How to be a Maroon at Home

We know you’re anxious to come to campus in the fall and explore your new home, especially considering current circumstances. Nothing can replace the real thing (trust me, I know, I’m writing this 702 miles away from campus in Maryland). I miss seeing the new ducklings at Botany Pond, I miss visiting my favorite campus cafe, Grounds of Being, and I even miss studying in the Reg with my friends! Until you are all able to be on campus, here are five ways to celebrate being a maroon at home instead!

1. Wear your maroon!
Need to get used to the color maroon before seeing it everywhere on campus? Want to show your school pride to your family that already knows where you’re going to college? Then put on your favorite UChicago t-shirt or sweatshirt! It might be a little too warm for your maroon scarf, but if you want to imagine yourself on the quad in January (couldn’t be me) then have at it! Make sure you snap a picture on Mondays and tag @UChicagoCLI & @UChicagoCollege for #MaroonMonday

2. Take a virtual tour of UChicago’s campus
Our friends over at the admissions office have been nice enough to record a comprehensive tour of campus, all online! Come see what the quad looks like while there are still leaves on the trees and it isn’t 20 degrees.

3. Make your own version of our $1 milkshake
Hutchinson Commons, right in the middle of campus, offers $1 milkshakes every Wednesday during the academic year. We might not be able to enjoy them right now, but you can make your own at home too! All you need is milk and vanilla ice cream (and some chocolate syrup or Oreos if that’s what you’d prefer).
4. Recreate campus at your desk
UChicago campus is infamous for its eccentric blend of gothic and modern architecture, which is beautiful, albeit slightly jarring. Now you can build your own version of UChicago’s most famous buildings through the university website! All you need is some paper, scissors, and a ruler. Some dexterity and artistic ability might be nice, though, because I tried to make Mansueto and it looked more like a pancake than a dome.

5. Share it on social media!
Share your news via social media with the Class of 2025 celebration frame! Open the celebration frame, upload your own image over the polaroid frame, crop to fit, and share on social media! Be sure to tag @UchicagoCollege, #UChicago, and #Classof2025.

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