Dear Members of the Class of 2024,

I write to welcome you to the University of Chicago. We are delighted that you are joining our distinguished institution and wish you enjoyment and success as you enter a community of scholars whose pride for the College, and love of critical inquiry, offer an extraordinary learning experience.

The impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) is visible in every corner of our campus community. Typically, this is the time of the year when Spring is invigorating the campus, filling the lawns of our beautiful Quadrangle with the sights and sounds of students studying, socializing and preparing to graduate. Instead, students are learning remotely from residences around the world.

In this time of unparalleled change please know that the University of Chicago’s commitment to your education is unwavering and that my colleagues are extremely excited for your arrival. You are an exceptional student, and we are impressed with the achievements that have brought you to us. Now, our focus is to provide you with a wealth of enriching opportunities to grow your knowledge, intellect and understanding of the world.

We hope to know soon if classes will take place on campus or remotely, due to the coronavirus. In the meantime, we want you to feel prepared to begin life as a College student. Over the coming months, you will receive a number of communications from us to guide you through Orientation and the start of the school year. From billing instructions and course selection, to learning about our more than 400 student groups, we will ensure that you are aware of academic requirements and related opportunities.

To begin, please tentatively mark your calendars for Opening Weekend, which will start with move-in on Saturday, September 19, and continue through Sunday, September 27, if classes will take place on campus. For details about Orientation, click here.

In addition, you can begin to participate in our community now by following our student-run @UChicagoCollege social media channels on Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. They provide a view into the College and student life that awaits you.

Again, my sincerest welcome. I look forward to meeting you and sharing in all that you will accomplish as a member of the College.

With warmest good wishes to you and your families,

John W. Boyer
Dean of the College
The University of Chicago