of health and wellness.

Health Promotion & Wellness is committed to providing programs, services, and resources to create a campus culture in which students can be proactive and make informed decisions about their personal and community health. HPW strives to provide relevant health information for all University of Chicago students by utilizing the evidence-based education practices, recognizing national health observances, and applying University-specific health data to create programming tailored specific to UChicago students. HPW focuses on multiple health content areas relevant to the student population including: mental health, stress management, time management, mindfulness meditation, resilience training, substance abuse prevention using a harm reduction approach, body image and eating disorder awareness, sleep hygiene, general wellness, cold and flu prevention, physical fitness, nutrition.
If your student is looking for ways to be well, encourage him or her to:

- Browse a list of **wellness resources and services** to find opportunities through the Health Promotion & Wellness office.
- Meet with a **wellness professional** to discuss specific wellness needs or concerns.
- **Get involved** in one of HPW’s many opportunities to support personal and campus-wide wellness.
- Participate in **Health Promotion & Wellness events**, including ongoing mindfulness meditation sessions, large events throughout the quarter, and a variety of workshops.
- **Request a workshop** and connect with fellow students over interactive presentations that challenge and motivate students to consider wellness an essential part of their education.

Recognizing that health is a vital part of learning, Health Promotion & Wellness is committed to providing programs, services, and resources that create a campus culture which enhances and extends student learning beyond the classroom. We hope that your student takes advantage of the many opportunities available to them, and uses the resources and relevant information found on HPW’s website to maximize their University of Chicago experience.
As students return to a snow-filled campus this quarter and re-connect with their classmates, professors and their extra-curriculars, Career Advancement is also encouraging them to look ahead to the coming summer break. As difficult as it may be to imagine those dog’s days of July and August while the wind chill is dipping below zero, Winter Quarter is the best time for undergraduates to start making their summer plans. There are a wide range of College events that support students in these endeavors, including the annual Taking the Next Step alumni networking event and the first-year specific Steps to Success: Summer Strategies program – both of which are offered in winter quarter and help students get a jump start on making summer internship plans.

Parents are also encouraged to support their students and talk to them about exploring a wide range of opportunities. The Jeff Metcalf Internship Program is just one of the College’s internship programs which provides undergraduates with paid, substantive internship opportunities in a wide-range of fields. This program has grown tremendously over the past several years – last year over 850 UChicago students participated in the program. In 2014, Career Advancement plans to place over 1,000 students in these important professional development opportunities. UChicago Students also work in all industries and in locations across the country and around the world.

The continued growth of the Metcalf Program allows UChicago students to be successful in any field that they choose – but this growth would not be possible without the support of friends, alumni and UChicago parents. As your students are thinking about their summer plans, if you are interested in also supporting the Metcalf Program, please do not hesitate to contact Career Advancement. Parents are able to support the Metcalf Program in a wide-range of ways:

**Connect Career Advancement to your Human Resources Department:** Does your company hire college interns? If your organization already hires interns – or if your department might benefit from having a talented, driven UChicago student on staff for ten weeks this summer – please share that HR contact with the career services team. A personal introduction is often the first step towards building a strong recruiting relationship with UChicago.

**Volunteer with the Metcalf Program:** UChicago parents can review Metcalf internship applications and provide feedback and recommendations to UChicago students. Volunteer involvement is crucial to the program, as it allows the College to provide candidate screening to many of our non-profit employers, who do not have the staff to review hundreds of internship applications. Not to worry – with the support of other volunteers, parents are never asked to read more than 25 applications at one time!

**Host a Metcalf Program Event:** One of the benefits of the Metcalf Program is students’ access to the Metcalf Community. Every single Metcalf students is provided a Career Advancement mentor throughout the summer. In addition, Career Advancement hosts Metcalf Receptions in major cities around the world.
If you would be interested in hosting a group of interns, employers, parents and alumni in your office or your home, please contact Career Advancement. Metcalf Internship Receptions take place in Beijing, Boston, Chicago, Cleveland, London, Los Angeles, New York and Washington, D.C. Career Advancement is often in need of hosts in these cities, and also welcomes the opportunity to offer additional Metcalf events in other cities nationwide.

