About Convocation

EACH SPRING, THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO observes a longstanding tradition by gathering as a community to confer degrees to candidates who have completed their courses of study. We call this ceremony convocation, a term denoting ritual assembly, rather than commencement or graduation. For us, this is a moment to celebrate individual achievement as well as institutional continuity.

The first convocation was celebrated in January 1893. Since then, the University has held at least four convocations every year. Most convocations mark the end of an academic quarter; others are held to inaugurate University presidents or to commemorate significant institutional milestones. The convocation held on Saturday, June 13, 2015, will be the 523rd in the University’s 124 year history.

The 523rd Convocation ceremony, like the first one, brings the entire University together to witness the conferring of degrees to individuals across the divisions and schools. More than 17,000 candidates and guests will share in this festive occasion. At other ceremonies held by the divisions and schools, degree candidates will be honored individually through the presentation of diplomas or hoods.

Within this booklet you will find a schedule of the times and locations for the many ceremonies and events celebrating convocation. You will also find other helpful information you can use as you plan your visit to campus. Please keep this booklet with you as convocation weekend approaches and visit convocation.uchicago.edu for the most current information and weather-related alerts (if necessary).

This promises to be an exciting and memorable day for graduating students. We look forward to welcoming family and friends to celebrate in their achievement.
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**Convocation Overview**

**THE CONVOCA TION ADDRESS**

By tradition, the address is given by a member of the faculty of the University.

**SHULAMIT RAN**, winner of the 1991 Pulitzer Prize in composition, is the Andrew MacLeish Distinguished Service Professor in the Department of Music and Artistic Director of Contempo. Her catalogue of compositions includes symphonic music, opera, and chamber and solo works. She served as Composer-in-Residence with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra and the Lyric Opera of Chicago, and is an elected member of the American Academy of Arts and Letters and the American Academy of Arts and Sciences.

**UNIVERSITY CEREM ONY**

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**SATURDAY, JUNE 13**

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<td>7:00 a.m.</td>
<td>Main Quadrangle opens</td>
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<td>Degree candidates assemble in designated areas</td>
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THE COLLEGE (Undergraduate Students)

DESSERT RECEPTION
Friday, June 12, at 7:30 p.m., Museum of Science and Industry
At 9:00 p.m. in the Main Rotunda, there will be a toast to the Class of 2015 and a presentation of the Senior Class Gift to John W. Boyer, Dean of the College, and Robert J. Zimmer, President of the University.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

LUNCH
Saturday, June 13, immediately following the 523rd Convocation, Harper and Crerar Quadrangles. Families of graduates with last names A-K are asked to proceed to Harper Quadrangle; families of graduates with last names L-Z are asked to proceed to Crerar Quadrangle.

DIPLOMA CEREMONY
Saturday, June 13, at 1:00 p.m., Main Quadrangle

POST-CONVOCATION COLLEGE RECEPTION
Saturday, June 13, at 3:30 p.m., Social Sciences, Harper, and Classics Quadrangles. Graduates, families, friends, and faculty celebrate the Class of 2015.

GRADUATE DIVISION OF THE BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES AND THE PRITZKER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE

DIVISIONAL ACADEMIC CEREMONY FOR M.D. CANDIDATES
Friday, May 29, at 10:30 a.m., Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

DIVISIONAL ACADEMIC CEREMONY FOR Ph.D. CANDIDATES
Friday, June 12, at 11:00 a.m., Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION AND LUNCH
Saturday, June 13, at 11:30 a.m., Donnelley Biological Sciences Learning Center (BSLC)

CHICAGO BOOTH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

LUNCH
Saturday, June 13, at noon, Charles M. Harper Center, Chicago Booth

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 13, at 4:15 p.m., Arie Crown Theater/McCormick Place, 2301 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

DIVINITY SCHOOL

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 13, at 11:30 a.m., Bond Chapel
Reception to follow, Third Floor Lecture Hall, Swift Hall
GRAHAM SCHOOL OF CONTINUING LIBERAL AND PROFESSIONAL STUDIES

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND CERTIFICATE CEREMONY
Saturday, June 13, at noon, Assembly Hall, International House
Reception to follow, Main Lounge, International House

HARRIS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 13, immediately following Convocation, Mandel Hall
Reception to follow, Hutchinson Courtyard

GRADUATE DIVISION OF THE HUMANITIES

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

LUNCH
Saturday, June 13, at 11:30 a.m., Bartlett Commons and Bartlett Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 13, at 1:45 p.m., Mandel Hall
Reception to follow, Bartlett Quadrangle

INSTITUTE FOR MOLECULAR ENGINEERING

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 13, at 11:30 a.m., Logan Center for the Arts, Penthouse
Luncheon reception to follow, Logan Center for the Arts, Penthouse

