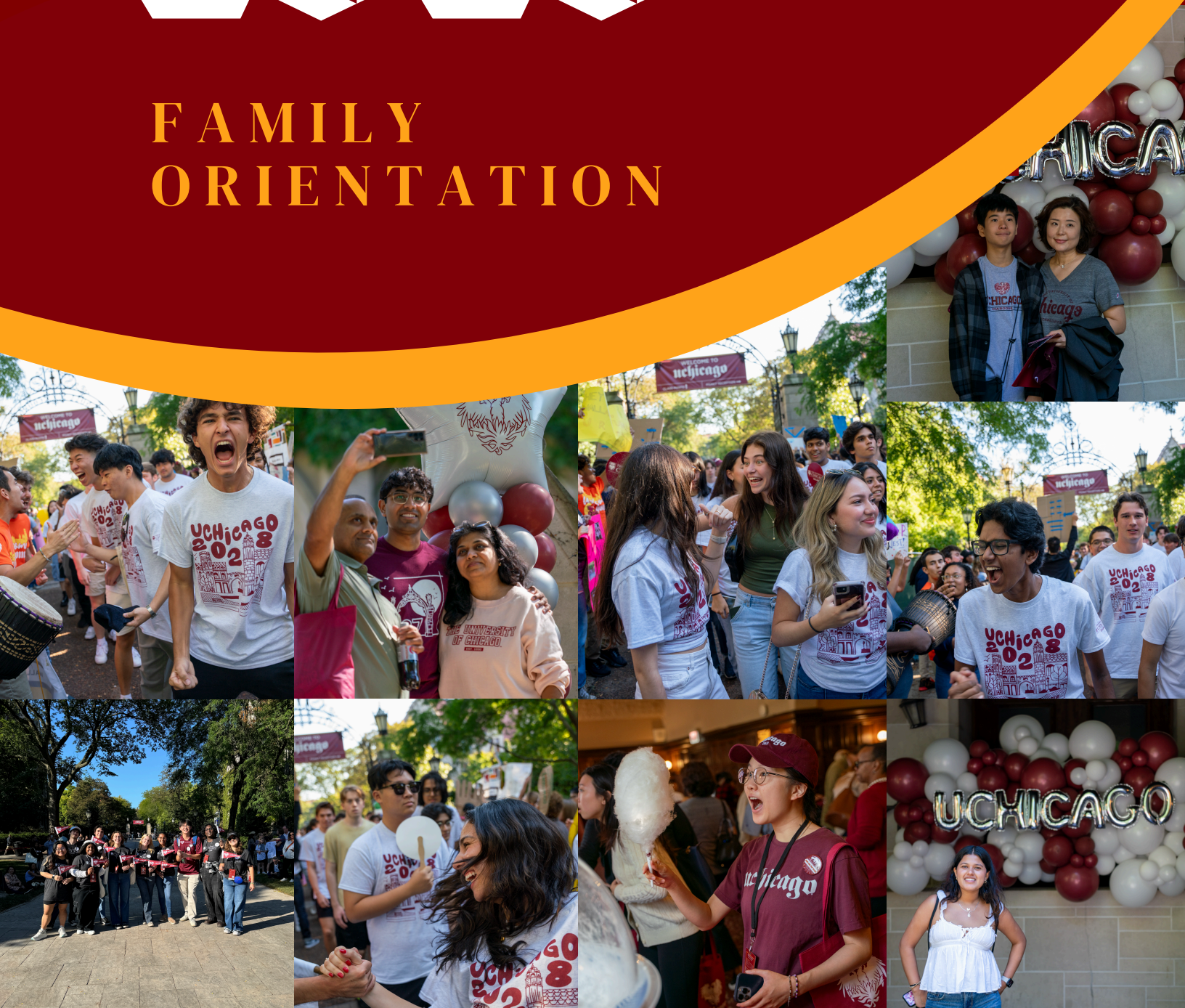


THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO | THE COLLEGE

2025

FAMILY ORIENTATION



FAMILY ORIENTATION 2025

WELCOME TO THE COLLEGE AT THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO!

