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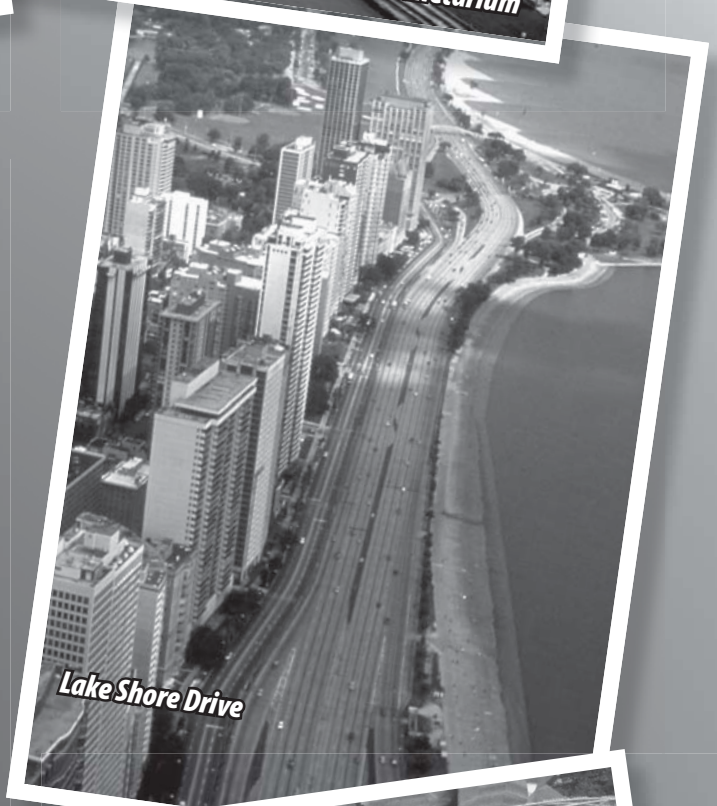
Adler Planetarium

CHICAGO - MY KIND OF TOWN

As a student at the University of Illinois at Chicago, you will find that there is no better place to begin your education than in the nation's third-largest city. Whether you are looking to get ahead professionally with numerous internships and networking opportunities with any of the city's major corporations, or mixing in socially with an endless list of things to see and do, Chicago is the place to be.

The city offers 40 museums, 15 miles of bathing beaches, 11 professional sports franchises, over 6,000 restaurants tucked into its 77 different neighborhoods and a nightlife that will keep you going until daylight. So whatever your pleasure – work or play – it is all easily found in UIC's backyard.

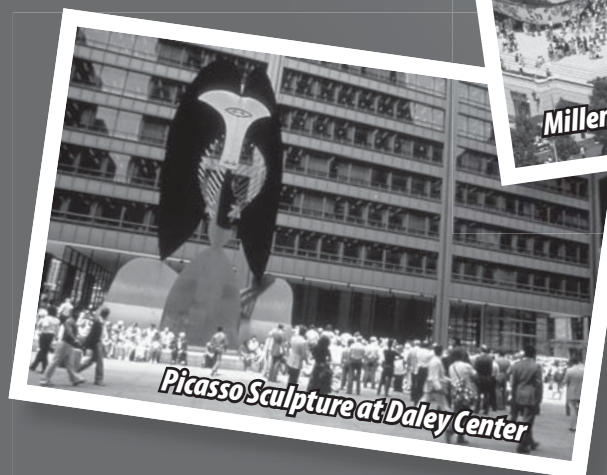
Chicago helps the university go beyond its campus perimeters and extend into everything this great city has to offer, making UIC an unbeatable choice in an unbeatable city.



Lake Shore Drive



Millennium Park



Picasso Sculpture at Daley Center

A GREAT UNIVERSITY IN A GREAT CITY



“By bringing an elite research faculty to an urban mission, UIC forges an identity that aligns it with the other leading universities but makes it different. In the heart of the city, UIC offers extraordinary opportunity to all who seek learning in an intense research environment. It is urban and elite; it is elite but not exclusionary; it joins access with excellence.”