**Fund a Metcalf Intern in the Organization or Field of Your Choice:** Generous financial support from Metcalf donors allows Career Advancement to place interns in non-profit, public service and arts and media organizations that would not otherwise be able to pay their interns. This funding levels the playing field for our students, and the College is committed to providing the professional opportunities students need to pursue their interests, regardless of financial constraints. A ten-week, full-time summer Metcalf Internship pays a student $4000 for the summer, to offset the cost of housing, meals and transportation. If you are interested in making a $4000 gift to support a Metcalf Intern, please contact Career Advancement. Donors are able to identify a particular organization that they would like to support, or can direct their funds towards a particular industry.

**So why should you get involved with the Metcalf Program?** Many parents have already engaged with the Metcalf Program on a wide range of levels. Their feedback about the program is the most compelling reason to get involved:

“For the past three years our direct marketing firm in New York City has hired interns from UChicago through the Jeff Metcalf Internship program. We’ve been very happy with the quality of the candidates we’ve employed. As a group they have proved themselves to be intelligent, quick learners and usually very good writers, so they are able to contribute to our company’s output almost immediately.

The program administrators in the Career Advancement office make it really easy to participate. All I do is send a job description and a few weeks later we get a pile of resumes with many great candidates to choose from. The only hard part is choosing just one!”

- Charlene Hoey, PA’14, President, Meyer and Associates Marketing Communications

“As both an employer and a parent of a UChicago student, I have two perspectives on the [Metcalf] program. As an employer, this grant gives me small arts business access to engaged, motivated, intelligent helpers who could not live in New York City for an unpaid internship. And our daughter was awarded a Metcalf grant this summer to work with an architecture organization in Chicago – an internship that should prove more stimulating than her long-running summer job.”

- Esther K. Smith, PA’13, Purgatory Pie Press

For more information about the Metcalf Internship Program or to get more involved, please contact Marthe D. Golden at mdgolden@uchicago.edu.

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**Check out profiles of recent Metcalf recipients and learn more about their experiences at [http://college.uchicago.edu/story/metcalf-memoirs](http://college.uchicago.edu/story/metcalf-memoirs)**.
The University of Chicago had plenty to celebrate after a highly-successful fall sports season. Four varsity teams earned selections to their respective NCAA Division III Championships, and they recorded some of the best performances in school history along the way.

The Maroons were a dominant force on the regional and national scene in women’s cross country. They won five of 10 team races and set new program milestones as the season progressed. UChicago won its second-straight University Athletic Association (UAA) Championship and followed that up by winning the NCAA Midwest Regional for the first time in program history. Six runners finished in the top 35 to earn All-Region status and the team win gave the Maroons an automatic berth in the NCAA Championship. UChicago saved its best showing for last by taking fourth place at the NCAAs, which was the highest finish in school history. Sophomore runner Catherine Young led the way with a ninth-place showing individually to earn All-American status.

In recent years, the Maroons have built themselves into a national power in women’s volleyball, and 2013 was a similarly accomplished season. UChicago posted a 27-11 record, which marks the fifth-straight year with at least 27 wins. The Maroons were particularly effective against conference opponents and posted a 9-1 record against tough competition to win their first UAA title in program history. Previously, Washington University in St. Louis or Emory University had won every conference championship since 1988. UChicago reached the NCAA postseason for the fourth-consecutive season and won its first round match 3-1 over Buffalo State University. The season ended in round two with a 3-1 loss to Wittenberg University. In the final American Volleyball Coaches Association (AVCA) national poll, UChicago was ranked at No. 17.

The Maroons women’s soccer squad was selected to the NCAA Championship for the 13th time in school history and the first time since 2010. UChicago recorded a season record of 11-5-3, achieving national rankings in several polls during the fall. The Maroons lost its NCAA first round match to Capital University 1-0 in double overtime. Junior midfielder Sara Kwan was named First Team All-Central Region by the National Soccer Coaches Association of American (NSCAA) for the second time in as many years. She led the team with eight goals and eight assists in 19 games played.

UChicago Athletics Launches a New Website

In November, UChicago unveiled a brand new Athletics website. The new site welcomes all members of the University community to explore the options that Physical Education and Athletics has to offer, including easy-to-find information about sports teams, fitness classes, and recreation opportunities. You can also keep up with Maroon Athletics with news, updates, and scores.

