Welcome to the eighteenth annual Taking the Next Step!

The College is deeply invested in your success and we hope that you use the information gathered today as a tool to help you as you continue your professional discovery process. Each of our alumni participants are volunteering their time to the College to speak candidly with you today about their individual career paths. These alumni are incredible resources – be sure to take notes and ask questions as opportunities to do so arise.

This program provides valuable information about the alumni gathered here today. They traveled here to answer your questions and serve as resources and mentors throughout your career exploration process. We encourage you to use the contact information provided as you continue to research your fields of interest and to stay in touch with the people you meet today. Keeping in contact with the people that help you by updating and informing them of your successes will cultivate valuable relationships for your future.

Over 225 alumni volunteers from around the country are participating in today’s event. As a student at the University of Chicago, you are a member of a global community of more than 300,000 alumni, students, faculty, staff, parents, and friends who enrich your education every day. Today is just a sample of the vast resources that continue to be available to you for the rest of your life as a part of this vibrant community of lifelong learners and scholars. We hope you will tap into these resources as you explore career options and navigate your post-graduation path. Upon graduating, you will receive a variety of invitations to connect with alumni and students through programs that will help you advance professionally as well as socially and intellectually. And, of course, we hope that one day, you will return as a volunteer at programs like Taking the Next Step as the College works with alumni to continue to make resources available for future University of Chicago students.

Following the event, you will receive an online evaluation to complete. Your constructive feedback will help us continue to develop and improve the quality of Taking the Next Step as it continues into its nineteenth year and beyond.

We hope you enjoy this wonderful day of engaging with and learning from valued alumni,

The Taking the Next Step Planning Committee

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Foreign Study & Language

• Boren Scholarship – Complete support for immersive language study in high-need languages. Academic year-long programs preferred; post-graduate service required. Open to all students.
• Critical Languages Scholarship – Full funding for summer study of high-need languages. Open to all students.
• DAAD – German educational exchange programs, providing support for undergraduate study, research, summer internships, and post-graduate study in Germany. Open to all students.
• Michel David-Weill Scholarship – Total support for the completion of a master's degree at Sciences Po. Open to graduating fourth-year students. Competitive GPA: 3.8+
• Fulbright US Student Program - One-year postgraduate fellowship for research and study or English teaching. Open to graduating fourth-year students or recent graduates. Open to all disciplines, no minimum GPA.

STEM Fields

• Astronaut Scholarship – Provides $10,000 in funding and mentoring for students pursuing research careers. Open to second- and third-year students. Competitive GPA: 3.8
• Goldwater Scholarship – One- or two-year fellowship for STEM students pursuing research careers. STEM majors only. Desirable qualities: Scholarship, clear future goals, record of research. Competitive GPA: 3.8+
• National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship – Three-year stipend of $40K+/year to support graduate study in STEM fields. Desirable qualities: High academic performance and record of research. Open to graduating fourth-year students and recent graduates. Competitive GPA: 3.6+

Miscellaneous

• Beinecke Brothers Scholarship - Two-year postgraduate fellowship ($15K/year). Open to third-year students who will pursue graduate study in the humanities or social sciences. Desirable qualities: Excellent academic record, clear goals, strong faculty support, and financial need. (NB: Campus may nominate only one student)
• Soros Fellowship for New Americans – Two-year fellowship of up to $90K for postgraduate study for “new Americans” (foreign-born or of foreign-born parents). Open to graduating fourth-year students or recent graduates. Desirable qualities: Scholarship, commitment to values of the US Bill of Rights, creativity, originality, and initiative.
• Morris K. Udall Scholarship – One- or two-year fellowship and leadership development for students pursuing environmental careers, or Native American students pursuing tribal public health or policy careers. Open to all disciplines. Desirable qualities: Leadership, demonstrated commitment to environment, tribal affairs.
National Scholarships & Fellowships

Prestigious national scholarships and fellowships are merit-based awards that support purposeful activities. Students can visit https://frogs.uchicago.edu/ to search for programs that support their goals. The fellowships listed below are a selection of well-known programs for which the College Dean of Students office provides advising:

Highly Prestigious Fellowships for Study in the UK & Ireland

- Rhodes Scholarship – Two- to three-year postgraduate fellowship at Oxford University. All disciplines. Open to rising fourth-year students and recent graduates. Competitive GPA: 3.8+. Desirable qualities: Leadership, scholarship, altruism, physical vigor.
- Marshall Scholarship – One- or two-year postgraduate fellowship at any UK university. All disciplines. Open to rising fourth-year students and recent graduates. Desirable qualities: Scholarship, leadership, Minimum GPA: 3.7.
- Churchill Scholarship – One-year postgraduate fellowship at Cambridge University for students in STEM fields. Open to rising fourth-year students. Competitive GPA: 3.9+. Desirable qualities: Scholarship, research experience, potential for career in research.
- Gates-Cambridge Scholarship – One- to three-year postgraduate fellowship at Cambridge. Open to rising fourth-year students and recent graduates. All disciplines. Minimum GPA: 3.65. Desirable qualities: Scholarship, leadership potential, altruism.

