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YOUR CAMPUS

Nothing beats going to school in the heart of a diverse and dynamic city like Chicago. It is a living, breathing liberal arts laboratory. The cultural options for UIC students are astounding: museums, concerts, theater and year-round festivals. The learning opportunities are unlimited: internships, research and alumni mentors. And the incredible food, beautiful beaches and parks, colorful neighborhoods and abundant community events guarantee you will never run out of things to do.
WHEN RICHARD CAVANAUGH TELLS YOU SOMETHING IS “MIND-BOGGLING,” JUST TAKE HIS WORD FOR IT. THIS IS COMING FROM A UIC PARTICLE PHYSICIST AT THE FERMI NATIONAL ACCELERATOR LABORATORY (FERMILAB) WHOSE CREDENTIALS INCLUDE MEMBERSHIP IN THE ELITE GLOBAL RESEARCH TEAM THAT DISCOVERED THE ELUSIVE HIGGS BOSON IN 2012. What Cavanaugh finds mind-boggling is the incredible potential of science and technology to unlock the mysteries of the universe. “We live in an amazing time when you or I are able to ask questions about the extremes of our existence”—for example, what an impossibly small particle like the Higgs boson can tell us about the origin and fate of the entire universe—“and we finally have the technology to begin answering those questions.” First-year UIC students in Cavanaugh’s Introduction to Physics class might find it equally mind-boggling that a scientist of his caliber, who routinely travels to Switzerland to work with the $10 billion Large Hadron Collider, is also their professor. Cavanaugh calls his dual appointment at Fermilab and LAS “a wonderful way to engage students with the nation’s best and leading research.”

THIS IS EXPLOSIVE.
**AMBASSADOR OF MATH**

**DANIELLE LEIBOWITZ** grew up in suburban Chicago playing backgammon, chess and other strategic math games with her father. To her, math has always been fascinating, even fun, but she knows she is in the minority. “THE INTIMIDATION FACTOR IS ONE OF THE BIGGEST REASONS I WANT TO TEACH MATH. I BELIEVE I CAN TAKE A SUBJECT THAT MOST PEOPLE FEAR, AND SHOW STUDENTS THAT THEY CAN EXCEL AT IT.” When Leibowitz came to UIC, she learned that for many students in struggling urban communities, the entire school day can feel like one big math class—alien and intimidating. Inspired by her professors and classmates, Leibowitz has chosen to devote herself to service through public education, helping underserved students see education as a powerful resource rather than a punishment. Leibowitz credits her newfound calling to the mission and culture of the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. “The whole idea of a liberal education is to gain exposure to a wider range of viewpoints. I am surrounded by so many different kinds of people doing so many amazing things.”

THIS IS INSPIRING.

**DOCTOR BIOTECH**

For **KEVIN BERLINER**, there were some big advantages to being a pre-med student in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences at UIC. “SOME PRE-MED PROGRAMS PUSH YOU DOWN A FUNNEL. EVERYONE TAKES THE SAME CLASSES AND THE SAME LABS, AND YOU JUST FORGE AHEAD WITH BLINDERS ON UNTIL GRADUATION. NOT LAS. THEY EXPANDED MY FIELD OF VISION, AND ENCOURAGED ME TO LOOK AT THE HEALTHCARE FIELD FROM EVERY ANGLE.” In a business class, Berliner learned about the consolidation of medical services into large hospitals, which sparked an interest in hospital administration. And in a physics class, he met Professor Siva Sivananthan, the man who mentored Berliner’s undergraduate research into a home-screening device for cancer patients. Professor Sivananthan was so impressed by Berliner’s energy and ingenuity that he hired the recent graduate to work at his biotech company. For Berliner, it is the perfect job between college and medical school. He has his hands in so many different projects—launching Professor Sivananthan’s solar energy foundation, managing research teams, mentoring Chicago high school students in robotics—that he feels like his future career options are wide open. “There are so many things I want to do in my life. The College of Liberal Arts and Sciences did a fantastic job of laying a foundation that prepares me for anything.”