—**Sylvia Manning, Chancellor Emeritus**

In the midst of the nation's third-largest city, you will find a bustling university that truly reflects the area which surrounds it. Located just one mile west of the downtown area, the University of Illinois at Chicago is the largest university in the city with an enrollment of 25,000 students and annual research expenditures of over \$290 million.

Formed in 1982 through the consolidation of the UIC Medical Center and the University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, UIC features a 240-acre campus with over 100 buildings, housing 15 colleges which offer 74 bachelor's, 77 master's and 60 doctoral degree programs.

UIC is home to one of the nation's largest medical schools, touting six health science colleges: Applied Health Sciences, Dentistry, Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy and Public Health. UIC has been designated a Research I university and ranks among the top 50 out of more than 650 national universities in federal research funding.

UIC is a place that challenges its students to be their best by providing them with cutting-edge academic programs, award-winning faculty and the finest research and academic facilities.

The campus provides a melting pot of interactions and experiences. A variety of students of varying races and backgrounds call UIC home, giving students the opportunity to expand their horizons amidst a diverse and vibrant atmosphere.

With the city of Chicago as the backyard of it all, its Great Cities Commitment is a hallmark of UIC.

The Great Cities Commitment engages university faculty and staff in numerous programs with community, corporate, government and civic partners to improve the quality of life in Chicago and other metropolitan areas around the world.

At UIC, the world is at your fingertips. This university will challenge you to be your best, but you will find the limits of what you can achieve to be endless with the access to excellence that UIC provides.

DID YOU KNOW?

* *An estimated one in 10 Chicagoans with a college degree is a UIC alumnus.*

* *Approximately one in six Illinois doctors is a graduate of the UIC College of Medicine, the nation's largest medical school.*

* *One in three Illinois pharmacists is a graduate of our College of Pharmacy.*

* *More than one third of the state's dentists are graduates of UIC's College of Dentistry.*

* *UIC's College of Education is the primary supplier of new teachers for the Chicago Public School system.*

UIC QUICK FACTS

Type of Institution

Comprehensive, public,
Research I university

Location

One mile west of downtown
Chicago

Degrees Offered

74 Bachelor's
77 Master's
60 Doctoral

Average Class Size: 31

Student-Faculty Ratio: 13:1

Campus Size:

100 buildings on 240 acres

Undergraduate Colleges

Applied Health Sciences
Architecture & the Arts
Business Administration
Education
Engineering
Honors
Liberal Arts & Sciences
Nursing
Jane Addams College of Social
Work

Graduate & Professional Colleges

Dentistry
Medicine
Pharmacy
Public Health
Urban Planning and Public Affairs
Graduate College

UIC CAMPUS HOUSING - IN THE MIDDLE OF IT ALL

With 10 residence halls scattered throughout the entire UIC campus community, campus housing is a university entity on the rise.

Housing nearly 4,000 students, the residences available are situated on some of the finest real estate in Chicago.

Minutes from downtown, Lake Michigan and the museum campus, the dormitories at UIC are a refreshing concept from the traditional high-rise facilities developed at many institutions.

James J. Stukel Towers is the latest crown jewel in campus housing and opened its doors in the Fall of 2007.

The Towers provide four towers of different heights to accommodate 740 undergraduate students. Each floor in the building has 30 residents, living in four-, five-, and eight-person suites consisting of single rooms, double rooms, bathrooms & living rooms. Half of the students living in the Towers will have single rooms.

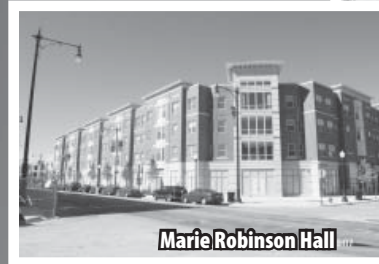
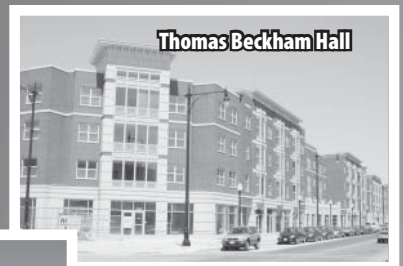
The strong community development residence life model is intended to provide coordination and support for a number of academic-related programs and living areas, with each two-floor community having a two-story common-area lounge and adjacent study lounge, and each of the Towers offering a penthouse lounge/piano room.