Public Service & Leadership

- Davis Projects for Peace – Provides $10,000 summer grant to design and implement a grassroots project. Open to all students. Minimum GPA: 3.0. Students may apply individually or as a group.
- Presidential Fellows Program - Supports undergraduate study of the U.S. Presidency. Fellows attend conferences and conduct a research project. Open to all students.
- Truman Scholarship – Provides up to $30,000 for graduate or professional school, leadership development activities, and special opportunities for internships and employment with the federal government. All disciplines. Competitive GPA: 3.5+. Desirable qualities: Strong record of leadership and meaningful community service, desire for a public service career, intellectual promise.
Welcome to OneUChicago, UChicago’s official philanthropy week!

The goal of OneUChicago is to help support the programs, events, and projects around campus that improve the lives of our fellow students and community members. Together, we can make a huge, positive impact on the wellbeing of ourselves and our peers by giving to the Dean’s Fund for Student Life. Join your friends in supporting one another by giving a buck about (and for) student life.

We get it. You eat Ramen on the daily. Why should you give a buck? For starters, the Dean’s Fund financially backs dozens of students ideas, helping bright minds to achieve their full potential. In the past, the Dean’s Fund has helped students to attend conferences, conduct intensive research, host events, and support original projects, among other things. So maybe one morning forego the Peppermint Mocha and help out the next Nobel hopeful (You?!).

If you think that’s cool and you’d like to know more, visit our website at sac.uchicago.edu/deans-fund and stop by our table during OneUChicago week.

Give a buck about your campus experience. Donate to the Dean’s Fund for Student Life.

February 22–26, 2015
Connect to Success

The UChicago Careers In (UCI) programs offer resources that help you translate your skills into leadership in your chosen profession. By building competence and confidence, job search and interview skills, and an understanding of your unique strengths, you’ll become a competitive force in any field or endeavor.

Mentoring and Advising
UCI advisors are experts who understand the nuances of their respective fields. Students meet one-on-one with advisers for resume and cover letter assistance, practice interviews, information on internship and job opportunities, and general advice. Many of the UCI programs also include peer mentorship opportunities in which College students are paired with third- and fourth-year students, graduate students, and alumni who volunteer to share their insights and experiences.

Workshops and Guest Speakers
UChicago is associated with many experts in a variety of fields—many of them our own alumni. Through specialized workshops and informational presentations, students learn important skill sets from leaders in their field. Past workshops have included “Hot Jobs at the Intersection of Law and Health,” “Entrepreneurship in the New Energy Industry,” “Classical vs. Pop Careers in Music,” and “Pulitzer Center on Crisis Reporting.”

Graduate Application Support
Students work with advisers to prepare competitive applications to graduate and professional schools. Advisers help students target the best programs for their interests, ensure they understand and fulfill requirements, provide feedback on application materials, and guide them as they make final decisions about which school to attend. UCI programs invite representatives from top schools to speak on campus about their programming, and students also explore graduate life through the University’s professional schools and graduate programs on campus.

Campus Resources
As a leading research university, UChicago provides many opportunities to work alongside graduate and professional students to pursue research, shadowing, or job opportunities. Students may take courses at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, the Harris School of Public Policy, Law School, the Pritzker School of Medicine, the School of Social Service Administration, and the Urban Education Institute.

Treks, Networking, and Off-Campus Visits
UCI programs provide networking opportunities for UChicago alumni and other industry experts through coordinated site visits for students to meet with professionals in their places of employment or at conferences in Chicago and other established and emerging markets. Students build their networks while learning about their selected industry and gaining an insider perspective on company culture. Site visits have included renowned organizations such as the Chicago Board of Trade, the White House, Paramount Pictures, and Facebook.

Throughout the year, Career Advancement also hosts Treks, career exploration field trips in which groups of 10-15 students visit industry-specific organizations. Students have the opportunity to ask questions and network with successful professionals, who are frequently UChicago alumni. Treks have visited places as diverse as Beijing, Cincinnati, London, Los Angeles, New York City, and Sao Paulo.

UNIVERSITY PROGRAMS
Career Advancement and the College offer many opportunities for students to explore their fields of interest. Some of these include:

Alumni Board of Governors (ABG)

Externship Program
Each year, the ABS Externship Program gives more than 250 first- and second-year students the opportunity to spend two or three days during winter and spring breaks shadowing alumni and parents at their places of employment.