In addition to scores and highlights of Varsity Sports, students will find it easier to get involved with Intramural Sports and Sport Clubs or to locate their favorite free fitness class. Fans will also find even more ways to keep up with Maroon Athletics in the Fan Zone. Visit http://athletics.uchicago.edu to check it out.
UChicago also excelled on the men's side of cross country as well. The squad won two of its nine races and took sixth place in the highly-competitive NCAA Midwest Regional. That finish was good enough to send the Maroons to the NCAA Championship as an at-large bid, where they took 28th place. Senior Daniel Povitsky was the team's top runner on the year, earning All-Region accolades by taking 33rd at the regional meet.

Under new head coach Chris Wilkerson, the Maroons produced a standout season on the football gridiron. UChicago won six of 10 games to post its first winning season since 2010. The defense ranked as one of the premier units in the country in a number of categories, including total defense (24th), points allowed per game (17th) and turnover margin (18th). Sophomore cornerback Vincent Beltrano was a First Team All-UAA pick and was also named UAA Co-Special Teams Player of the Year. Senior offensive guard Francesco DeMayo and junior outside linebacker Schuyler Montefalco joined Beltrano as First Team selections.

The men's soccer team also had a new face leading the program. Head Coach Mike Babst led the Maroons to a 9-6-2 record, which included three wins against nationally-ranked competition. UChicago had several offensive explosions during the course of the year. The offense scored nine goals in a win over Wabash College and set a school record with 15 goals in a victory over Rockford University. Eight different players tallied at least nine points on the season, led by junior forward Matt Vecchitto with 12 points (four goals, four assists). Junior midfielder Michael Choquette represented the Maroons as a First Team All-UAA selection with five goals scored.
The end of autumn quarter signals the beginning of the financial aid re-application process. If you wish to apply or re-apply for financial aid for the upcoming academic year, the process will begin in the coming months.

In order to provide the most accurate financial aid award, we require new aid applications be submitted each year. Depending on the type of aid for which you are applying, you will need to submit the 2014-2015 CSS Profile, 2014-2015 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and/or 2013 federal income tax returns. Both the CSS Profile and the FASFA are available online after January 1.

The process officially starts in February with College Aid sending an email to students inviting them to begin the process. Students will start the application process by completing a brief online application at my.uchicago.edu. Tell your son or daughter to watch for this instruction email.

If your student would like to apply for summer financial aid, we strongly encourage you to complete the aid application by May 2nd and to contact College Aid in March to obtain the Summer Financial Aid Application.

The renewal deadline for the 2014-15 academic year will be Friday, May 2, 2014. For more information on required documents and types of aid and to begin the application process, please visit our website at http://collegeaid.uchicago.edu.

Please feel free to contact us at any time, with any questions about current or further financial aid programs and eligibility. We can be reached via email at college-aid@uchicago.edu or phone at (773) 702-8666.
SOME EXCITING NEW INNOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY IN CAREER ADVANCEMENT’S UCHICAGO CAREERS IN HEALTH PROFESSIONS PROGRAM (UCIHP). THE UCHICAGO CAREERS IN... PROGRAMS ARE PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS THAT SUPPORT AND COMPLEMENT THE LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION BY EXPLORING STUDENT CAREER INTERESTS THROUGH WORKSHOPS, FEATURED SPEAKERS AND SPECIAL CAREER OPPORTUNITIES. THE UCIHP STUDENT POPULATION IS COMPRISED OF STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN CLINICAL CAREERS IN HEALTH AND MEDICINE, AIMING TOWARD PROFESSIONAL STUDY, AS WELL AS STUDENTS WHO ARE INTERESTED IN NON-CLINICAL CAREERS WITHIN THE WIDE AND RAPIDLY CHANGING HEALTH CARE INDUSTRY. UCIHP OFFERS INDIVIDUALIZED COUNSELING AND ADVICE, APPLICATION PREPARATION ADVICE, AND A VARIETY OF EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES INCLUDING SUMMER INTERNSHIPS, EXTERNSHIPS (2-3 DAY SHADOWING OPPORTUNITIES) AND CAREER TREKS (2-3 DAY TRAVEL PROGRAMS).

