

Upcoming Campus Events

November

19: UIC Fashion
Show Open
House

12: G.I.V.E. with
Ronald McDonald
House
2:30pm-7pm

13: Movie Night—
I Now Pronounce
You Chuck &
Larry

14: G.I.V.E. with
St. Thomas of
Canterbury Soup
Kitchen

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Lead Story Headline

November is upon us! Unfortunately, November means colder weather, less daylight, and more time indoors. Time indoors can be a lot of fun, however. Call up some of your fellow mentors and mentees for a potluck and movie night! Have a game night with your roommates and friends. November is a great month to spend time with others and create lasting bonds.

The semester is on a downward slope that is going to

increasingly pick up pace as we near December. Many classes will have papers or projects due before Thanksgiving, with finals very quickly after Thanksgiving.

Make sure you are planning ahead for the end-of-the-semester rush that is about to occur.

Be watching for emails from me in the near future regarding a final large-group meeting of the program. We want to make sure we acknowledge

all of mentors and mentees and end the program on a great note. If you have any suggestions for this final meeting please let me know!



Meet the Mentor

Janelle Macabulos

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Janelle is from Westchester, IL, and is the oldest child in her family.

Janelle enjoys music, watching movies,

basketball, and baking.

One of her goals is to open a bakery one day.

Janelle believes a good mentor must be encouraging, open, and trustworthy; all qualities Janelle possess. "I am sure that people would not be afraid to turn to me for questions or help, and if

they do I will be there for them, giving them 110%"



Discussion Topics

Each spring the Scholarship Association for UIC offers scholarships to UIC students. Most these award recipients need to have completed 12 credit hours at UIC, so mentees can apply as soon as the semester ends!

To find out more, visit: <http://tigger.uic.edu/orgs/scholar/index.htm>

Getting Involved

Those reviewing applications want to see students being active and engaged on campus and in the community. Volunteer with G.I.V.E. and student organizations to gain volunteering experience and demonstrate you care about others and are willing to lend a helping hand.

Letters of Recommendation

Start building relationships with professors, and visit their offices so they can know you better. Other sources of recommendations are academic advisors and advisors of student organizations you are involved in. Networking is important and it's best to start early.



Samantha handing out Gatorade at the Chicago Marathon.

“A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm.”

Henrik Ibsen

Meet the Mentee



Freshman, Computer Engineering

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Bradley is from Decatur, AL and is the oldest child in his family.

Bradley enjoys listening to rock and rap Going to

concerts is his favorite thing to do in the city.

He would like to become an active member of the engineering community, and graduate with a high GPA.

Meet the Mentee

Tiera Patterson

Freshman, Theater

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Tiera is from Chicago, and is the oldest in her family.

Tiera enjoys listening to

gospel, jazz, rock, and soul, and also enjoys writing and reading. One her goals is to write a book.

Tiera is excited about college and having opportunities to network.



Grace mixing Gatorade at the Chicago Marathon

Mentor Speak: Sherry Barakat

How has the semester been going for you?

The semester has been quite hectic. There has been such a workload in my classes. Fortunately, I've been keeping up. Midterms went smoothly, now I'm just pulling through this second half of the semester up to finals. During the first half of the semester I volunteered in the Chicago Marathon with G.I.V.E. It was really great to see so many runners running for various causes, whether it was for mom or a cancer association. In addition, the mentoring program is also going great for both my mentee, Emily, and I. She even came out and did the Chicago Marathon with me.

What got you interested in being a mentor, and what was your goal coming into the program?

I was a freshman mentor for 3 years in high school, and was very involved. I always saw it as a great way for the incoming student to have an easier transition. It's a great way to develop friendships, so I definitely wanted to be involved. My goals were to share my 1st year experience at UIC with my mentee, and make sure she was aware of the many resources on campus, and to be a friend.

What activities have you done with your mentee, and what were those experiences like?

When I first met Emily, we had lunch and talked. We've gone to

Fun Fair, Leadership Conference, and volunteered at the Chicago Marathon. The Marathon was really inspirational, the Fun Fair was a great way to familiarize Emily with the organizations, and nothing bad could be said of the Conference and lunch. It's been a good experience overall. We did a lot in a short period of time.

What has the time you've spent with your mentee taught you?

It has taught me to think in a two-way perspective. I was a mentee last year, so now my approach to the program is different. It has put me in two different positions in the same program.

“Leadership can be thought of as a capacity to define oneself to others in a way that clarifies and expands a vision of the future.”

Edwin H. Friedman

Volunteer at 75th Anniversary of the McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade



You can be a part of a Chicago tradition by volunteering at the McDonald's Thanksgiving Parade on Thursday, November 27!

Over 300,000 spectators will be on watching and millions will be viewing at home as marching bands, gigantic helium balloons, color floats and more will go

down State Street.

Be part of the fun as balloon handlers, banner carriers, volunteer check-in assistants, disband coordinators, photographers or many other important positions. For position descriptions and an online application, please visit www.chicagofestivals.org.

Meet the Mentor

John Hamilton

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John is from Deerfield, IL and is the youngest in his family.

John hopes to get into medical school, and some of his goals are to raise money for families of spinal muscular atrophy.

For John, the mentoring program benefits both the mentees and the mentors.

“The mentor/mentee relationship should be one in which a partnership is formed ensuring the development of the mentee and a sense of accomplishment for the mentor.”



G.I.V.E. with Chicago Cares painted the walls of Fiske Elementary School

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Services**

The Office of Student Leadership Development and Volunteer Services believes that every student has the potential to become a leader. The staff sees leadership as a relational and continual process, rather than a given position, which should include a life-long commitment to service and community.

Meet Nakendra Jackson, SLDVS Student Worker



Nakendra Jackson is a second year student here at UIC and is originally from the South Side of Chicago. She graduated from Bogan High School on the Southwest Side of Chicago in the top 8% of her class and a member of the National Honor Society. Nakendra started working for SLDVS in May 2008 and enjoys the daily communication between different people. She is currently working towards her Bachelor's Degree in Communication with a minor in Sociology. In her free time she enjoys cooking, being on the internet, spending time with her family, friends, and fiancé when possible, and watching the news to learn about daily issues that affect the world she lives in.

In the future Nakendra hopes to be a news anchor and/or work in a government setting.