Class of 2024 Welcome: Next Steps to UChicago

Date: Saturday, May 9, 2020
Description: The University of Chicago would like to invite you and your family to join us in a virtual event celebrating you and your new classmates! Join UChicago Admissions and the Office of College Programming and Orientation as we discuss the next steps for the Class of 2024’s transition into the College.

Welcome from Jim Nondorf
- Welcome to UChicago!
- We do not have a sense of what will happen this fall, but UChicago is committed to students’ education and safety first and foremost
- UChicago will be communicating with students throughout the summer with developments

Michele Rasmussen, Dean of Students in the University
- Oversees Campus and Student Life
- Housing & Residence Life
  - A place to find community, friends, and mentors within the house community
  - Every house has distinct culture and traditions. There are eight unique residence halls, including the newest hall opening this fall – Woodlawn Residential Commons
  - Students living in housing have many resources like an upper-class student Resident Assistant and live-on faculty/staff Resident Deans
- Health & Wellness
  - University knows healthy students are successful students.
  - Offer a holistic approach to help students be healthy including
    - Student Counseling: access to a full range of mental health options
    - Student Health: access to medical services
    - Health Promotion and Wellness: access to variety of wellness programs such as
      • meditation sessions or 1:1 personalized health coaching
  - Excited to announce the opening of our new Wellness Center this fall!
- Student Disability Services
  - Access to permanent or temporary disability accommodations, resources, and support for all students
  - Visit disabilities.uchicago.edu to register for any services or accommodations
- Dean on Call
  - If you have an urgent problem or questions or concern, but aren’t sure to who reach out to try the Dean on Call (DoC)
  - DoC is a trained university staff member who is prepared to offer support and guidance 24 hours a day
  - Access to DoC via UCPD main line or UChicago Safe app

Meredith Daw, Associate Vice President, Enrollment & Student Advancement
- All incoming students assigned a Career Adviser that provides personalized career advising. Incoming students will receive their assignment in September
- Virtual Internship program
  - Micro Metcalf Program—partners hire our students to do substantive professional work virtually throughout the year
- Offer over 3,000 in person internships each year
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- All of these experiential learning opportunities help students to refine interests and build their resumes

- UChicago Careers in Programs
  - 10 areas—newest program in Computer Science
  - Students can take professional courses in graduate programs (i.e. Booth, Harris, etc.)

- Placement rate post-graduation is high due to these experiences
- Another great resource for incoming students is the Summer Career Roadmap that incoming students will receive later in the summer

Jay Ellison, Dean of Students in the College

- Greetings and welcome to the College; the hub for all undergraduate activities within the University of Chicago
- The Dean of Students Office offers access to many resources for undergraduate students such as the College Academic Advising Office, Center for College Student Success, College Center for Research and Fellowships, Office of College Community Standards, and College Programming and Orientation
- College Academic Advising Office will be in contact this month and throughout the summer to assist incoming students with academic planning and pre-registration for fall classes
- Your central resource during this transition period is College Programming and Orientation (CPO)

Chloe Binder, Director of College Programming and Orientation

- College Programming and Orientation commonly referred to as the CPO, works to connect students and families to the College through transition focused programs and events
- One of our primary programs for students and families is Orientation, which includes Orientation Week and a variety of communications and programs throughout the summer
- Students and families can expect our CPO Welcome email early next week detailing information and touchpoints for the next few months
- A great resources to refer to are the Monthly To-Do Lists; intended to keep you on track with the many items to complete before beginning the fall quarter
- All communications from the College for both students and families, along with monthly to-do lists, are made available on our website. Make sure you bookmark/visit the page for the most up to date information
- Contact our office
  - Call or text: 773.702.8616
  - Email: college-programming@uchicago.edu
  - Website: Orientation.uchicago.edu

