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 11, 2016, will be the 527th in the University's 125 year history.

The 527th 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.

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.
THE CONVOCA TION ADDRESS

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

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UNIVERSITY CEREMONY

THE 527TH CONVOCATION will take place on Saturday, June 11, 2016, at 9:15 a.m. and will be held outdoors, rain or shine, on the University’s Main Quadrangle. All candidates will participate in this ceremony, during which the president will confer degrees to groups of candidates by degree type and academic program. Individual divisions and schools will hold separate ceremonies or receptions at which degree candidates will receive their diplomas individually from their deans. The president will continue the longstanding practice of personally presenting diplomas to each graduate of the College.

SATURDAY, JUNE 11

7 a.m. Main Quadrangle opens
8:15 a.m.–8:55 a.m. Degree candidates assemble in designated areas
9 a.m. All guests are requested to be in their seats
9:15 a.m.–11:15 a.m. 527th Convocation ceremony, Main Quadrangle
11:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. See schedule on pages 2-3 for details on lunches, receptions, and ceremonies for each division and school
DESSERT RECEPTION
Friday, June 10, at 7:30 p.m., Museum of Science and Industry
At 8:30 p.m. in the Main Rotunda, there will be a toast to the Class of 2016 and a presentation of the Senior Class Gift to John W. Boyer, dean of the College.

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 527TH CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

LUNCH
Saturday, June 11, immediately following the 527th 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 11, at 1 p.m., Main Quadrangle

POST-CONVOCATION COLLEGE RECEPTION
Saturday, June 11, at 3:30 p.m., Social Sciences, Harper, and Classics Quadrangles. Graduates, families, friends, and faculty celebrate the Class of 2016.

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

DIVISIONAL ACADEMIC CEREMONY FOR MD CANDIDATES
Friday, May 27, at 10:30 a.m., Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

DIVISIONAL ACADEMIC CEREMONY FOR PhD CANDIDATES
Friday, June 10, at 11 a.m., Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 527TH CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

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

CHICAGO BOOTH SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 527TH CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

LUNCH
Saturday, June 11, at noon, Charles M. Harper Center, Chicago Booth

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 11, at 4:15 p.m., Arie Crown Theater/ McCormick Place, 2301 South Lake Shore Drive, Chicago

DIVINITY SCHOOL

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 527TH CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 11, 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, 527th CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 11, at noon, Gordon Parks Arts Hall
Reception to follow

HARRIS SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 527th CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 11, immediately following convocation, Mandel Hall
Reception to follow, Hutchinson Courtyard

GRADUATE DIVISION OF THE HUMANITIES

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 527th CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

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

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 11, at 1:45 p.m., Mandel Hall
Reception to follow, Bartlett Quadrangle

INSTITUTE FOR MOLECULAR ENGINEERING

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 527th CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 11, at 11:30 a.m., William Eckhardt Research Center, Room 161
Luncheon reception to follow

LAW SCHOOL

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 527th CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

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

GRADUATE DIVISION OF THE PHYSICAL SCIENCES

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 527th CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 11, at 11:30 a.m., Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts
Luncheon reception to follow, Logan Center Courtyard

GRADUATE DIVISION OF THE SOCIAL SCIENCES

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 527th CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

LUNCH
Saturday, June 11, at noon, Ida Noyes Hall

DIPLOMA AND HOODING CEREMONY
Saturday, June 11, at 2:15 p.m., Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

SCHOOL OF SOCIAL SERVICE ADMINISTRATION (SSA)

HOODING CEREMONY
Friday, June 10, at 6 p.m., Rockefeller Memorial Chapel

CONFERRING OF DEGREES, 527th CONVOCATION
Saturday, June 11, at 9:15 a.m., Main Quadrangle

DIPLOMA DISTRIBUTION AND RECEPTION
Saturday, June 11, immediately following convocation, SSA Building
Locations for Division and School Ceremonies

Each division and school will send information to candidates about lineup times and locations.

1. Main Quadrangle
2. Bond Chapel
3. Mandel Hall
4. Rockefeller Memorial Chapel
5. Ida Noyes Hall
6. International House
7. Reva and David Logan Center for the Arts
8. Arie Crown Theater/McCormick Place
9. Gordon Parks Arts Hall
10. Donnelley Biological Sciences Learning Center (BSLC)
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 (UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS)**
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**
773.702.5178

**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 Information

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

527TH CONVOCATION 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’s or division’s individual ceremony; rules for adornments may vary (please see schedule on pages 2–3 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 Monday, June 6 through Thursday, June 9 are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; Friday, June 10, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.; and Saturday, June 11, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

ATTIRE FOR BACHELOR’S AND MASTER’S DEGREES Your attire will be available for purchase at the bookstore ($46 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 10, but we strongly suggest you do not wait until the week of convocation. The cap and gown will be yours to retain as a keepsake.