On behalf of the College, we would like to welcome you as a new member of the University community. You are joining a growing community of students, alumni, family members, faculty, staff, and friends from around the world. We are excited that you are here!

College Orientation is coordinated by College Programming and Orientation (CPO). Our professional staff and student leaders will be on hand to assist you and your student in getting acclimated to campus. The CPO will continue to be a resource for you throughout your student's tenure at the University of Chicago. College Programming and Orientation is located in Suite 152 of Harper Memorial Library and can be contacted via phone or text at **773.702.8616** or emailed at **college-programming@uchicago.edu**. For questions about family engagement contact **collegefamily@uchicago.edu**.

ACCESSING MEALS IN DINING HALLS

Family members are invited to enjoy meals with their student at their student's assigned dining commons during opening days of O-Week (9/23 & 9/24). Students will access the dining commons with their UChicago ID Card and swipe in family members using pre-loaded guest swipes. New College students living on campus are provided eight guest swipes. New College students living off campus are provided four guest swipes. Additional guests, beyond the swipes provided, may pay the meal rate at the door. To manage high traffic volume, a limited menu will be available. To view your student's assigned dining commons, access the full orientation schedule.

ACCESSING SHUTTLES AND PARKING LOTS

A special orientation shuttle is operating for opening days of O-Week. Shuttles will be available on Tuesday, September 23 and on Wednesday, September 24 from **8:00AM - 7:00PM**. Family members and guests may also ride the UChicago UGO Shuttles around campus and Hyde Park with their student. Designated parking lots are open and free of charge.

To view the available parking lots and shuttle route, **visit the campus map on the back page.**

ACCESSING WI-FI

To connect to the wireless internet, select "uchicago-guest" from your list of available wireless networks and open your browser. The browser will redirect to the page "University of Chicago Wireless Access" with fields for CNet ID and Password.

For access, enter the following information:

Username: college-programming@uchicago.edu

Password: ux7di

ACCESSING THE FULL SCHEDULE

Search "UChicago Guides" in your app store or scan the QR code to download. Once open, search "College Orientation 2025", download and open to save the guide to the app for easy access to the official schedule of events.



SCAN TO
DOWNLOAD APP



PHOENIX FAMILY FORUM

An online community for College parents and families

Save the Date for Family Weekend!

Each fall, the College welcomes families, friends, and alumni to attend dozens of events on campus and around Hyde Park, Chicago. We hope you can join us for this year's Family Weekend happening

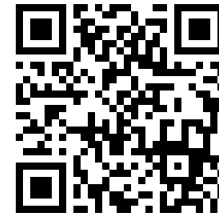
November 7-9!

Visit the Family Weekend website to learn more and register for the weekend.

familyweekend.uchicago.edu

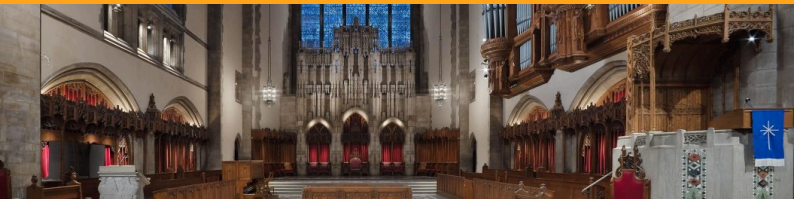
Join the Phoenix Family Forum!

The Phoenix Family Forum is an online community for parents and families to engage with the College. **Visit the website to learn more and register your account.**



Self-Guided Mini Tour

Here are a few of the most photogenic and memorable spots at UChicago! While these are only a few of the iconic places around campus, they are sure to make a great photo.

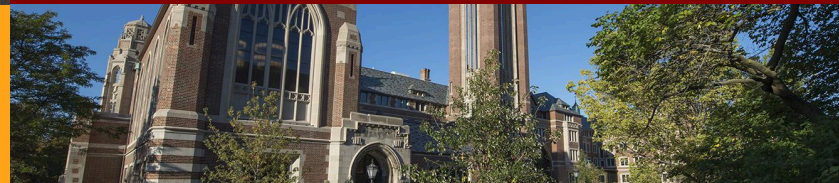


SAIEH HALL

Formerly the Chicago Theological Seminary, this building was renovated and named the Saieh Hall for Economics in 2014. It is currently home to the Becker Friedman Institute and the Department of Economics.