The building also provides a full-service dining hall for residents, a snack bar/convenience store, student kitchens in common areas, computer labs, meeting & seminar rooms, student organization offices, and a 150-seat auditorium for special events.

Stukel Towers is just one of many new residence facilities to open on the UIC campus in the last five years. A component of the university's south campus expansion, Marie Robinson and Thomas Beckham Halls opened in 2003. The units house more than 750 students who inhabit spacious, apartment-style dorms, equipped with kitchens and private bathrooms.

Across the east campus at the corner of Harrison and Halsted Streets is the Courtyard Residence Hall, along with Commons West, North and South. Built in 1988, these four halls house nearly 1,300 students. The Courtyard houses students in clusters, typically three doubles and two single rooms sharing a common bathroom, while the remainder of the halls offer a variety of living options.

Every hall has a variety of lounges, meeting rooms, laundry facilities and spots for social and recreational activities. The convenient link to the campus unions allows for easy access to dining halls, bookstores and more.



STUDENT-ATHLETE SUCCESS

ACADEMIC RESOURCES

While the challenges to the students at the University of Illinois at Chicago are often great, the campus provides vast resources to help students find the solutions to any roadblocks they may encounter to facilitate success both in and out of the classroom.



Andrea Gizewski (right with head coach Paul Moniak) was the Women's Swimming and Diving Student-Athlete of the Year for 2007-08

UIC STUDENTS AND FACULTY AS ONE

UIC students and faculty work together with a low student-to-teacher ratio, allowing for more opportunity for interaction between professors and students, building early relationships that foster academic success.

The university continues to attract top national scholars to its strong faculty. UIC's faculty have been recognized with many prestigious awards, including the Alfred P. Sloan Foundation Fellowship, Fulbright Distinguished Professorship, Guggenheim Foundation grant, National Science Foundation's CAREER grant, Jonas Salk Lifetime Achievement Award, Society of Women Engineers' Achievement Award and the United States Capitol Historical Society's Freedom Award.

UIC students win major national competitive awards, including a Rhodes Scholarship, Gates-Cambridge Scholarships, Goldwater Scholarships, Fulbright Fellowships and Harry S. Truman Scholarships, among others.

UIC is a member of three Regional Centers for Excellence designated in September 2003 by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as part of the federal government's response to 9/11.

The RCEs research new diagnostics, therapeutics and vaccines for potential bioterrorist agents and emerging infectious diseases.

UIC is home to the world's most powerful magnet for imaging the human body. The 9.4-Tesla magnet – which has a magnetic field approximately 100,000 times stronger than Earth's – is used in a human scanning machine to study individual molecules as they support life.

Two faculty members in the College of Architecture and the Arts have won MacArthur Fellowships, also known as "genius grants".

UIC's Electronic Visualization Laboratory has created a virtual reality tool called PARIS – the Personal Augmented Reality Immersive System – that allows collaborating researchers anywhere to jointly move and fell a virtual object in real time.

UIC PROVIDES ACCESS TO EXCELLENCE

UIC offers its students many academic outlets to get help outside of the classroom, whether it is in instruction from a tutor or counselor, or a mountain of research materials that can be found in any of the school's libraries. UIC helps its students reach their goals.

Richard J. Daley Library & Library of Health Sciences

These two mainstays of the UIC library system house more than 1.8 million volumes. UIC also has separate libraries for mathematics, architecture, art and science.

Counseling Center

This center offers career counseling and testing for UIC students who are having trouble deciding which direction to set their careers.

Writing Center

This office provides guidance to students who need help with their writing assignments.

African-American Academic Network

With counseling workshops and tutoring, this network offers academic, social and motivational help to African-American students.

Latin American Recruitment & Educational Services (LARES)

This recruitment and retention program primarily serves Latino students with counseling workshops and tutoring.

PORT ACADEMIC CENTER - A "HOME BASE" FOR ACADEMIC SUPPORT

Time management is very important for a student-athlete. At the University of Illinois at Chicago, we recognize the unique demands of pursuing an academic degree and competing at the NCAA Division I level. Therefore, we offer the student-athlete a full-scale academic support program. At the heart of this program is the Port Academic Center.