LAW SCHOOL

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 13, at 11:30 a.m., Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
Reception to follow, Laird Bell Law Quadrangle

GRADUATE DIVISION OF THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 13, at noon, Logan Center for the Arts
Luncheon reception to follow, Logan Center Courtyard

GRADUATE DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

LUNCH
Saturday, June 13, at noon, Ida Noyes Hall

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 13, at 2:15 p.m., Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION

HOODING CEREMONY
Friday, June 12, at 6:00 p.m., Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 523rd CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION AND RECEPTION
Saturday, June 13, immediately following Convocation, SSA
Locations for Division and School Ceremonies

Each division and school will send information to candidates about line-up times and locations.
Questions?

For questions specific to division and school ceremonies, please contact:

**BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**  
773.702.3905

**THE PRITZKER SCHOOL OF MEDICINE**  
773.702.1939

**THE COLLEGE**  
773.702.8616

**DIVINITY SCHOOL**  
773.702.8218

**CHICAGO BOOTH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS**  
Full-time MBA and PhD Program  
773.702.8197  
Evening and Weekend MBA Program  
312.464.8660

**GRAHAM SCHOOL**  
773.834.0159

**HARRIS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY**  
773.834.2196

**HUMANITIES**  
773.702.1552

**INSTITUTE FOR MOLECULAR ENGINEERING**  
773.834.1437

**LAW SCHOOL**  
773.702.3164

**PHYSICAL SCIENCES**  
773.702.9708

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**  
773.702.8414

**SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION**  
773.702.1135
CANDIDATE MARCHING REQUIREMENTS

To participate in convocation, degree candidates must have satisfied all curricular requirements and passed all prescribed examinations before the deadlines published by the Office of the Registrar. Exceptions to this rule are not allowed.

ACADEMIC ATTIRE

523rd CONVOCATION Degree candidates wear the cap and gown appropriate for the degree they are to receive, regardless of previous degrees received. Doctoral candidates are not hooded at the ceremony, but candidates who have received their hoods may wear them. Because convocation is a formal and traditional ceremony, we ask that any attire or adornment worn by candidates be appropriate for the occasion.

DIVISION AND SCHOOL CEREMONIES Academic attire is to be worn at your school or division’s individual ceremony; rules for adornments may vary (please see schedule on pages 2 and 3 for dates and times).

ACADEMIC ATTIRE PICK-UP

Academic attire is available for rent or purchase through the University Bookstore, in person at 970 East 58th Street or by phone at 773.702.7712. Bookstore hours from June 8 through June 12 are: Monday through Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.; Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturday, 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

BACHELOR’S AND MASTER’S DEGREES Your attire will be available for purchase at the bookstore ($45 for bachelor’s degrees; $52 for master’s degrees). To ensure a proper fit and to avoid long lines, please purchase your cap and gown as soon as possible. Attire will be sold until June 12, but we strongly suggest that you do not wait until the week of convocation. The cap and gown will be yours to retain as a keepsake.

DOCTORAL AND JD DEGREES Your attire will be available for rent at the bookstore for a cost of $65 plus $40 to rent a hood. The Registrar’s Office will mail an academic attire rental card the week of April 27. Please place your order by Friday, May 29. If you do not receive a card by May 8 or if you miss the deadline, please contact the bookstore as soon as possible. Rented academic attire will be available for pick-up at the bookstore beginning Wednesday, June 11, and should be returned to the bookstore after your ceremony. If you prefer to purchase attire, please call 773.702.7712. You should allow four to six weeks for delivery of purchased attire.
Candidate Line-up

523rd Convocation

For the morning ceremony, candidates will line up in three areas along the perimeter of the Main Quadrangle, beginning at 8:15 a.m. To guarantee placement in the procession, candidates should arrive no later than 8:55 a.m.

Ratner Athletic Center

The College

Harper Quadrangle

Chicago Booth

Law School

Please see map for line-up locations. Line-up locations for each division and school’s ceremony may be different.

Division and School Ceremonies

Each division and school will send information to candidates about line-up times and locations. General guidelines for division and school ceremony line-up times are as follows:

Saturday Late Morning/Noon Ceremonies Proceed to line-up location immediately following the conclusion of the 523rd Convocation.

All Other Ceremonies Proceed to line-up location one hour prior to the start of your ceremony.
Candidate Information
SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates with disabilities who need special accommodations or need to make arrangements for religious or cultural reasons should contact the convocation staff at convocation@uchicago.edu or 773-702-2513 before Friday, May 29. In your message, please clearly indicate whether your needs are for the 523rd Convocation on Saturday morning, a ceremony for a division or school, or both.