THIS IS A GOOD START.
THE POET AT PLAY

Roger Reeves is a poet—a young, electric, emerging voice who has been published in top literary journals like Ploughshares and just received a prestigious 2013 Literature Fellowship in creative writing from the National Endowment for the Arts. Reeves feeds off the hard-working dedication and inquisitiveness of the LAS students who attend his undergraduate poetry workshop. “I tell them, whatever you’re obsessed with, that’s your material.” Reeves’s own obsessions: contemporary African American literature, running, hip-hop and every mind-blowing line of poetry ever written, from Sappho to Jay-Z. “To teach people to write, you teach them to love literature, to love poems. I tell my students, when you’re writing a poem, you’re in conversation with all the poets from the past. What do you want to say back to them? What do you want to say to the future?” Part of teaching poetry is teaching how to play, how to experiment with sounds, slice up literary samples and infuse personal experience to create something new and real and beautiful. Reeves sees tremendous creative potential in UIC students. “They can do things that we’ve never seen before and that the world needs right now.”

THIS IS CREATIVE.

THE GLOBAL MENTOR

Maria de los Angeles Torres is the director of the influential Latin American and Latino Studies Program within the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences. Born in Cuba, Torres came to America in the 1960s as part of Operation Pedro Pan, an airlift of Cuban children fleeing Fidel Castro’s Communist Revolution. Among the recurring themes of Torres’s acclaimed research and writing are the politics of exile and identity in Latino communities. With over a million Latinos in Chicago, it is fitting that UIC is home to one of the nation’s leading Latin American and Latino Studies programs. Torres, who is a frequent media commentator on Latin American and national politics, describes the undergraduate program as deeply interdisciplinary, drawing from courses in history, politics, economics, social psychology, archeology and the arts. By majoring in Latin American and Latino Studies, Torres says, UIC students acquire the kind of skills that graduate schools and businesses are looking for—problem-solving with a global perspective. That does not mean that UIC students ignore local issues. “Other universities have to encourage students to go out and engage with the community,” says Torres. “Through our students, we bring the community into the university.”

THIS IS POWER.
Peter Doran’s research station in Antarctica is located in the McMurdo Dry Valleys, the coldest and driest place on Earth. It is the closest a scientist can get to the hostile climate of Mars without hitching a ride on the Curiosity rover. “The Dry Valleys are one of the only places on Earth where almost nothing lives. It is where we can identify the extreme limits of life. That is important not only for investigating the origins of life on our planet, but on others, too.” When Doran and his team make a groundbreaking discovery—like 32 species of bacteria that have survived thousands of years in a briny pocket of water sealed below 50 feet of ice—the ripple effect spreads all the way to Mars, where extraterrestrial life may exist in similar extreme conditions. Back on Earth, Doran the explorer shares his excitement and insight with his first-year students in Earth and Environmental Sciences 101. “There are so many smart and curious young people in that room, and I can talk with them and tell them my side of the story.” That story includes the scientific consensus on human-induced climate change and its worrisome implications. In August, he led a field course of UIC students to subarctic Canada, an “incredibly important environment” for understanding climate change on a global scale. Whether his students go on to become climatologists, or just concerned citizens, Doran wants them to learn from his experiences and their own.