UCIHP ALSO OFFERS TWO NEW, SELECTIVE AND FOCUSED PROGRAMMATIC OPPORTUNITIES THROUGH WHICH STUDENTS CAN DELVE MORE DEEPLY INTO THEIR AREAS OF INTEREST. THE HEALTH POLICY SCHOLARS TRACK IS DESIGNED FOR STUDENTS WITH AN INTEREST IN EXPLORING HEALTH POLICY CAREERS IN THEIR FUTURE, WHETHER INCLUSIVE OR EXCLUSIVE OF A CLINICAL CAREER. THE CLINICAL EXCELLENCE SCHOLARS TRACK, IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BUCKSBAUM INSTITUTE FOR CLINICAL EXCELLENCE AND THE UCHICAGO MEDICINE, FOCUSES ON THE UNDERSTANDING AND DEVELOPMENT OF THE PATIENT-PROVIDER RELATIONSHIP. BOTH PROGRAMS FEATURE SEMINAR DISCUSSIONS, RELEVANT COURSES, AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR STUDENTS TO GAIN EXPERIENTIAL OPPORTUNITIES.

AS THE HEALTH AND MEDICINE FIELDS CONTINUE TO GROW AND DEVELOP, UCIHP IS COMMITTED TO PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH THE BEST POSSIBLE RESOURCES TO EXCEL PROFESSIONALLY. AS WITH ALL OF THE UCHICAGO CAREERS IN... PROGRAMS, UCIHP BENEFITS TREMENDOUSLY FROM THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR UCHICAGO ALUMNI, PARENTS, AND FRIENDS WORKING WITHIN THE FIELD OF HEALTH AND MEDICINE.

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- HEALTH PROFESSIONS
- JOURNALISM, ARTS, AND MEDIA
- LAW
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- SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH

TO LEARN MORE ABOUT ALL OF THE UCI OPTIONS OR TO INQUIRE HOW YOU MIGHT SUPPORT ONE OF UCI PROGRAMS, VISIT HTTP://CAREERADVANCEMENT.UCHICAGO.EDU/UCHICAGO-CAREERS-IN OR EMAIL MARTHE GOLDEN AT MDGOLDEN@UCHICAGO.EDU.

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN GETTING INVOLVED WITH THE PROGRAM AS A SPEAKER ON CAMPUS, A HOST FOR AN INTERNSHIP OR TREK, OR THROUGH FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ONE OR MORE OF OUR INITIATIVES, UCIHP WOULD CERTAINLY WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT UCIHP, OR TO EXPRESS INTEREST IN SUPPORTING UCIHP EVENTS OR PROGRAMS, CONTACT JONI KRAPEC, PROGRAM DIRECTOR, AT KRAPEC@UCHICAGO.EDU.
The Winter Quarter chock full of great events across campus and around the world. Find even more events at [www.uchicagoparents.org](http://www.uchicagoparents.org).