Diego Quesada, Class of 2022

- Major: Law, Letters, and Society, and Sociology
- Involvement with CPO: Orientation Student Director, UChicago Mentoring Program Peer Mentor
- Involvement across campus: CAAP and Odyssey Scholar, Ex Libris Café worker, President of Latin American Student Organization
- If you haven’t joined the UChicago Class of 2024 Facebook group, be sure to join – post announcements, connect with current students, and participate in social activities
- Incoming student events in May
  - UChicago Mentoring Program Panels
    - Tuesday, May 12 or Thursday, May 14 at 6:00 PM CST
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- Registration link posted in Facebook group and CPO welcome email
  - IOP event with David Axelrod and members of Pod Save America
    - Wednesday, May 20, 12:30 – 2:15 PM CST
  - Registration link sent out soon
  - Class of 2024 Trivia during the last week of May!
- UChicago Mentoring Program launches the first week of June
  - All incoming students assigned an upper-class student peer mentor who will assist and guide you throughout the summer

Rahim Raja, Class of 2022
- Major: Molecular Engineering
- Involvement with CPO: International Pre-Orientation Student Director
- Involvement across campus: Board of Physics Society, tour guide with Admissions, participates with faculty
- International Student Updates
  - All incoming international students should have received an email on April 25 from Admissions with instructions on requesting immigration documentation from the Office of International Affairs (OIA).
  - If you have direct questions about the I-20/DS-2019 request process, please reach out to Sarah Tolman in OIA (stolman@uchicago.edu).
  - All emails regarding immigration documents will go to your UChicago email account.
  - OIA will begin sending pre-arrival newsletters over the summer with further updates
- Do not be afraid to ask questions! No shame in not knowing everything. If you have any questions, there are so many resources and professionals here to assist you

Q&A
- How can I access the housing application, and when is it due?
  - The Housing application is currently open and due by Tuesday, June 30. [https://housing.uchicago.edu/prospective-students/housing-assignments/](https://housing.uchicago.edu/prospective-students/housing-assignments/)
  - In order to complete the application, you need your CNet ID and a successful ID photo submission
  - If you have questions, contact Housing & Residence Life at housing@uchicago.edu or use the live chat feature within the myHousing portal
  - Housing Contract Pending: it is normal to see this sign when completing your housing application.
- What can we expect for Orientation, and how can I get in touch with CPO over the summer?
  - Orientation is an important and symbolic time for you as incoming students. Topics covered include Academic Advising and resources, Career Advising, engagement opportunities with your house communities, as well as time to learn more about the many ways to get involved on campus
  - The best way to reach the CPO both now and over the summer is again by emailing us at college-programming@uchicago.edu or by texting us at 773.702.8616.
  - Another resource for students is the UChicago College Connection App available in the app and Google stores
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- What do I need to complete right now as an incoming student?
  - Visit the Monthly To-Do Lists posted on the CPO communications website
  - Claim your CNet ID (UChicago Email) by May 31
  - Submit ID Photo
  - Fill out Housing Application
  - Make sure your contact information for you and your family is up to date. This can be changed in your UChicago Account
  - Join the Class of 2024 Facebook Page

- How can I support my student this summer and during their first year as a family member?
  - Encourage your student to make connections with support staff around campus, for example, their Academic Adviser, Career Adviser, or whomever the appropriate university resource is
  - Parents and families will receive their own set of communications from the College over the summer. There are also options to come to campus and explore such as family weekend and homecoming
  - Later this summer, you will have the opportunity to participate in information sessions with many of our campus resources and administrators through our Family Orientation Series. These are all excellent opportunities to learn more about UChicago, which, in turn, will help you better coach your student to success.

- What advice do you have for international students / families to prepare this summer?
  - Stay organized – so many documents and forms to complete for immigration and matriculation to the university. Keep these all on one, safe place.

- When will I be assigned my Academic Adviser, and when should I register for classes?
  - You should expect to hear from the College Academic Advising Office the week of May 18th. Students will then begin meeting with their Academic Adviser in late June in preparation for pre-registration which will take place for all incoming students the week of August 10th.