Jeff Metcalf Internship Program
The Jeff Metcalf Fellows Program provides substantive internships exclusively to UChicago undergraduates. Over 1000 diverse internship opportunities around the country and the world are available to students each year. Past participants have interned at such organizations as Google, Paramount Pictures, U.S. Department of Energy, Apple, The new Republic, and the Bronx Coalition for Immigrant and Refugee Rights.

Summer Action and International Experience Grants
Summer Action Grants and International Experience Grants offer undergraduate students funding for internships or projects that would otherwise be unpaid. Students are selected based on a submitted proposal, and receive substantive grants, allowing career exploration in any field of interest.

Career and Internship Fairs
Career Advancement hosts several large-scale career and internship fairs each year for students looking for internships or full-time jobs. Many participating companies conduct interviews as part of the career fairs.

Alumni Directory
The Alumni Directory is an online database of UChicago alumni who have volunteered to provide career-related support to students and other alumni. Alumni of the College, graduate divisions, and professional schools comprise this growing global network. Graduates report that their most valuable career advice often comes from other alumni, who offer information about career options, employment conditions, and job responsibilities, as well as how their UChicago educations prepared them for rewarding careers.
MAKING THE MOST OF YOUR TNS EXPERIENCE

WHEN YOU ARRIVE:

- Review panelist biographies and determine with whom you are most interested in speaking.
  - Use your new padfolio to jot down questions appropriate for each panelist.
- Check the hotel map to make sure you know where you are going throughout the day.

DURING LUNCH:

- Try to sit next to or near an alumni participant, not another student.
- Introduce yourself to everyone at the table.
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- Engage the alumni in small talk, your whole conversation needn’t focus on careers.
- Consider using the following conversation starters: local or national news, appropriate professional journals, University of Chicago memories, or sports.
- Small talk is important -- it leads to big talk, big business, and wonderful opportunities.
- Allow other students into the conversation but don’t be afraid to chime in if another student is dominating the conversation.
- Use this time to address any questions you may have in a more informal setting. This is a great time to have a conversation with alumni currently working in your field of interest.

DURING BRUNCH OR THE PANEL:

Below is a great list of questions to get the conversation going at your brunch table or during the panel sessions. The panel moderators have worked hard to put together a list of target questions, but there will be time for a Q&A session at the end. Here are some questions to consider asking:

- What was your first job out of college, and how did it affect your career path?
- How did your experience at the University of Chicago help prepare you for your current position?
- What kinds of skills and abilities are required for this type of work?
- If you were starting out now, how would you get into this field? What strategies would you use to get your foot in the door? What advice would you give to someone in my position?
- How does your field compare to others in terms of individual work vs. teamwork, competition, deadlines, workload, etc.?
- What makes an applicant or potential new hire stand out?
- What can I do during college to learn more about this field and start building experience?
- What kinds of skills and abilities are required for this type of work?
- What is a related field, or a different job within your field, that I might not know about?
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APPLYING SKILLS IN THE WORKPLACE

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**Comprehensive Preparation for Rising Pro**

To supplement the University of Chicago’s liberal arts curriculum, Career Advancement partners with the College to offer unique **UChicago Careers In (UCI)** pre-professional programs. These programs provide resources to students interested in the arts, business, education professions, entrepreneurship, health professions, journalism & media, law, public & social service, and science & technology. Students engage in these programs throughout their time in the College, leveraging these resources to pursue internships, full-time opportunities, and graduate and professional school programs.

The UChicago Careers In programs also give students access to resources across campus. Whether students are engaging with the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation, taking courses at the University of Chicago Law School, or interning at Argonne National Laboratory, these programs connect students to professional resources and opportunities throughout their time in the College.

This graph demonstrates just some of the ways UChicago students achieve success and excel in a wide range of industries. The legend to the right indicates what programs these students benefited from during their time at the College. Career Advancement’s goal is to help University of Chicago students and alumni achieve their goals—regardless of the paths they decide to pursue.

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**KEYNOTE SPEAKER**

Amy G. Lehman, AB’96, MD’05, MBA’05
Founder and CEO, Lake Tanganyika Floating Health Clinic/WAVE

Dr. Amy G. Lehman is the founder of the Lake Tanganyika Floating Health Clinic/WAVE. The Lake Tanganyika Floating Health Clinic (LTFHC) is an international organization whose mission is to address the problem of health care access for millions of people who live in the isolated, but strategically critical Lake Tanganyika Basin/Great Lakes region of Central Africa.