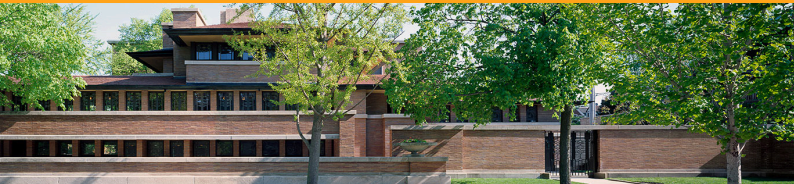
ROCKEFELLER MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Named for the University's founder, John D. Rockefeller, this building was built without the use of structural steel and features more than 100 stone sculptures and a 72-bell carillon, the second largest instrument in the world!



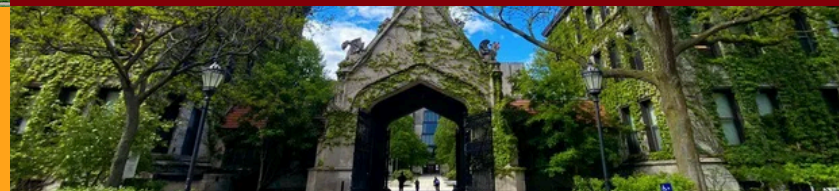
ROBIE HOUSE

Frank Lloyd Wright's world-famous Robie House has been a National Historic Landmark since 1963. This structure is often cited as the best example of the Prairie style.



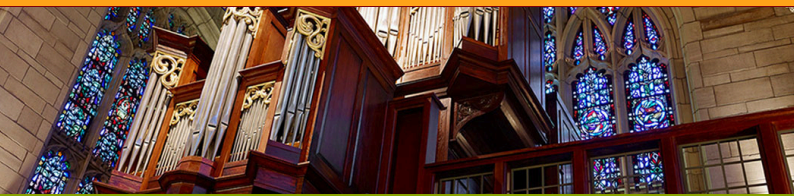
COBB GATE

This gate has stood at the entrance to the Main Quad for over 100 years. Said to represent admissions officers, the outward facing gargoyles on each side of the arch control access.



BOND CHAPEL

Bond Chapel is named for the founder of what would become the Divinity School at the University of Chicago. Its construction is seen as a jewel of the late Gothic revival by Coolidge and Hodgdon.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN

Refer to student's assigned time

Residence Life staff will be on-hand to help as your student gets moved into their new home!

DINING HALL HOURS

Breakfast: 7:00 - 10:00AM Lunch: 11:30AM - 2:30PM Dinner: 5:30 - 7:30PM

Family members are invited to enjoy meals with their student at their assigned dining commons during move-in days. Please refer to page two for additional information.

ORIENTATION CHECK-IN FOR NEW STUDENTS

10:00AM - 5:00PM Reynolds Club

All incoming students are required to check-in for orientation in Reynolds Club where they will pick up their UPass and Orientation gift bag! **Only students are allowed to wait in line.**

Families, join the College at the Family Coffee Station located in Hutchinson Courtyard for light refreshments, coffee, and information regarding family engagement.

RESIDENT DEANS' WELCOME RECEPTIONS

10:00AM - 12:00PM Residence Halls

The Resident Dean Receptions will take place on Tuesday, September 23, 2025, from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in each community's Dean's Lounge. During this time, students, parents, and guests will have the opportunity to connect with their Resident Dean while enjoying light refreshments.

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PRESENTATIONS

Various times Mandel Hall, Reynolds Club

For the most recent updates to Family Engagement Presentations, including times and session topics, please check the orientation app.

TRANSFER STUDENT WELCOME RECEPTION

4:30 - 6:00PM Rockefeller Chapel

The College is excited to welcome the newest cohort of transfer students to the University! Transfer students and families, please join us for the Transfer Student Welcome in Rockefeller Chapel with formal remarks from College staff. Following the remarks, head to Ida Noyes Hall Courtyard for a reception with additional College staff.



TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

OPEN HOUSES - DROP IN THROUGHOUT THE DAY

SMART MUSEUM OF ART - THEASTER GATE: UNTO THEE EXHIBIT

10:00AM - 4:30PM Smart Museum of Art, 5550 S. Greenwood Avenue

Take a break and visit the University of Chicago's art museum for Theaster Gates's first solo museum exhibition in his hometown of Chicago. Open Tuesday–Sunday, 10AM – 4:30PM.

INSTITUTE FOR CLIMATE AND SUSTAINABLE GROWTH - ICE CREAM SOCIAL

11:00AM - 3:00PM Ryerson Quad

Cool down after move-in with the Institute for Climate and Sustainable Growth Ice Cream Social! Join us for a sweet treat, meet our team, and explore student opportunities, including our new degree program.

CENTER FOR IDENTITY + INCLUSION OPEN HOUSE

12:00 - 3:00PM Center for Identity + Inclusion, 5710 S. Woodlawn Ave

New students and families are invited to stop by the Center for Identity + Inclusion, which is home to the Office of Multicultural Student Affairs, LGBTQ Student Life, and Student Support Services, to meet the team and tour the space. This is a great opportunity to learn more about their programs and resources, which are open/available to all students. Note: Families are welcome to schedule visits at any time during Orientation Week by emailing inclusion@uchicago.edu.

reSOURCE UCHICAGO THRIFT STORE HOURS

12:00 - 3:00PM Stuart Hall, Lower Level

reSOURCE, UChicago's student-run, nonprofit thrift store, is open for O-Week on Tuesday and Wednesday! Be the first to see our new collection of clothing in the basement of Stuart Hall.

CENTER FOR THE STUDY OF GENDER AND SEXUALITY OPEN HOUSE

1:00 - 5:00PM 5733 S. University Avenue

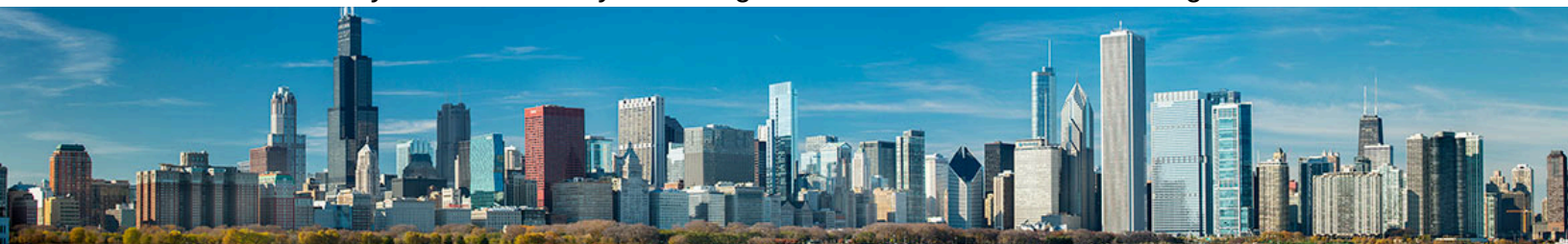
Come join the Center for the Study of Gender and Sexuality and the Center for the Study of Race, Politics and Culture for drop-in crafts and snacks! Take a breather from organizing your new room and check out our study space, meet current students, and enjoy tasty food.

STUDENT WELLNESS OPEN HOUSE

3:00 - 5:00PM Student Wellness Center, 840 E 59th Street

Stop by the Student Wellness Open House on September 23 from 3-5pm to familiarize yourself with the Student Wellness Center; learn about our free medical, mental health, and wellness services; meet our dedicated team or health experts and get your need-to-know questions answered; and learn about the University Sponsored Health Insurance Plan (U-SHIP).

End the day exploring the city of Chicago while your student is invited to an outdoor movie. Check out the Hyde Park and City of Chicago resources listed at visit.uchicago.edu.



WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

DINING HALL HOURS

Breakfast: 7:00 - 10:00AM **Lunch: 11:30AM - 2:30PM**

Family members are invited to enjoy meals with their student at their assigned dining commons during move-in days. Please refer to page two for additional information.