WEATHER

In the event of severe weather, please check the Convocation website for up-to-date information: convocation.uchicago.edu.

RESOURCES

WEBSITE: convocation.uchicago.edu
CONVOCAITION STAFF 773.702.2513
OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR 773.702.7882
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION 773.702.2150
UNIVERSITY BOOKSTORE 773.702.7712
Visitor Information

LOCATION

The 523rd Convocation will take place on the Main Quadrangle, rain or shine. The Main Quadrangle will be accessible beginning at 7:00 a.m., with entry gates located on Ellis Avenue between 57th and 59th streets. Tickets are not required for this ceremony. Seating is on a first-come, first-served basis, and we recommend early arrival for best seating.

As a courtesy to candidates, families, and friends, please:
- Refrain from smoking anywhere on the Main Quadrangle.
- Refrain from loud conversation during the ceremony.
- Degree candidates and their guests are strongly discouraged from carrying large purses, bags, or backpacks, which may be subject to inspection before entering the Main Quadrangle.
- Children must be accompanied by a parent or other adult who will be responsible for their behavior during the ceremony.

AMENITIES

- Complimentary water will be available all day at a number of stations throughout the Main Quadrangle. Guests are encouraged to bring a reusable bottle to use throughout the day.
- Large video screens will be placed throughout the Main Quadrangle to provide optimal viewing of the 523rd Convocation.
- Arrangements for complimentary lunch vary by division and school and will be communicated to the candidates along with other information about convocation. For questions about lunch arrangements, including locations, please check the convocation website or contact your candidate’s specific program listed on page 5.
Photography
GradImages™ will photograph the 523rd Convocation on Saturday morning. Photography may vary for the division and school ceremonies. Please contact your candidate’s specific academic program via the phone numbers listed on page 5.

Guests with Disabilities
Accessible seating is available at the 523rd Convocation for guests with disabilities and up to two companions. This seating area is designated for individuals using wheelchairs, persons with mobility issues, and guests with visual or hearing impairment. To make arrangements, please contact the convocation coordinator at 773-702-2513 or convocation@uchicago.edu before Friday, May 29. In your message, please clearly indicate whether your needs are for the 523rd Convocation on Saturday morning, a division or school ceremony, or both.

Ticket Information
Tickets are not required for the 523rd Convocation on Saturday, June 13, at 9:15 a.m., though they may be required for the division and school ceremonies. Please check with your individual unit as listed on page 5. The Main Quadrangle will open for general seating at 7:00 a.m. Guests are requested to be in their seats no later than 9:00 a.m.

Indoor Seating and Alternative Viewing
Guests who prefer an indoor location may view a live broadcast of the ceremony in Kent Auditorium (located within the Main Quadrangle). Seating is limited. The ceremony will also be broadcast live via the University’s website at convocation.uchicago.edu.
We encourage you to make arrangements for accommodations for your visit to Chicago during the 523rd Convocation as early as possible. The University has negotiated special rates on rooms at a number of hotels. To guarantee receipt of the University rate at the hotels listed below, please make your reservation as early as possible and reference the “University of Chicago Convocation rate.” Visit convocation.uchicago.edu for additional information.

**Hilton Chicago**
720 S. Michigan Avenue
Chicago, IL 60605
Phone: 877.865.5320
Rates: $235-295

**Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel Chicago**
221 N. Columbus Drive
Chicago, IL 60601
Phone: 312.565.5258
or 800.333.3333
Rates: $249-279

**Hyatt Chicago Magnificent Mile**
633 N. St. Clair Street
Chicago, IL 60611
Phone: 888.591.1234
Rates: $199-299

**Hyatt Regency McCormick Place**
2233 S. Martin Luther King Drive
Chicago, IL 60616
Phone: 888.421.1442
Rates: $254-294

For guests staying at hotels outside of Hyde Park, shuttle service will be provided to and from downtown Chicago, with pick-up locations at the Gleacher Center (450 North Cityfront Plaza Drive), Hilton Chicago (720 S. Michigan Avenue) and the Hyatt Regency McCormick Place (2233 South Martin Luther King Drive). Shuttle service will begin downtown at 6:30 a.m. and continue to run every 15-20 minutes throughout the day. The last shuttle for the day will leave campus at 6:45 p.m.

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The last shuttle of the day will leave campus at 6:45 p.m.
Parking and Transportation

As in any large city, parking can be a challenge. Please allow extra time if you plan to park on the Midway Plaisance or on streets near campus. Limited visitor parking is available, free of charge, in campus lots and in the garage at the corner of 55th Street and Ellis Avenue. Shuttle service is provided for those lots not within close walking distance. Midway shuttles run from 5 a.m. until 5 p.m. on June 13. Visit convocation.uchicago.edu for more shuttle information and north campus shuttle routes.