Opportunities of a Large University
Advantages of a Small College

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85% Five-Year Graduation Rate
### 6-Year Graduation Rate Compared to Peers

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Honors underrepresented students: 79%
Honors College
Student Achievement

Since 2000, Honors students have won 100+ nationally competitive awards, such as:

- 1 Rhodes Scholarship
- 3 Gates – Cambridge Scholarships
- 4 National Science Foundation Fellowships
- 1 Truman Scholarship
- 16 Goldwater Scholarships
- 28 Fulbright Fellowships
- 25 Gilman Scholarships
- 6 Critical Languages Scholarship
- 8 USA Today All-USA College Academic Team
- 3 Udall Scholarships
- 5 McKelvie Prizes for Public Service
- 3 Phi Kappa Phi Graduate Fellowships
- 3 Merage Foundation for the American Dream Fellowship
- 2 Rotary International Ambassadorial Scholarship
Why are Honors College Students More Successful?
Five-Year Graduation Rate as a Function of ACT: UIC Honors vs. Non-Honors Students

Data for line colleges excludes Honors College students.
What the UIC Honors College Offers…

- Financial assistance (for some)
- Honors housing (for some)
- Intensive, holistic, supportive advising (for all)
  - Peer mentors
  - Professional advisors
  - Faculty “Fellows”
- “Honors Activities” every semester (for all):
  *High impact curricular and co-curricular practices that engage*…
During the First Year…

- Honors “Core Course” each semester
- First-Year Experience Seminar
- Community-building events
During the 2\textsuperscript{nd} & 3\textsuperscript{rd} Years...

- Honors seminars
- Peer tutoring
- Study abroad
- Research
- Leadership opportunities
- Civic engagement
- Internships
- Chicago Signature Honors Program
  (e.g., Lyric Opera, Steppenwolf, CSO, Art Institute)
During the Senior Year…
The Honors Senior Capstone Thesis

- In-depth investigation under direction of faculty in a student’s discipline
- Students develop research, writing, & presentation skills
“…. I will always look back and realize that my future success started with UIC and the Honors College.”

-- Emmanuel Cordova