**THIS IS CRITICAL.**
**THE SENATOR**

It says something about KENNETH THOMAS that when he chose a member of Congress to represent during a legislative simulation for a political science class, he picked Representative Joe Wilson, the Republican congressman from South Carolina. “I just thought it would be interesting to be on the other side and incite the Democrats a little bit,” says Thomas, a politically-active UIC senior with his sights set on the U.S. Senate. Thomas is not disillusioned by the mudslinging and political gridlock in Congress. “I think it’s still a place where change can be affected in ways that can benefit our society, particularly for the poor and underrepresented.” He is the twice-elected student trustee to the University of Illinois Board of Trustees as UIC’s student representative. It is a job he takes seriously, being the voice and vote of 27,000 students from incredibly diverse backgrounds. **LAST YEAR THOMAS TOOK THE FIGHT FOR AFFORDABLE EDUCATION TO WASHINGTON D.C., WHERE HE MET WITH CONGRESSIONAL LEADERS TO ARGUE THE IMPORTANCE OF PELL GRANTS.** Back on campus, he talks about his colleagues in student government. “We have very different opinions on a lot of political issues, but we all have an open mind and we are willing to listen, so I know we will be lifelong friends.”

**THE REAL DEAL.**

**ONE MAJOR.**

**TWO MINORS.**

**ENDLESS CURiosity.**

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**THE EXPLORER**

KINJAL DAVE has a message for the undecided in all of us: *Do not be scared to be undeclared. Freshmen, you don’t need to know what you want to do with your life. You don’t even have to declare a major until the end of your sophomore year. In the meantime, let your passions be your guide.* “That’s the advantage of a college like LAS, having this huge selection of classes and being able to take virtually whatever you want.” Dave was always fascinated by the law, so she picked her minor LAS, law and Society. It was during a required macroeconomics course that she fell in love (yes, it happens) with Economics, her recently-declared major. A second minor in Spanish? Sí ¿cómo no? Dave thinks LAS offers the perfect combination of freedom and support. For example, a lot of universities only offer research opportunities to science majors. “I saw that in LAS, I could do research with professors from different fields. It is nice to have that option.” But what really impresses Dave is that students are given a voice at LAS. “The administration wants to hear our opinions and we are a part of how the university works.” Dave recently helped out during new student orientation, answering questions from incoming freshman and their parents. Her sage junior advice: stay focused and keep on exploring.

**THIS IS EXCITING.**
The new $104 million Advanced Chemical Technology Building (ACTB) is designed from the ground up to be an engine of collaboration and innovation. The stunning glass-curtain structure, which will be completed in 2014, will be the new home for next-generation chemistry, physics and biological sciences laboratories. Inside the ACTB, LAS students and scholars will collaborate on lifesaving drugs, clean energy, and neuroscience research to better understand learning and memory functions. From its sustainable design to its potential for world-changing discovery, the ACTB represents the future of UIC and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences.

**OUTSMARTING HIV**

Prezista is one of the world’s most effective AIDS drugs and it was created through a groundbreaking research collaboration between former UIC Professor Arun Ghosh, the National Institutes of Health and the National Cancer Institute. Drug resistance has always been one of the biggest obstacles to HIV therapy. When Prezista hit the market in 2006, it proved to be one of the few antiretroviral treatments that could keep pace with the rapidly mutating HIV virus. Even better, the company that licenses Prezista has worked hard to make the life-saving drug affordable in developing countries, particularly sub-Saharan Africa.

**THE SCIENCE OF LEARNING**

The Learning Sciences Research Institute (LSRI) at UIC is impacting the way that schools teach and students learn. LSRI brings together scholars from the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences and other UIC colleges to develop more effective teaching and learning methods through evidence-based research. LSRI has millions of dollars in research grants, including a grant from the U.S. Department of Education for a five-year study to improve reading comprehension in grades six through 12. LSRI opened its brand-new campus facility in 2012, where undergraduates can work alongside graduate students and faculty to design the classrooms and curricula of tomorrow.

**TWAIN, STEINBECK, URREA**

Mexican-American novelist Luis Urrea, who is a writing professor at LAS, is now included among the world’s greatest authors. Urrea’s most recent book, *Into the Beautiful North*, was chosen as one of three new titles for the 2013-14 Big Read Program sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts. His bestselling novel joins classic works by F. Scott Fitzgerald, Ernest Hemingway and Willa Cather in NEA-sponsored community reading programs across the country.
LAS brings the world to you. Look at the GLOBAL LEARNING COMMUNITY CAMPUS CERTIFICATE. In small seminars, you and a diverse cohort of classmates will engage with critical global issues like immigration/migration, food scarcity, human rights abuses and the future of the global economy. Then you will get to share your new insights through social media collaborations and group presentations.