The Port Academic Center is a great support service provided by the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics to help a student-athlete excel in the classroom and attain a bachelor's degree or other advanced degree. Services available within the center include advising, tutoring, scheduling assistance, eligibility monitoring, scholarship support and optional accommodations for individual and group study.

The Port Academic Center is conveniently located on the lower level of the Physical Education Building. The 5,000-square foot facility serves as headquarters for the academic support staff and features a large public area for individual study, three smaller rooms for tutoring or group study, personal computer workstations linked to laser jet printers, a conference room, a reception area and private offices for counseling sessions.

The Port Academic Center, with all of its resources, helps UIC meet the challenge of tightened NCAA academic requirements, providing a "home base" for the academic life of its student-athletes.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is my college advisor?

Students are provided with a list of advisors and their phone numbers to assist them in easily finding their advisor.

What is the academic reputation of UIC in the job world?

Academically, it is a Big Ten degree and on par with any of the top schools.

How will my major help me get a job?

Current information is provided to students on this matter. Students are then referred to the career placement office, which will answer any questions they might have regarding a particular career.

What do I do if I have a question about eligibility?

A one-on-one conference is initiated to go over questions regarding changing major, course selection and any other academic problems a student might have regarding effects on their eligibility.

PORT ACADEMIC CENTER SERVICES

Individual Study

The spacious and comfortable main study area is monitored from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Friday. Students can focus on their schoolwork without distractions of home or dorm life. Computers are available for student-athletes to use in the main study area.

Tutoring

Tutoring is available to student-athletes in nearly every subject area. The Athletic Department has an exceptionally qualified staff of tutors. Sessions are scheduled during convenient hours for the student and the tutor, and are held in the Center's small study rooms.

Study Groups

Student-athletes who wish to study together can reserve the small study rooms by checking with the receptionist outside the main study area.

Advising

Each student-athlete is required to meet with an academic advisor once each semester. In addition, advisors are available year-round to assist students with specific questions. Athletic Department advisors give special attention to NCAA degree and eligibility requirements when assisting student-athletes.

Scheduling Assistance

Center advisors have established relationships with faculty in many colleges and can intervene on the student's behalf when scheduling problems arise.

Scholarship Support

A \$1,000 scholarship is awarded each year to a student-athlete who has utilized the Center to significantly improve academic performance over the past year. Funding for this award is provided by the Port Endowment for Academic Excellence.

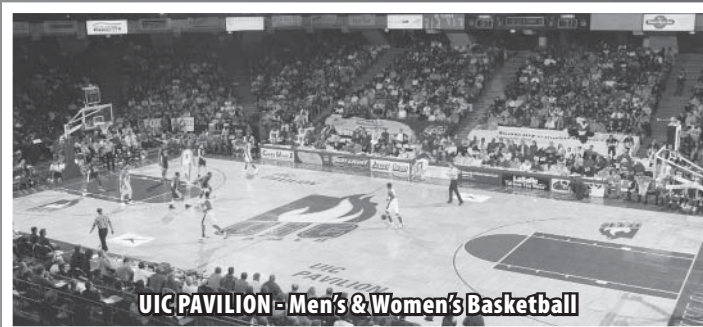


THE FIELD OF DREAMS

NOWHERE IS UIC'S COMMITMENT TO ATHLETIC EXCELLENCE MORE APPARENT THAN AT THE FACILITIES THAT HOUSE THE 18 MEN'S AND WOMEN'S VARSITY PROGRAMS -

Men's Sports - Baseball, Basketball, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Soccer, Swimming and Diving, Track and Field, Tennis.

Women's Sports - Softball, Basketball, Cross Country, Gymnastics, Volleyball, Swimming and Diving, Track and Field, Tennis.