ATTIRE FOR DOCTORAL AND LAW DEGREES Your attire will be available for rent at the bookstore for a cost of $65 plus $42 to rent a hood. You may also rent your attire online for the same pricing at www.oakhalli.com/universityofchicago. The Registrar’s Office will mail an academic attire rental card the week of April 25. Please place your order by Friday, May 27. 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 8, 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 Lineup

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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.

- Bartlett Quadrangle
- Harper Quadrangle
- Ratner Athletics Center

Please see map for lineup locations. Lineup locations for each division’s and school’s ceremony may be different.

Division and School Ceremonies
Each division and school will send information to candidates about lineup times and locations. General guidelines for division and school ceremony lineup times are as follows:

Saturday Late Morning/Noon Ceremonies Proceed to lineup location immediately following the conclusion of the 527th Convocation.

All Other Ceremonies Proceed to lineup location one hour prior to the start of your ceremony.
Candidate Information

CANDIDATE SEATING FOR THE 527TH CONVOCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
MAIN QUADRANGLE

SEATING KEY
- Biological Sciences, Divinity, Graham School, Harris School, Humanities, Molecular Engineering, Physical Sciences, Pritzker, Social Sciences, Social Service Administration
- The College (Undergraduates)
- Chicago Booth, Law School
- Guests
SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR CANDIDATES

Candidates who need special accommodations or need to make arrangements for religious or cultural reasons should submit the form online at convocation.uchicago.edu/specialaccess by Friday, May 27. If you still have questions after you submit the form, please contact the convocation staff at convocation@uchicago.edu or 773.702.2513.

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

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATION REQUESTS: convocation.uchicago.edu/specialaccess

CONVOCATION 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 527th Convocation will take place on the Main Quadrangle, rain or shine. The Main Quadrangle will be accessible beginning at 7 a.m., with entry gates located on Ellis Avenue between East 57th and East 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 note the following:

- Refrain from smoking anywhere on the Main Quadrangle.
- Refrain from loud conversation during the ceremony.
- All bags are subject to inspection before entering the Main Quadrangle. Items that may disrupt other guests from seeing or hearing the ceremony are not permitted inside the Main Quadrangle.
- Children must be accompanied by a parent or guardian who will be responsible for their behavior during the ceremony.
- 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 527th 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.

**TICKET INFORMATION**

Tickets are not required for the 527th Convocation on Saturday, June 11, 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 a.m. Guests are requested to be in their seats no later than 9 a.m.
SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS FOR GUESTS

Accessible seating is available at the 527th Convocation for guests with disabilities and up to two companions. This seating area is designated for individuals using wheelchairs, persons with limited mobility, and guests with visual or hearing impairments. To make arrangements, please submit the Special Access Form online at convocation.uchicago.edu/specialaccess by Friday, May 27. Limited seating is available, so please submit the form as soon as possible. If you still have questions after you submit the form, please contact the convocation staff at convocation@uchicago.edu or 773.702.2513.

PHOTOGRAPHY

GradImages™ will photograph the 527th 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.

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.
Accommodations

We encourage you to arrange accommodations for your visit to Chicago during the 527th 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 by the dates listed online and reference the “University of Chicago Convocation Rate.” Visit [convocation.uchicago.edu](http://convocation.uchicago.edu) for additional information.

**Hilton Chicago**  
720 S. Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60605  
Phone: 877.865.5320  
Rates: $249  
Book by: May 10

**Hyatt Chicago Magnificent Mile**  
633 N. St. Clair Street  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Phone: 888.591.1234  
Rates: $239-379  
Book by: May 19

**Hyatt Regency McCormick Place**  
2233 S. Martin Luther King Drive  
Chicago, IL 60616  
Phone: 888.421.1442  
Rates: $259-299  
Book by: May 19

**InterContinental Chicago**  
505 North Michigan Avenue  
Chicago, IL 60611  
Phone: 800.628.2112  
Rate: $194  
Book by: May 20

**Radisson Blu Aqua Hotel Chicago**  
221 N. Columbus Drive  
Chicago, IL 60601  
Phone: 312.565.5258 or 800.333.3333  
Rates: $259-289  
Book by: May 9

For guests staying at hotels outside 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 South 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 will run every fifteen to twenty minutes throughout the day. The last shuttle for the day will leave campus at 6:45 p.m.
Parking and Transportation

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 East 55th Street and South Ellis Avenue. Shuttle service is provided for those lots not within close walking distance. Midway shuttles run from 5 a.m.–5 p.m. on June 11, 2016. Visit convocation.uchicago.edu for more shuttle information and north campus shuttle routes.