LUGGAGE CHECK

10:00AM - 7:00PM **Ida Noyes Hall**

Drop off luggage for the day at Luggage Check in Ida Noyes Hall. Orientation staff will be on hand to monitor and check-in luggage throughout the day. All luggage must be picked up by 7:00 PM.

ORIENTATION FAIR

10:00AM - 1:00PM **Ida Noyes Hall**

Head over to Ida Noyes Hall for the Orientation Fair! Representatives from campus support services will be there to distribute information and answer questions about the many services available to students throughout the year. Snacks, drinks, and giveaway items will be available as well as many photo opportunities!

FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PRESENTATIONS

10:30AM - 1:15PM **Max P. Cinema, Ida Noyes Hall**

For the most recent updates to Family Engagement Presentations, including times and session topics, please check the orientation app.

OPEN HOUSES - DROP IN THROUGHOUT THE DAY

EXPLORING THEATER AND PERFORMANCE STUDIES

11:00AM - 1:00PM **Theater West, Logan Center for the Arts**

Are you new to campus or excited to explore the vibrant arts community? Join us for an engaging introduction to the student-driven arts opportunities at TAPS. Meet faculty and staff who will guide you on how to major or minor in the program and share what to look forward to in the year ahead. This informal session will highlight TAPS' dance, devising, and theater work, while showcasing the diverse student organizations that make up the Performing Arts Roundtable.

COLLEGE ACADEMIC ADVISING

12:00 - 2:00PM **Alumni House, 5555 S. Woodlawn**

Join the College Academic Advising staff for a fun and casual gathering at their advising offices located at 5555 S. Woodlawn.

MUSIC PERFORMANCE MIDDAY MINGLE

12:00 - 2:00PM **Fulton Recital Hall, Goodspeed Hall, 4th floor**

Enjoy light refreshments with ensemble and program directors, staff, and students, while learning about the wealth of musical opportunities from the Department of Music's Performance Program.

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2025

OPENING CONVOCATION AND PROCESSION

Beginning at 3:30PM Harper Quadrangle

After **bidding your students farewell**, families will assemble in Harper Quadrangle while students join their peers at their assigned location for the College's formal welcome - Opening Convocation. This longstanding tradition includes the presentation of the Class of 2029 and entering transfer students, as well as an address about liberal arts education at the University delivered by Melina Hale, Dean of the College. Rockefeller Memorial Chapel and Ida Noyes Hall seating will open at 2:45 PM and **students must be seated by 3:15 PM.**

Seating in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel and Max Palevsky Cinema is for incoming students only. All guests will be directed to Family Viewing outside on Harper Quadrangle. Limited indoor seating is available at the locations listed below. Family viewing locations open at 2:45 PM.

- Harper Memorial Library 130 and 140
- Stuart Hall 101, 102, 104, and 105

CLASS PROCESSION

Immediately Following Opening Convocation Main Quadrangle


Following Opening Convocation, students will process out of Rockefeller Chapel, across the Main Quadrangle, to Hull Gate where members of the UChicago community welcome them. Families and guests are invited to line up along the procession route to cheer on the students! Students will proceed directly to their class photo and families are invited to join campus administrators at the closing Family Reception in Hutchinson Courtyard.