UIC PAVILION - Men's & Women's Basketball



FLAMES FIELD - Soccer



FLAMES ATHLETIC CENTER - Volleyball



FLAMES FIELD - Softball



LES MILLER FIELD - Baseball



UIC NATATORIUM - Men's & Women's Swimming & Diving



FLAMES COURTS - Men's & Women's Tennis



PHYSICAL EDUCATION BUILDING - Men's & Women's Gymnastics

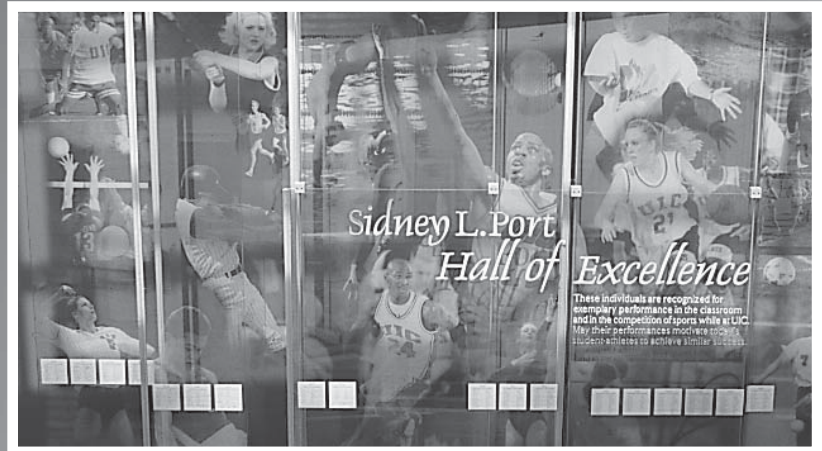
FLAMES ATHLETIC CENTER



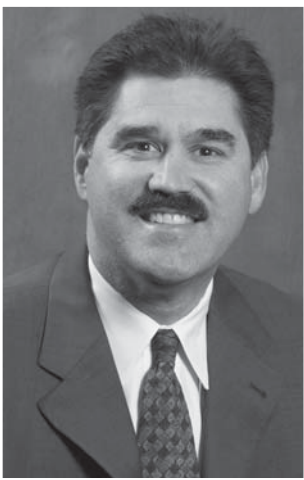
Christened on June 10, 1999, the Flames Athletic Center is the crown jewel in the University of Illinois at Chicago's effort to bring its 18 Division I men's and women's programs to national prominence.

The \$9.25-million, 50,000-square-foot venue is a state-of-the-art practice facility and features two NCAA regulation-sized basketball courts; a two-story comprehensive weight training and cardio-fitness center; an in-house sports medicine facility; locker rooms for student-athletes, with two just for men's and women's basketball; as well as offices for the basketball, and athletic administration staff.

Several individuals provided leadership to the center through their generous gifts, and each was recognized with selected facilities in the new center being named in their honor. Among those are Pat and Peggy Colvin, whose funding established The Colvin Communication and Administration Center; Arnold J. Hartoch, who helped fund the Arnold J. Hartoch Baseball Suite; William and Cathy Merchantz, whose gift funded the Lambert Basketball Center; and Sidney L. Port, whose contributions set up the Port Hall of Excellence.



DIRECTOR OF ATHLETICS - JIM SCHMIDT



The University of Illinois at Chicago Department of Intercollegiate Athletics has seen unprecedented growth and reached new heights both on the playing field and in the classroom under the leadership of Jim Schmidt.

Named UIC's fourth director of athletics on January 24, 1997, Schmidt quickly put together a department that could compete on a championship level, not only within the Horizon League, but on regional and national scenes as well.

In Schmidt's first 11 years, the Flames have captured more league titles than in the prior 15 years of NCAA Division I competition combined. Most recently, UIC garnered its second James J. McCafferty Trophy, the award honoring the most successful all-around athletic program in the Horizon League each season.

Schmidt has also watched 39 of his teams represent UIC in NCAA postseason competition during his tenure. Among those NCAA tournament appearances were first-ever bids for men's basketball, men's soccer, women's tennis and baseball.

New history has been made each season under Schmidt, with

the past year being no different.