The Lake Tanganyika Basin is not only Africa’s largest source of available fresh water (and the world’s second largest), but is home to vast mineral resources vital to next generation technologies, newly discovered fossil fuels, and hundreds of endangered species and unique biodiversity. Dr. Lehman and WAVE have thus become recognized and sought after as key experts, advisers, and partners to actors as diverse as regional governments and local tribes to donor governments, philanthropists, non-profit organizations, and multi-national corporations increasingly coming to understand the magnitude of importance of the Lake Tanganyika Basin across health, energy, environment and economic development disciplines.

Dr. Lehman graduated from Choate Rosemary Hall and was chosen as their 2014 Alumni Award recipient. She received her AB in Fundamentals: Issues and Texts in 1996 and earned her MD and MBA in 2005 from the University of Chicago. Additionally, Dr. Lehman trained in General Surgery at the University of Chicago Medicine and was a Senior Fellow with the MacLean Center for Clinical Medical Ethics. Dr. Lehman received the 2014 Distinguished Young Alumni Award from the Booth School of Business. She has been honored by Newsweek as one of the “150 Women Who Shake the World,” and by a number of other publications for her work in the Lake Tanganyika Basin. Chicago Magazine recently included Dr. Lehman in its 2014 list of “Chicagoans of the Year”. She presents regularly at leadership conferences such as GE Leading and Learning, TED, and is most proud to be the mother of Max, her favorite person of all time.
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**February**
02/04/15
The Visa Challenge for International Students
5:00-9:00pm, Closet Club

02/12/15
Super Walk-Ins
12:00-4:00pm, Ida Noyes Hall

02/13/15
College Career Day
8:30am-5:00pm, Ida Noyes Hall

02/19/15
Job Negotiations 101
5:00-6:30pm, East Lounge

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**March**
03/15/15-3/16/15
Common Purpose Conference & Career Fair
12:00-4:00pm, Ida Noyes Hall

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**Second Year Workshops**
These workshops especially for 2nd Year students focus on career exploration, resume and cover letter review, and interview preparation. RSVPs requested on Chicago Career Connection website, Drop-ins welcome.

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**Join Career Advancement this March, with Treks to New York, DC, New Orleans, San Francisco, and the Research Triangle. Applications are open now in CCC.**

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**Make the most of your Meteorial Internship with exclusive internships.**

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alumnianandfriends.uchicago.edu
5555 South Woodlawn Avenue
773.702.2150

Career Advancement
careeradvancement.uchicago.edu
Ida Noyes Hall, 2nd Floor
1212 East 59th Street
773.702.7040

Center for Leadership and Involvement
leadership.uchicago.edu
The Reynolds Club
5706 South University Avenue
773.702.8787

The College
college.uchicago.edu
Harper Memorial 141
1116 East 59th Street
773.702.8576

College Programming Office
cpo.uchicago.edu
Harper Memorial 152
1116 East 59th Street
773.702.8616

Fellowships, Research Opportunities, Grants, & Scholarships
frogs.uchicago.edu
Harper Memorial 2nd Floor
1116 East 59th Street
773.702.8611

Human Rights Program
humanrights.uchicago.edu
5720 South Woodlawn Avenue
773.834.0957

Institute of Politics
politics.uchicago.edu
5707 South Woodlawn Avenue
773.702.2392

Neighborhood Schools Program
nsp.uchicago.edu
5525 South Ellis Avenue
773.834.1935

Office of the Dean of Students in the College
college.uchicago.edu/academics-advising
Harper Memorial, 2nd Floor
1116 East 59th Street
773.702.8615

Oriental Institute
oi.uchicago.edu
1155 East 58th Street
773.702.9514 (general information)
773.702.9520 (museum office)

Revers Fund
reversfund.uchicago.edu
1116 East 59th Street
773.702.8616

Renaissance Society
renaisancesociety.org
Cobb Hall, 4th Floor
5811 South Ellis Avenue
773.702.8670

Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts
arts.uchicago.edu
915 East 60th Street
773.702.ARFTS (2787)

Smart Museum of Art
smartmuseum.uchicago.edu
5550 South Greenwood Avenue
773.702.0200

University Community Service Center
communityservice.uchicago.edu
5525 South Ellis Avenue
773.753.GIVE (4483)

The University of Chicago Library
lib.uchicago.edu
1100 East 57th Street (Regenstein)
773.702.4085

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SOCIAL INNOVATION AND COMMUNITY CHANGE

This industry explores the different ways that you can be a part of building stronger and more productive communities. With guests whose professional experience ranges from political consulting to community organizing and from research to state government, we are looking to explore the intersections between different strategies for social transformation. The alumni participants will help us explore creative and collaborative ways to structure careers around principles of social progress.

