

Board Meeting
January 18, 2007

RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE STUDENT INVOLVEMENT AND
VOLUNTEERISM BY HONORS COLLEGE AND URBAN HEALTH PROGRAM
STUDENTS, HOMEWORK HOTLINE, CHICAGO

The Board of Trustees of the University of Illinois sincerely appreciates and recognizes the dedicated commitment, leadership, and volunteerism demonstrated by students from the Honors College and the Urban Health Program in their service of homework assistance to Chicago-area school children.

In a unique partnership, these University of Illinois at Chicago (UIC) students provide the brains and the patience, while local television stations NBC5 and Telemundo supply the equipment and the space, to offer phone tutoring assistance with homework through the Homework Hotline to Chicago Public School and Chicago-area children in grades K through 12. Since 1995, from a bank of phones located in the NBC Tower in Chicago, four nights a week students from UIC's Honors College and Urban Health Program have provided free help to school-age children with homework in everything from fractions to geography. Most of the calls are science and math-related. In the spring 2005 semester, 38 percent of the calls were from students seeking help in mathematics with a majority coming from fifth, sixth, and seventh graders.

In 2004, students from UIC's Urban Health Program joined forces with the Honors College students in an effort to reach out to students in the Spanish-speaking community. This initiative coincided with the additional sponsorship of Telemundo, the

local Spanish-language NBC affiliate. Since the addition of Telemundo's support and promotion to its target audience, the number of students who call the Hotline requesting help in Spanish has shown a marked increase.

The Homework Hotline is a fine example of how UIC continues to fulfill its mission of access to excellence and its commitment of engagement with the city of Chicago. Through its partnership with the NBC5/Telemundo Homework Hotline, UIC offers academic excellence just a phone call away free to all Chicago-area school children.

The Board of Trustees hereby recognizes and commends the UIC Honors College and the Urban Health Program for their exceptional example of student volunteerism, contributing to a vital campus life, a meaningful educational experience, and a better society.

The Board of Trustees directs that this resolution be incorporated into the minutes of today's meeting to become a part of the official public record, and that a suitable copy be given to the Honors College and the Urban Health Program, as a permanent reminder of the esteem in which they are held.