Highlighting the 2007–08 season were many memorable moments:

- The UIC men's soccer team won the Horizon League tournament title and advanced to the NCAA Tournament Elite Eight for the first time in the program's history, wrapping up a campaign with a pair of Top 10 national rankings.
- The UIC baseball team won its seventh straight Horizon League regular season title and went on to capture its second straight league tournament crown for the program's fourth all-time bid to NCAA Regional Championship play.
- The UIC women's tennis team continued to dominate the Horizon League, capturing its 12th consecutive league title and making its 10th straight NCAA Tournament appearance while running its unbeaten streak against league foes to 103 and counting. The men's tennis team once again found itself on the brink of a title, taking runner-up honors in the Horizon League for the fourth straight season.
- The UIC men's basketball team, led by sharpshooting All-Horizon League First Team guard Josh Mayo, advanced to the Horizon League semifinals for the first time since 2004 after an 18-win campaign.

"At UIC, we are committed to excellence, both academically and athletically," Schmidt said. "We will create an atmosphere that will assist each student in attaining lifelong experiences that will help them be successful."

In keeping with that commitment, UIC has continued to enhance the academic performance of its student-athletes under Schmidt. Last season, UIC student-athletes achieved an overall grade point average of 2.85, with 129 reaching a 3.0 GPA or higher and 20 garnering a perfect 4.0 GPA. NCAA graduation reports list UIC Athletics' graduation rates at 89% for all athletes who exhaust their eligibility.

Under Schmidt's direction in 1994, UIC Athletics instituted a Life Skills program designed to enhance the total student-athlete, with activities designed to improve personal, social and career development. Team builders, community service projects and leadership opportunities through the Student Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC) were also implemented.

Schmidt has also played a key role in the local and national exposure of UIC Athletics. He recently inked News Talk 560 AM WIND to be the exclusive home of UIC Flames basketball on the radio while also teaming with Lakeshore Public Television to air live UIC men's basketball games.

He also helped expand radio coverage of UIC by reporters on ESPN Radio, WSCR, WGN, WBBM and other radio stations while increasing television exposure on ESPN, Comcast SportsNet Chicago and other local and national outlets.

With a strong desire to win conference titles and earn regular appearances in NCAA postseason action, Schmidt has brought numerous conference championships to the UIC campus to aid in the task. For the first time ever, the Flames hosted the league's men's basketball championship in 1999 and 2000. UIC has also hosted conference tournaments in softball, baseball, soccer, cross country, gymnastics, women's basketball, and swimming and diving, while the school also welcomed the NCAA softball regional championships to its field in 1999 and the NCAA softball super regional championships in 2005. An NCAA Men's Soccer Tournament First Round match was also played at Flames Field for the first time in the fall of 2006.

Flames administrative long-term plans are aggressive as well. In addition to major projects such as the first phase of the "Campaign for Athletics" that was implemented and the Flames Athletic Center fundraising

campaign that was completed under Schmidt, UIC's overall strategic plan outlines detailed improvements for scholarship funding; renovations to facilities, including the aquatics center; and improvements to indoor competition/practice facilities for baseball, softball, track, tennis and volleyball.

Construction of the stadium portion of the baseball and softball complexes and renovations to the soccer field are also high on the capital program's list of improvements.

While serving as associate athletic director, Schmidt helped develop a broad-based athletic program headed by strong men's and women's basketball programs and rapidly improving, nationally competitive Olympic sports teams. He also saw UIC's student-athletes gain national recognition for top academic achievements while the teams and coaches earned regional and national exposure through conference championships and NCAA postseason competition.

Schmidt assisted during the many historical decisions that took place over the last several years, including changes in conference affiliation leading up to UIC's current membership in the Horizon League. Schmidt recently finished up a term as chair of the league's men's basketball committee. He had previously served as the chair of the television and finance committees. Schmidt has also served on the championships/facilities committee, equity committee and executive council.

Schmidt began his collegiate athletics career in the fall of 1980, serving one year as the pitching coach at Western Illinois University while earning his master's degree in sports administration.

Arriving at UIC in 1982, Schmidt served as a pitching coach on the Flames' baseball staff before being named an assistant to the athletic director in charge of marketing/promotions and daily operations. From 1983–86, Schmidt handled all sports information duties as an assistant athletic director and assumed the title of associate athletic director in 1987.

A 1979 graduate of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Schmidt and his wife, Mary, reside in Naperville, Ill., with their two children, Billy and Eva.