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<td>Taking the Next Step</td>
<td>Chicago, IL</td>
<td>Second- and third-year students explore postgraduation opportunities through panel and roundtable discussions with UChicago alumni.</td>
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<td>January 11</td>
<td>Women’s and Men’s Basketball at Washington University</td>
<td>Washington University Field House, St. Louis, MO</td>
<td>Join fellow UChicago alumni, students, and parents for pizza and fun as you cheer on the men’s and women’s basketball teams. Learn more at <a href="http://www.uchicagoparents.org">www.uchicagoparents.org</a>.</td>
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<td>UChicago MLK Celebration 2014</td>
<td>Rockefeller Chapel, 5850 S. Woodlawn Ave.</td>
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<td>Steps to Success: Summer Opportunities</td>
<td>Reynold’s Club, 5706 S. University Ave.</td>
<td>First-year students will explore career development opportunities offered by Career Advancement and get advice on how to make the most of their summers to advance their career readiness.</td>
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<td>Martin Luther King Day observed</td>
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<td>February 1</td>
<td>In Derby We Trust</td>
<td>Washington, DC</td>
<td>Support the DC Roller Derby teams, including the DC Demon Cats which are captained by UChicago alumnae Sophia Yan (AB’12). Learn more at <a href="http://www.uchicagoparents.org">www.uchicagoparents.org</a>.</td>
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<td>February 1</td>
<td>University Symphony Orchestra: Symphonic Seascapes</td>
<td>Mandel Hall, 1131 E. 57th St.</td>
<td>The USO’s opening concert of 2014 showcases a variety of Symphonic Seascapes from the 19th and 20th centuries. Learn more at <a href="http://www.uchicagoparents.org">www.uchicagoparents.org</a>.</td>
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<td>February 12</td>
<td>Haun Saussy: “The Curious History of Oral Literature”</td>
<td>Gleacher Center, 450 N. Cityfront Plaza Dr., Chicago, IL</td>
<td>Oral literature - songs, stories, poems, jokes, epic - is presumably almost as old as human language, but interest in it is far younger. Haun Saussy will examine when the nature of oral recitation and transmission becomes an important problem for philologists. Learn more at <a href="http://www.uchicagoparents.org">www.uchicagoparents.org</a>.</td>
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<td>Men's Basketball at NYU</td>
<td>Jerome S. Coles Sports Center, New York, NY</td>
<td>Support the Maroons as they play UAA conference rival NYU in New York. Find more games at <a href="http://athletics.uchicago.edu">http://athletics.uchicago.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>February 20</td>
<td>Harper Lecture with Dr. Emily Teeter: Pioneer to the Past: James Henry Breasted and the Birth of American Egyptology</td>
<td>Denver, CO</td>
<td>An examination of the life and importance of James Henry Breasted, founder of Oriental Institute at the University of Chicago and one of the most important figures in the growth of Egyptology in North America. Learn more at <a href="http://www.uchicagoparents.org">www.uchicagoparents.org</a>.</td>
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<td>February 23</td>
<td>Women's Basketball vs. Case Western Reserve</td>
<td>Ratner Athletics Center, 5530 S. Ellis Ave.</td>
<td>Support the Maroons as they seek to take down UAA Conference rival Case Western at home. Find more games at <a href="http://athletics.uchicago.edu">http://athletics.uchicago.edu</a>.</td>
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<td>March 6 -</td>
<td>The Court Theatre presents Water by the Spoonful</td>
<td>Court Theatre, 5535 S. Ellis Ave.</td>
<td>Playwright Quiara Alegria Hudes ties together the lives of lost souls in a play of genuine warmth about the unconventional communities we create when we seek redemption from our personal failings. Learn more at <a href="http://arts.uchicago.edu/content/court-theatre">http://arts.uchicago.edu/content/court-theatre</a>.</td>
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<td>March 14</td>
<td>“Cookies from the Heart” Volunteer event to support the Ronald McDonald House</td>
<td>Ronald McDonald House 4410 W. 93rd St. Oak Lawn, IL</td>
<td>If you like to bake, then we are looking for you! Volunteers purchase enough ingredients to make 2-3 batches of their favorite cookie, muffin, brownie, etc. recipe. Learn more at <a href="http://www.uchicagoparents.org">www.uchicagoparents.org</a>.</td>
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<td>Winter Quarter ends; Residence Halls close at Noon</td>
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<td>Spring Quarter bill due</td>
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October 18-20, 2013 was UChicago’s annual Family Weekend and Homecoming. Over 2,500 people converged on campus for model classes, the Homecoming Block Party, and the Dean’s Brunch. Mark your calendars to join us next year for Family Weekend, which will be held October 24-26, 2014.

Allen Sanderson teaches a model class on the Economics of Higher Education

Mini Maroons

Showing Maroon pride at Homecoming

Larry McEnerney teaches a model class on the speeches of Reagan and Obama

Inter-House Council Tug-of-War

Face painting and family activites at Homecoming
Future Maroons cheer on the UChicago football team.

Fans fill the stands of Stagg Field.

Sam Coleman, Class of 2016, runs around the Macalester defense.

The College Houses complete in the banner competition. Chamberlain won with their Dean Boyer-themed banner.

The Maroons celebrate their 26-7 victory over Macalester.

Dean Boyer greets parents at the annual Dean’s Brunch.

Established in 1897 on Geneva Lake in Williams Bay, Wisconsin, the Yerkes Observatory provides laboratory space and access to telescopes for research and instruction. The 77-acre, park-like setting offers educational opportunities for researchers, students, and the public. The observatory houses what was once the world’s largest telescope and was constructed for UChicago after a grant from Charles T. Yerkes, a Chicago business man. The site is open to the public with regular events and tours. Visit http://astro.uchicago.edu/yerkes to learn more.

Photo by Amanda Pagul, Class of 2015.