We believe in STUDY ABROAD. That’s why scholarships and financial aid are available to ensure that students can afford this life-changing opportunity to live and learn in another language and culture. Go abroad for a semester, a year or a short-term summer immersion. For example, LAS students spent July in Argentina studying literature, Spanish and politics with an LAS professor.

Every LAS major can be enriched with a MINOR IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES. Through this intensive program, you’ll understand the transformative effect of globalization on the economy, the environment, politics and popular culture.

Study 14 different world languages and then chat with native speakers and fellow newbies at the LANGUAGE AND CULTURE LEARNING CENTER, where you can Skype with students in Germany; watch movies in Spanish, Japanese or Polish; and eat goodies from around the world.

FULL-TIME ACADEMIC ADVISORS From freshman orientation until graduation, you will be paired with a professional advisor in the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences Academic Advising Center. These are full-time academic advisors, which means that their only job is to help you. Your advisor knows the College inside and out and will remain your advisor throughout your time at UIC. Whenever you need help, you know where to turn. Your advisor will match your interests with the best major, find a tutor for a tough class and keep you on track to graduate.

TWO-DAY ORIENTATION Weeks before the first day of classes, you will spend a night on campus as part of our acclaimed orientation. Not only will you meet lots of fellow freshmen and get a sweet new photo ID, but you will sit down with an academic advisor to plan and register for the first semester. You’ll go home with a solid feel for campus, a dozen new friends and the excitement of knowing that you are in the right place.

TAKE A PROFESSOR TO LUNCH You and your classmates can sign up for a free lunch with any of your professors through the popular TAPL program. Talk about whatever you want: internship and career options in your field, research opportunities at LAS, or last night’s basketball game. We buy lunch; you make an important connection.
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- Asian American Studies
- Asian Studies
- Biological Sciences
- Biochemistry
- Chemistry
- Classical Studies
- Communication
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- Earth and Environmental Sciences
- Economics
- English
- French and Francophone Studies
- Gender and Women's Studies
- Geography
- Germanic Studies
- German with Business Minor
- History
- Human Capital and Labor Markets
- International Studies
- Italian and Italian American Studies
- Jewish Studies
- Latin American and Latino Studies
- Law and Society
- Mathematics
- Mathematics and Computer Science
- Moving Image Arts
- Neuroscience
- Philosophy
- Physics
- Polish
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Russian
- Sociology
- Spanish
- Spanish-Economics
- Statistics and Operations Research

**LANGUAGES**

- Arabic
- Chinese
- French
- German
- Greek
- Hebrew
- Italian
- Japanese
- Latin
- Lithuanian
- Polish
- Portuguese
- Russian
- Spanish

**SECONDARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS**

- Teaching of Chemistry
- Teaching of English
- Teaching of French
- Teaching of German
- Teaching of History
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Earn college credit and gain invaluable real-world experience through the LAS Internship Program. LAS students are interns at Second City, the U.S. Department of Justice, the Field Museum, the Chicago Tribune and major corporations and non-profits across Chicagoland.

www.uic.edu/las/students/internships

**THIS IS LAS—COME AND SEE.**
Drop in for a campus tour or attend one of our UIC Preview Days held throughout the fall. Meet members of the Dean’s office, talk to current students and get a taste of life at LAS.

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*MEAN ACT: 23.8*
*AVERAGE CLASS RANK: TOP 22%*
*NEW FRESHMEN: 2,202*
*TRANSFER STUDENTS: 517*
*40% MALE*
*60% FEMALE*
*36% WHITE*
*24% ASIAN*
*25% LATINO*
*9% BLACK OR AFRICAN AMERICAN*

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