Dear UChicago Student,

On behalf of College Programming and Orientation, welcome to the University of Chicago! We are excited to welcome you to campus. Before your official arrival on campus, we have several opportunities in which we encourage you to participate, in an effort to ease your transition into and engagement with our campus community.

One of the first programs in which you will have the opportunity to participate is our UChicago Mentoring Program (UCMP). All incoming students will be invited to join the UCMP online network, where you will engage in small groups with your future classmates and upper-class students around topics concerning your transition into the College and life on campus. You will receive further instructions on accessing this platform, as well as an official introduction to your Peer Mentor, on May 15, 2019.

Another exciting way to immerse yourself in the UChicago community is to apply for one of our Pre-Orientation or Summer Experience programs. Whether you are interested in the exploration of Chicago, your career interests, the great outdoors, or exciting international cities, there is a program that is just right for you. You can find all of the Pre-Orientation and Summer Experience options at orientation.uchicago.edu/summerexperiences. Each program has a different timeline so please make sure that you read through each description carefully. If you have any questions about Pre-Orientation and Summer Experiences, please let us know.

As you begin to plan for your arrival on campus please note that Orientation begins with Move-In and Orientation Check-in on Saturday, September 21, 2019. Residence Halls will open at 9:00 am. After settling into your room and meeting your room- and suitemates, you’ll check in for Orientation and enjoy opportunities to socialize with family members and classmates. Mandatory House Meetings for students will take place that evening, as well as dinner with your new classmates. Opening Day festivities and Family Orientation will take place on Sunday, September 22, 2019. The day will include your first Campus Life Meeting and the College’s official welcome—the Opening Convocation, Bagpipe Procession, and Class Photo. The College will also host Family Orientation Sessions and a reception for your family hosted by UChicago’s president, Robert J. Zimmer, and John W. Boyer, dean of the College.

Orientation is an exciting time on campus, and in future Orientation communications you will find information about preparing to move to Chicago, Orientation Week, placement tests, and other tasks that you are responsible for completing before your arrival. Placement tests will be offered online from May 13 to July 29, 2019. It is very important that you take the online placement tests in the designated time frame so that test results can be processed prior to course registration.

If you have not done so already you need to create your CNetID. Your CNetID (Chicago Network Identifier) is a username that you select and will use to access most online services at the University. In order to create your CNetID, visit http://cnetid.uchicago.edu; you will need your birthdate and student ID number. If you do not have access to your ID number, please call College Programming and Orientation at 773.702.8616. Please note that for security reasons, student ID numbers cannot be transmitted via email.

Once you have claimed your CNetID, we encourage each student to complete a housing application, which aids Housing & Residence Life in the housing assignment process. The housing application contains questions intended to inform us of your lifestyle preferences, residence hall and room type preferences, and specific roommate request (if applicable); and to help us thoughtfully place you in one of our amazing communities. To complete the housing application, you may use your CNetID and password to log in to the housing portal, https://uchicago.starrezhousing.com/StarRezPortalX.
We strongly encourage you to be honest and thoughtful in your application responses, as this is our only guide to matching you with a roommate. Remember, this is not the time to be aspirational in your attempt to be organized or tidy or to go to bed earlier or later than you do now. We know failure to be frank can lead to poor matches. Be you!

The deadline for completing your housing application is **11:59 PM CST on Friday, June 28, 2019**. If you have trouble accessing the housing application or questions along the way, please contact Housing & Residence Life at housing@uchicago.edu or 773.702.7366.

Throughout the summer, you should consider College Programming and Orientation your primary resource for any questions or concerns that you or your parents may have about communications, deadlines, the College in general, and of course, Orientation. Please feel free to contact us by phone at 773.702.8616 or email at college-programming@uchicago.edu. In the meantime, we encourage you to bookmark orientation.uchicago.edu, join the official class of 2023 Facebook page, and check-out the Pre-Orientation and Summer Experience offerings.

Best,

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