Dear Incoming Students in the College,

We 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 the coronavirus (COVID-19) has been felt in every corner of our campus community. However, we are already beginning to see the signs of change all around us. Typically, this is the time of the year when Spring is invigorating the campus, and as you look around, there are signs that students are beginning to enjoy the lawns of our beautiful Quadrangle once again, while keeping appropriate physical distancing. It is in this spirit of change that we look forward to opening the University for a full resumption of activities on campus this autumn.

In this time of unparalleled change please know that the University of Chicago’s commitment to your education is unwavering and that our 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. Despite the challenges that may lie ahead, our focus is to provide you with a wealth of enriching opportunities to grow your knowledge, intellect, and understanding of the world.

As a first step, we want you to feel prepared to begin life as a student in the College. Over the coming months, you will receive a number of communications from us to guide you through Orientation and the start of the academic 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 mark your calendar for this fall’s move-in dates of September 21-22, 2021, which mark the start of College Orientation. Further details will be shared in the coming weeks and for more information, visit the Orientation site.

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, our sincerest welcome. We 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,

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