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CONSULTING

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For students interested in consulting (whether it is management, economic, healthcare, technology, etc.), this industry brings together experts from several consulting backgrounds to discuss the nature of the work, lifestyle, mobility, and valuable experiences for a future in the field. Topics will range from undergraduate preparation to career paths that stem from work in consulting. This is great for any student curious about consulting, regardless of major, year, or experience.

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Sue Michalowski has turned her education at the College in writing and communication into successful careers in both the corporate and non-profit worlds. From 1993-2000, she built the European business for Getty Images taking her region from $1 million to $60 million in sales and opening offices from Stockholm to Dubai. In 2000, after relocating from London to Arizona, she shifted her focus to the non-profit world. As development director for The Welcome to America Project, she established it as a nationally recognized, award-winning agency assisting thousands of refugees annually. After moving to Chicago in 2009, she became development director at homeless shelter BEDS Plus where she tripled donations and rebranded BEDS as a local icon. Since 2011, she has worked as a librarian and reading instructor specializing in students with dyslexia. She also chairs the board for GirlForward, a non-profit providing educational services to refugee teen girls in Chicago.

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EDUCATION, TEACHING, AND POLICY

SALON A-3, LOWER LEVEL

This industry features experts in education policy, teaching, educational administration, higher education and curriculum design. From those who work directly in the classroom to those who tackle major issues in education, all are working towards the same goal - to create a successful education landscape nationwide. Join this diverse group of successful University of Chicago alumni to learn more about the industry and to be inspired.

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With a career path that has included a variety of positions in both education and law, Ms. Nowaczewski serves as executive director and senior advisor for the Illinois State Charter School Commission which she founded in 2011 to help investigate charter proposal appeals from across the State of Illinois and support the evaluation and develop evaluation measures for the four charter schools for which the Commission is an authorizer. In addition to working as a litigation partner at Schiff Hardin LLP for many years, Ms. Nowaczewski has served the American Bar Association as director of litigation, Chicago Public Schools as director of recruitment for new schools. While earning her first of three degrees from the University as an English language and literature/letters undergraduate, Ms. Nowaczewski reported and reviewed films for The Chicago Maroon. While later completing her JD, she wrote for the University of Chicago Law Review.

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After serving for nine years as principal of Noble Street Charter High School, Bill Olsen returned to Hyde Park to act as senior director of the University of Chicago Urban Education Institute. He grew up in Montana, and while at the University of Chicago, he lived in Woodward Court, then above Powell’s Bookstore on 57th Street. He was also a resident assistant at Matthews House in Burton-Judson. He graduated from the College in 1985, and then taught for ten years in Chicago high schools. He strongly believes that graduates of the College interested in education should get involved in teaching, urban-education reform, and helping students develop their strengths and find meaning in their lives.

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Mr. Devendorf received his AB in English from the College in 1984 and returned in 2000 to begin PhD work in English. He earned his AM in English in 2004 and left the English Department ABD in 2012. As a graduate student, he spent four years as preceptor for the Master of Arts Program in the Humanities (MAPH) and four more years teaching Core humanities at the University of Chicago. He is currently the administrator for the University’s Department of English. He has an extensive background in education; he ran an alternative high school in Wicker Park in the early 1990s where he also taught English, earned an MA in Art History in 1995 from University of Illinois-Chicago, developed a home-schooling course in American Literature, tutored extensively, and ran a summer program for gifted high school students for Johns Hopkins University’s Center for Talented Youth.

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Mr. Hernandez is a senior research scientist in the Academic Research Centers at the National Opinion Research Center (NORC) at the University of Chicago. He graduated from the University with an AB in biology and psychology, AM in social sciences, and PhD in developmental psychology. His expertise and research background is in cognitive development, learning science, and education, as well as experimental design, mixed-methods research, assessment, and evaluation. At NORC, he conducts education-focused research and develops and evaluates educational programs, interventions, curricula and assessments in preschools and elementary schools. Recent projects include developing a PReK Spanish-English literacy and math formative assessment, evaluating the Minnesota Reading Corps program, developing a parent-directed early intervention program (Project ASPIRE), and systematic review of uses of technology to support early childhood education. He is a charter member of Morton Arboretum’s Education Advisory Committee.

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Ms. Letchinger has an extensive background in the non-profit, education, and arts fields having worked as an organizer and program director for the Jewish Community Centers of Chicago, managed a community orchestra and a summer music festival, and taught high school and college students in a variety of settings. Ms. Letchinger was the assistant director for student employment at the University of Chicago from 1985-1988 and then returned to Career Advancement as a career counselor for 15 more years once her five children were all in school. She has a bachelor’s degree in general studies in the humanities (now IS Hum) from the College and a master’s degree in English literature from the University of Sussex (Great Britain). She is currently the executive director of the Evanston In-School Music Association (EISMA), which brings music performance groups to Evanston public schools.

