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Trustees, UIC leaders to work phones, contact CPS graduates
Congratulatory calls will encourage enrollment

CHICAGO, Ill.—University of Illinois trustees, the president and leaders of the Chicago campus will spend Saturday morning, June 5, contacting Chicago Public Schools students who have been admitted at UIC to congratulate them and to encourage the students to follow through on their declared intention to enroll.

The telephone calls to more than 200 graduating CPS students and their families will take place from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday from Room 2850 in University Hall on the UIC campus, 601 S. Morgan St. (at Harrison Street).

Scheduled participants in the morning phonathon include:

- Board of Trustees chair Christopher G. Kennedy
- Trustees Frances Carroll, James Montgomery, Carlos Tortolero and Dan Zavorotny, and University of Illinois Treasurer Lester McKeever
- U of I interim President Stanley O. Ikenberry
- UIC Chancellor Paula Allen-Meares, Provost Michael Tanner and Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs Barbara Henley
- Additional UIC administrators and alumni
- Also, UIC financial aid and housing officials will be on hand to assist in responding to questions.

Saturday's effort is a pilot program aimed at getting more Chicago Public Schools students to enroll at UIC. The students to be contacted by University of Illinois leaders have accepted their offer of admission from UIC by returning their intent to enroll form by the May 1 deadline. UIC hopes to stem the usual 15 percent falloff among students who indicate their intent to enroll but fail to do so. Trustees and staff will answer questions about UIC academic programs and support services, as well as provide information about new-student orientation. The effort is consistent with a national drive to restore the U.S. to the top ranks of college attendance and graduation.

With about 16,000 undergraduates on its West Side campus, UIC expects an incoming class of about 3,200 this fall.

UIC ranks among the nation's leading research universities and is Chicago's largest university with 26,000 students, 12,000 faculty and staff and 15 colleges, including the nation's largest college of medicine. UIC operates the state's major public medical center and has regional health sciences campuses in Peoria, Rockford and Urbana-Champaign. A hallmark of the campus is the Great Cities Commitment, through which UIC faculty, students and staff engage with community, corporate, foundation and government partners in programs to improve the quality of life in metropolitan areas around the world.

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The University of Illinois is a world leader in research and discovery and is the largest educational institution in the state with more than 71,000 students, 24,000 faculty and staff, and campuses in Urbana-Champaign, Chicago and Springfield. The U of I awards more than 18,500 undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees annually.