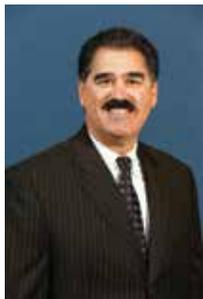




CHAMPIONS

CLUB



A MESSAGE FROM JIM SCHMIDT, DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS

We challenge our student-athletes to be champions academically, athletically, and in the community. The goal of UIC Athletics is to provide these outstanding young people with the best resources and facilities possible. A gift to the UIC Champions Club increases their opportunities to excel and make us all proud. Thank you for your loyal support of the Flames through the Champions Club—**YOU ARE HELPING US BUILD CHAMPIONS.**

A photograph of Steve McClain, UIC Men's Basketball Head Coach, wearing a dark suit and red tie, pointing his right hand forward. The background is a stylized graphic of orange and yellow flames.

“Supporting the UIC Champions Club is a way to show pride for the traditions of UIC and give today’s student-athletes the chance to compete for championships. With your support, we WILL win championships . . . ” —Steve McClain, UIC Men’s Basketball Head Coach

GIVE TO THE CHAMPIONS CLUB

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Swimmer **Anne Jacobsen** graduated in May and was nominated by the Horizon League for the NCAA Woman of the Year Award.



Senior volleyball standout **Stephene Yancy** was one of 36 collegiate players to train and compete with USA Volleyball this summer.

CHAMPIONS

***IN THE CLASSROOM
IN COMPETITION
IN LIFE***

MAKE A GIFT. MAKE A DIFFERENCE. BUILD CHAMPIONS.

UIC CHAMPIONS CLUB

The UIC Champions Club is the fundraising entity of UIC Athletics. By donating to the Champions Club, you will help provide Flames student-athletes with the best resources to achieve success both academically and athletically.

UIC Athletics' ultimate goal is to fully fund scholarships for all of its student-athletes. Currently, only 57 percent of the Flames student-athletes receive scholarship aid. To be fully funded, UIC Athletics needs an additional \$1 million annually.

YOUR GIFT

You can direct your gift to assist with general scholarship support or as an unrestricted gift to help in the areas of greatest need.

You can also designate your gift to directly benefit either scholarships or operational support for any of UIC Athletics' sport programs.

You determine where your gift will make an impact. You determine how you want to help build champions!

UIC LETTERMEN'S CLUB

The UIC Lettermen's Club (formerly the UIC Athletic Alumni Club) is composed of former Flames student-athletes and coaches who want to continue their association and impact on UIC Athletics.

The UIC Lettermen's Club has a strong association with the Champions Club in supporting UIC Athletics. Former student-athletes that make a donation to the Champions Club can now have their annual membership fee (\$30) for the Lettermen's Club allocated from their gift.



UIC had two student-athletes selected in the 2015 Major League Baseball Draft: **Ryan Hinchley** by the Chicago White Sox and **Jeff Boehm** by the Los Angeles Angels.



WHY DONATE TO THE UIC CHAMPIONS CLUB?

Support the University

UIC Athletics is a visible marketing tool that promotes UIC locally and nationally. Your support will help Flames student-athletes proudly represent UIC.

Build a Stronger Athletics Program

Your contributions assist in the development of an athletics program that rises to the top of the Horizon League and regularly reaches NCAA Championship competitions.

Promote Education

Your support enables talented student-athletes to earn a college degree and achieve success both academically and athletically.

Increase Flames Pride throughout Chicagoland

Supporting the Champions Club ensures a vibrant athletic program that provides opportunity, access, entertainment, and enjoyment for the community.

DONOR APPRECIATION

In gratitude for their support and generosity, Champions Club donors:

- Impact the lives of Flames student-athletes and help BUILD CHAMPIONS
- Receive ticket priority for postseason tournaments
- Receive special communications, including the Red Alert e-newsletter
- Receive online recognition
- Receive exclusive invitations and discounts
- Tax deduction

WHAT IMPACT DOES MY GIFT HAVE?

\$41,264

cost of an annual out-of-state scholarship (tuition, housing, books and fees, and meal plan) for a Flames student-athlete.

\$29,706

cost of an annual Illinois-resident scholarship (tuition, housing, books and fees, and meal plan) for a Flames student-athlete.

\$988,064

spent annually on team travel

\$402,954

spent annually on uniforms and equipment



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CHAMPIONS IN THE CLASSROOM

3.08 Overall departmental grade point average in spring 2015—the highest in the history of UIC Athletics

82 % Graduation rate for UIC student-athletes—significantly higher than their peers in the general student body

178 student-athletes on the academic honor roll in spring 2015—nearly 58 percent of all student-athletes

10 teams surpassing a 3.0 GPA in spring 2015

18 out of 20 teams having a GPA surpassing 2.85 in spring 2015

37 student-athletes earning a perfect 4.0 GPA in spring 2015

CHAMPIONS IN THE COMMUNITY

UIC Athletics values its opportunities to serve the community and have a positive influence on Chicagoland. The donation of their time and talents provides UIC student-athletes with educational growth and experiences that develop future leaders.

- Last year, over 750 community-service hours were completed by UIC student-athletes at more than two dozen community service events.
- UIC men's tennis player Mitch Granger founded SPARK (Students Performing Acts of Random Kindness) in November 2014 to help feed the homeless population in Chicago. Starting with an initial 10 volunteers, SPARK has quadrupled in size and has fed more than 1,000 people and clothed more than 200 during its first year.

CHAMPIONSHIP LEGACY

Since 1947, student-athletes have competed as Chicago Illini, Chikas, or Flames. Their dedication and efforts have showcased the institution and brought proud acclaim to Chicago as they have produced:

87 Conference Championships

57 NCAA Championship Berths

2 National Championships

6 Olympians

BY SUPPORTING THE UIC CHAMPIONS CLUB, YOU ARE PROMOTING A GREAT UNIVERSITY!

“I know firsthand the time and effort our student-athletes put into their sports and in the classroom, and I know firsthand when they are successful, how the pride and enthusiasm from the entire community grows with their success exponentially.”—UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis

UIC is the largest university in Chicago, and 10 percent of all adults in Chicago with a college degree are UIC graduates. On a daily basis, the Flames student-athletes represent the university in the highest manner and bring positive attention to the school and the community. Excellence today creates leaders for tomorrow.

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