BRUNCH ROUNDTABLES

TAKING THE NEXT STEP 2015
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Mr. Yoo graduated from the College in 2014 with a degree in anthropology and biology. While in the College, he was involved with Health Leads, Habitat for Humanity, Sigma Chi, and research. He also worked part-time during his fourth year at Chicago Family Health Center (FQHC) as a member of the operations team. Currently, he is a first-year medical student at the Feinberg School of Medicine of Northwestern University and continues to stay active by getting involved in student government, curriculum review panel, the Northwestern University Alliance for International Development (NUAID), and free clinics.

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Ms. Akiyama completed a joint-degree program while at the University of Chicago: she received her AB in psychology in 2012 and her AM from the School of Social Service Administration in 2013. During her time at the College, she was on the varsity swim team, served as an orientation aide, and worked in the Office of Admissions. Ms. Akiyama now works at Lutheran Social Services of Illinois as a counselor and case manager. There, she works with the Project HOPE program which provides support to adolescents and young adults.

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Ms. Crigger graduated from the College in 1975 with a degree in anthropology. In 1991, she completed a joint PhD in anthropology and linguistics (focusing on eighth century vernacular Irish law) at the University of Chicago. In 1986, Ms. Crigger joined the staff of The Hastings Center, a private, non-profit, non-partisan organization devoted to examining ethical issues in medicine in the life sciences. She was appointed as the editor-in-chief of The Hastings Center Report in 1990. Ms. Crigger left The Hastings Center in 2003 to join the VA National Center for Ethics in Health Care and transitioned to her current position in 2007. Ms. Crigger lives in the far northern reaches of Rogers Park, but maintains a sentimental attachment to Hyde Park. She remains an active member of the University community.

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Ms. Daley graduated from the College in 1990 with a degree in political science and completed her PhD in 2005. She has more than 15 years of successful policy and survey research and data collection management experience with multi-modal survey projects. She plays a key role in directing all aspects of survey research at Abt SRBI, where she is vice president in family, workforce, and nutrition research and practice lead for labor and workforce survey research. Ms. Daley specializes in the application of qualitative methods for survey questionnaire design and data analysis across a variety of subject matters.

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Mr. Talley graduated from the College in 2013 with a degree in English and continued on to get his masters in teaching from the Urban Teacher Education Program (UTEP) in 2014. While on campus, he served as vice president of the Organization of Black Students, was a student intern at the 5710 Diversity Center, and was a recipient of the Mellon Mays Undergraduate Fellowship. Mr. Talley is now enjoying his first year of teaching third grade on the South Side of Chicago where he teaches all subjects. Additionally, Mr. Talley is involved in community organizing with the Black Youth Project 100, an activist member-based organization of black 18-35 year olds dedicated to creating justice and freedom for all black people through transformative leadership development, non-violent direct action organizing, advocacy, and education. In his spare time Mr. Talley enjoys reading and blogging about race, gender, and sexuality politics.

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ENTERTAINMENT AND CREATIVE ARTS

SALON A-1, LOWER LEVEL

Are you hoping to turn your passion for culture, creativity, and the arts into a career once you graduate? Arts and entertainment are exciting and varied industries with many opportunities to do what you love while making a living. Join our panel of professionals working in film, theater, arts administration, visual art, and music for discussion about how to translate your liberal arts education into a fulfilling career in these fascinating industries.

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Mr. Day graduated from the College in 1970 in social sciences. While in the College he was busy disrupting his studies by organizing/participating in protest activities and in his fourth year became vice president of Student Government. Having had enough of Chicago winters, he attended UC-Santa Barbara for a masters degree in sociology and then joined the foreign service. Within a few years he began a side career as an artist both as a painter and photographer. His first solo exhibition was in 1986. By the early 1990's he was exhibiting frequently and teaching photography at the Smithsonian. He left the foreign service in 1998 and has been a full time artist in Washington, DC since and mentors younger artists through a fellowship program. He exhibits frequently and his work is in many museum and private collections. He was the winner of the 2012 Leica Prize, among others.

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As executive vice president and producer of Feld Entertainment, Juliette Feld has dedicated her tenure to keeping the company focused on its core mission of providing unforgettable entertainment for families around the world. Ms. Feld joined the Feld Entertainment team in 2010 as director of strategic planning. She took on the title of producer in 2011 for Disney On Ice presents Treasure Trove and Disney On Ice presents Dare to Dream. In 2012 she became the first female producer in motor sports when she partnered with her father, Kenneth Feld, for multiple tours of Nuclear Cowboyz, a high-energy freestyle motocross production. In 2013, she worked with her father again to produce the company’s groundbreaking arena spectacular, Marvel Universe LIVE! She is also actively involved in the planning, production, and marketing for Feld Motor Sports, Monster Energy Supercross, and AMSOIL Arenacross.