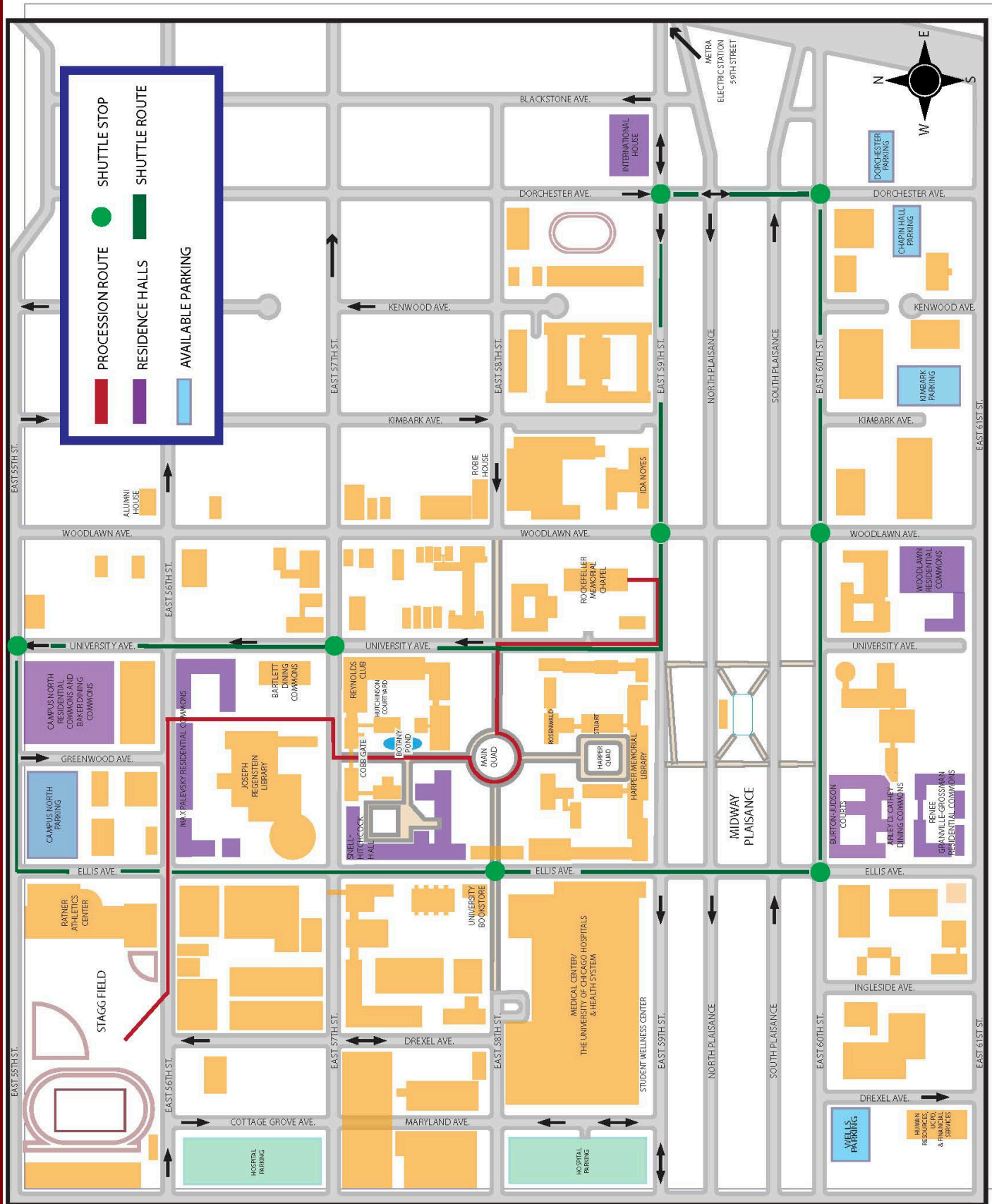
FAMILY RECEPTION

4:30 - 6:00PM Hutchinson Courtyard, Reynolds Club

Members of the administration, faculty, and staff will greet family members of new students during this reception hosted by the Dean of the College. Stop by for light hors d'oeuvres, drinks, desserts, and a photo in front of the UChicago ice sculpture before you depart campus!

CONVOCATION PROGRAM

Prelude	Tom Weisflog <i>University Organist</i>	 View the Alma Mater here
Welcome Remarks	Alumni Representative	
Presentation of the Class	James G. Nondorf <i>Vice President of Enrollment and Student Advancement and Dean of College Admissions and Financial Aid</i>	
President's Remarks	Paul Alivisatos, AB '81 <i>President of the University of Chicago</i>	
Dean's Remarks	Melina Hale, PhD '98 <i>Dean of the College and William Rainey Harper Professor in Organismal Biology and Anatomy</i>	
Alma Mater	Motet Choir <i>Directed by James Kallembach</i>	



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