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Mr. Michel was appointed the inaugural executive director of the Logan Center in January 2010. A 2008 Booth School graduate, and a 1992 graduate of the College with a bachelor’s in politics, economics, rhetoric, and law. Mr. Michel served as director of University Theater from 1992 to 1996, and oversaw the substantial growth of student engagement in the arts. Mr. Michel works closely with the deputy provost of the arts to support various arts’ initiatives. Mr. Michel also serves as board member of About Face Theatre, a mid-sized non-profit professional theater in Chicago. From 1995 to 2009, Mr. Michel served in several leadership roles to support the University’s efforts to improve the quality of student life and support student post-graduate success -- most recently as assistant vice-president for student life, and associate dean of the College.
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Dr. Prochaska is a clinical associate and hospitalist scholar postdoctoral fellow in the Department of Medicine at the University of Chicago. His current research is focused on inpatient blood transfusions and the development of a clinical trial evaluating symptom-based blood transfusions for hospitalized patients. Additionally, he is working on the development of disease specific clinical trial cohorts at the University as part of the Chicago Area Patient Centered Outcomes Research Network. Dr. Prochaska received his AB in the history, philosophy, social studies of science and medicine in 2004 from the College. Dr. Prochaska received his MD at Wright State Boonshoft School of Medicine and completed his internal medicine residency training at the University.

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Mr. Schlick graduated from the College in 2012 with a degree in biology and Spanish. While at the College, he was involved with varsity cross country and track, clinical sleep and metabolism research, and community volunteering. After graduation, Mr. Schlick worked for Epic in Madison, Wisconsin. He focused on providing technical support for client hospitals, along with writing reports for hospital attestation to government quality standards. In August 2013, Mr. Schlick returned to the University and matriculated at the Pritzker School of Medicine.

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Mr. Shaw graduated from the College in 2013 with a degree in biology and a minor in statistics. While in the College, he was an RA, a member of Peer Health Exchange, and also worked in a developmental biology lab. Currently, he works in a mucosal immunology on campus working on translational projects and clinical trials. A significant portion of his week is spent in the hospital enrolling patients into studies and collecting human samples during clinical procedures. Both his undergraduate education and research experiences on campus have contributed to his desire to become a physician scientist. He has been accepted and will attend a National Institutes of Health-funded Medical Scientist Training Program beginning this summer.

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Mr. Terry graduated from the College in the spring of 2014 with a degree in biological sciences, with honors and a specialization in cancer biology. He wrote his honors thesis on liver cancer under the guidance of Ms. Kay Macleod, PhD. During his undergraduate years, Mr. Terry was four-year letter winner on the baseball team serving as team captain his senior year, and he was an active member of the Omega Chapter of Psi Upsilon. Currently, Mr. Terry is enrolled in the University of Illinois at Chicago’s Medical Scientist Training Program where he is pursuing a joint MD/PhD. With the dual degree, Mr. Terry plans on having a career that consists of both patient care and research specifically focusing on oncology and cancer research.

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Mr. Potter earned an AB in music from the College in 1999, where he helped found a performance group for undergraduate composers. After founding and selling his own computer game development studio, he returned for an MBA from Chicago Booth in 2007. Since then, he has been working in the Los Angeles film industry as a composer and movie producer. He is married with three young children, and has recently returned to the Chicago area where he continues his music freelance work. His most recent project is a new musical entitled “Ghosts of Baghdad”, currently in the workshop phase.

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While studying economics at the University of Chicago, Mr. Zhang completed marketing and social media internships with Nickelodeon and MTV in New York. On campus, he was a member of Lambda Phi Epsilon and frequent contributor of the CUSA and KSO cultural shows. After graduation, he found himself attracted to the creative side of the business so he made the move to Los Angeles and began an internship with Perfect Storm Entertainment, the newly founded production company of director Justin Lin. After two terms, Mr. Zhang was brought on full time as the assistant to the business development executive. As the company grew, Mr. Zhang’s interests in Chinese films and language skills allowed him to transition to the newly formed China division. He is currently working under executive John Pierson to identify and develop feature projects for the Chinese market.
GOVERNMENT

SALON A-2, LOWER LEVEL

Barack Obama may be president, but he can't run the country on his own. The government panel and roundtables feature a select few of the many men and women employed in both local and federal governments, from those who staff America's diplomatic missions overseas to those who assist in regulating American energy policy to those who craft the policies that guide everyday life in our fair City of Chicago. Join this group of successful University of Chicago alumni working at all levels of government to find out more about building a career in service of your fellow citizens.

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Ms. Konieczny graduated from the College in 2000 with a degree in history. She was active in RSOs such as the UCDems and various environmental groups (and attempted crew for a quarter). Post-graduation, Ms. Konieczny worked as a policy analyst for an independent good-government advocacy group, a regional chamber of commerce, and the City of Chicago, which involved riding a snow plow. She went to law school at the University of Michigan after which she clerked for an appellate judge in DC and represented electric utilities and renewable energy developers at a major law firm. She now serves as program counsel to the US Department of Energy’s Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability where she advises on critical infrastructure protection and restoration, transmission development, and cyber security initiatives.

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Ms. Melendez graduated from the College in 2012 with a degree in biology and a specialization in endocrinology. At the University of Chicago, she was involved with her House (go Breckinridge!), the Student Alumni Committee, MODA, and SASA. She also studied abroad through the Human and Primate Evolution Program at the Center in Paris. After graduation, Ms. Melendez spent two years teaching high school biology and physics in Forestville, Maryland through Teach for America. This past fall, she began medical school at the University of Illinois at Chicago. There, she is a part of the Urban Medicine Program which allows her to continue giving back to under-served populations. In her spare time, Ms. Melendez enjoys catching up on sleep, trying new board games with her boyfriend (also an alumnus of the College), mentoring her former students, and serving as a co-chair of her class council.

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Mr. Pellicer graduated from the the College in 2013 with a degree in biological sciences and a minor in visual arts. As an undergraduate student, he studied abroad in Beijing, was actively involved in Peer Health Exchange leadership, and volunteered with the Outreach Department at Howard Brown Health Center. He also spent two summers doing ENT pathology research at Massachusetts General Hospital. After graduation, he worked as a project manager at Epic in Madison where he worked with UCLA to help thirteen of their hematology/oncology clinics in the greater LA area go live on Epic’s software last February. He is now a medical student at Northwestern University’s Feinberg School of Medicine, where he volunteers with Chicago Youth Programs and sings with the a cappella group, Docappella.

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Mr. DeHaan graduated from the College in 2012 with a degree in Biological Sciences. During his time at the College, he was a member of the football team and the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Upon graduation, Mr. DeHaan took a position at Epic Systems, specializing in implementing surgical and anesthesia software at academic medical centers. He began attending the Medical College of Wisconsin (MCW) in 2013. During his time at MCW, he has been heavily involved in clinical research with the Department of Surgery.

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Ms. Graber graduated from the College in 2011 with a degree in comparative human development. While at the University of Chicago, she sang with the Ransom Notes, danced on the Bhangra team, and volunteered with Health Leads. Her Metcalf internship with Horizon Hospice and Palliative Care was particularly formative for her career in medicine. After graduation, she worked for two years as an emergency department scribe before beginning medical school. She is currently in her second year of medical school at UIC, where as part of their Urban Medicine program she is working to establish a program training community health workers at the Chicago free clinic CommunityHealth. In the future, she sees herself working in an urban family medicine setting.

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Mr. Logli graduated from the College in 2013 with a degree in biology. While in the College, he was involved in research that looked at empathy in rats, was a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity, and played catcher for the Maroons’ varsity baseball team. Mr. Logli is currently a second-year medical student at the University of Illinois College of Medicine in Rockford with an interest in orthopedic surgery.

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HEALTHCARE

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The healthcare field is changing rapidly, and as the baby boomers age, the deficit of healthcare professionals continues to grow. You are interested in a career in healthcare, but where exactly in this diverse arena do you fit? The alumni participants encompass several different career paths that comprise the healthcare industry: clinical, research, business, and government policy. Their diverse backgrounds and experiences will help shape your thinking as you move forward towards a career in the health professions.

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JOURNALISM, PUBLISHING, AND MEDIA RELATIONS

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We are constantly consuming media. Whether it’s through traditional print mediums or through our slew of electronic gadgets, information is being fed to us 24/7. As technology turns us more towards the internet and social media as a means of receiving news and entertainment, the journalism, publishing, and media relations world is constantly changing to accommodate our new lifestyle routines and demands. There is no longer only writing for print, but writing for the web, for podcasts, for apps. Even books are no longer confined to page and ink. In this industry, leading practitioners from different sectors of the communications world will share their experiences with you about this fast-paced, diverse, and changing industry.

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RESEARCH SCIENCES

CONTINENTAL BALLROOM B, LOBBY LEVEL

Are you heavily interested in science and seeking a career in research? The research sciences industry features alumni from various background of both academic and private research. Our professionals have backgrounds ranging from astrophysics to cancer pathology here to answer your questions and give advice on the path towards a career in research. While they are mostly PhD driven, research happens in the private sector as well, and our experienced panelists will be able to talk to both areas of research. Students interested in a career in the sciences will greatly benefit from the wisdom our alumni have to share.

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