

# ANNUAL REPORT

Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs



**UIC** UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS  
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# FY 2008

# ENGAGING STUDENTS FOR SUCCESS



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## Message from the Vice Chancellor

On behalf of my Student Affairs colleagues and our students, I am pleased to present the 2008 Annual Report for the Office

of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (OVCSA). With the unique characteristics of our student body, combined with the resources of one of the world's greatest urban centers, we have many opportunities to engage students for success. We are honored to support and help educate students as they travel along their educational journeys.

In addition to the acquisition of knowledge through academic studies, college students learn and develop through their educational experiences. From counseling and tutoring to recreational and leadership programs, the OVCSA engages UIC students through services, activities, and programs that enhance learning. The February 2008 opening of the UIC Forum complements our other venues, expanding the array of programming available on campus for our students and the greater metropolitan community. Our accomplishments for the 2008 fiscal year reflect our commitment to provide students with a supportive environment in which they can thrive and experience success.

The success of our students would not be possible without your support, so on behalf of UIC students, I thank you.

Barbara Henley  
Vice Chancellor



Poster presentation at the Student Research Forum



Students enjoy food and networking at a UIC EXPERIENCE event



UIC men's basketball team member drives against the competition.

## Student Affairs Mission

The mission of the Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs is to enhance learning and development through programs, services and facilities that engage students in a dynamic and diverse campus community and foster lifelong success to the benefit of society.

## Student Affairs Units

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (OVCSA) includes the following units responsible for providing services, programs, and facilities that support student development and success.

- Academic Center for Excellence (ACE)
- African American Academic Network (AAAN)
- Campus Auxiliary Services (CAS)
- Campus Housing
- Career Services

- Student Employment
- Children's Center
- Counseling Center
  - Testing Center
- Dining Services
- Educational Opportunity Outreach/TRIO Programs
- Intercollegiate Athletics
- International Services
- Native American Support Program (NASP)
- Office of the Dean of Students
  - Judicial Affairs
  - Student Legal Services
  - Ombuds Services
- Publications Services
- Retail Operations
- Student Centers
  - Campus Programs
  - Campus Recreation
  - Meetings and Conferences
- Student Development Services
  - Orientation
  - Leadership and Volunteer Services
  - Wellness Center
- Student Financial Aid

- Veterans Affairs
- UIC Forum
- UIC Pavilion

## Student Learning and Academic Success

The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs (OVCSA) works in partnership with Academic Affairs to provide opportunities that empower students to become well-rounded, productive and academically successful. Academic success is achieved through classroom learning and a network of services, academic support programs and out-of-classroom experiences that are aligned with the research, teaching and community service missions of the university. The OVCSA engages and promotes the needs of students through all phases of college matriculation. UIC provides rich educational and campus life experiences that prepare students for success in a global society.



Students who live, learn and work in the residence halls



Student Affairs units continually impact students in many positive ways. The following learning outcomes illustrate some of the accomplishments of OVCSA units in FY 08.

- On a Vocabulary Enrichment initiative, the Academic Center for Excellence (ACE), a unit that provides learning assistance, achieved positive outcomes based on pre and post tests: a 33 percentage point increase was achieved by a group of undergraduate students who needed vocabulary improvement and whose first language was not English; and an increase of 34 percentage points was achieved by a group of undergraduate students who were preparing for graduate school entrance examinations.
- Following the Wellness Center's pre and post testing of students on Alcohol Wise, a web based alcohol education assessment tool, 740 new freshman students showed a 20% increase in average scores which indicated a positive increase in their knowledge of the effects of alcohol consumption.
- The one year retention rate for African American students who used the African American Academic Network (AAAN) services, an academic support program that works with African American and other students seeking assistance, was 16% higher than the rate for African American students who did not use AAAN services.
- Students who visited the Counseling Center and took a pre and post measure of students' personal and work/school stressors, reported a 22% reduction in stress level scores following treatment. A score change of 14 or more is a reliable change.



**Dance performance during the African American Academic Network 2008 Graduation Celebration and Convocation**



**Freshman students stroll to New Student Convocation picnic**



## The UIC EXPERIENCE

The OVCSA introduced **THE UIC EXPERIENCE** to students this year. Learning that occurs outside the classroom allows students the opportunity to integrate knowledge acquired in the classroom with practical experiences. This new initiative, **THE UIC EXPERIENCE**, encourages students to take advantage of opportunities that engage them in an urban setting, intellectual endeavors and diversity. The goal is to impact positively students' achievement and graduation and their journey of lifelong learning. **THE UIC EXPERIENCE** exists at UIC and in Chicago's world-class **U**rban center where **I**nquiring minds explore within a richly diverse campus **C**ommunity. The collection of co-curricular activities and programs are designed to develop global leaders of tomorrow. **THE UIC EXPERIENCE** has been embraced, and we plan to share more about it in our next annual report.



## Accomplishments for FY08

Significant progress was made in FY 08 toward our goals. The accomplishments in enhancing the engagement and success of our students are many, and we are proud to highlight some of those successes.

**Strategic Goal 1: Provide programs and services and operate facilities (partnering with other campus units as appropriate) that enhance student learning and result in student success for our diverse and demographically changing student body.**

- In 2007, freshman student attendance at the New Student Convocation increased: 32% for all students, 80% for commuter students, and 65% for campus housing residents.
- The October 2007 Graduation Success Rate (GSR), released by the NCAA, reported UIC's student athletes' graduation rate at 89%. UIC ranked number one among Illinois' public institutions and number two among all universities in the state.
- The OVCSA introduced "THE UIC EXPERIENCE", a co-curricular program to engage students, to 98.4% of the incoming freshman class.

New Student Convocation 2008







Strategic Goal 2: Provide programs, services and facilities that distinguish UIC as a productive, enjoyable and welcoming environment.

- The Student Centers experienced a 32% increase in students participating in sponsored events.
- The UIC Forum, a premier venue for campus and community events and entertainment, opened in February 2008 and has welcomed over 35,000 visitors to date.
- The opening of a new 740-bed residence hall resulted in 50% of the freshman class, a new record, living on campus.
- The UIC Pavilion, the city's third largest venue, attracted 21 university and high school commencement ceremonies with attendance totaling 67,672.



Strategic Goal 3: Develop additional financial resources and manage all resources well.

- The Office of the Vice Chancellor for Student Affairs increased its number of donors by 48% and gifts by 19%.
- Athletics increased facility rental revenue by 14.6%
- Athletics increased its number of Big Red Fund donors by 3%.

## Donor Honor Roll

The many programs, services and learning opportunities offered by Student Affairs would not be possible without the continuing support of the generous friends and alumni of UIC. As part of the Brilliant Futures Campaign, your support has played a vital role in nurturing excellence in many ways - increasing scholarships for students in financial need, providing opportunities for students to grow as leaders, enhancing diversity initiatives, and improving the quality of campus life. Every gift impacts the quality of the student experience, instilling in our future leaders a lifelong commitment to learning. Thank you for your generosity and commitment to their success during fiscal year 2008 (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008).

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FY 2008 Supporting Excellence Endowment (S.E.E.) Scholars -(left to right) Trenton Thompson, Barath Badrinathan, Kathleen Friedl, and Faizan Shakeel



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“The SEE Scholarship enabled me to spend close to 50 hours a week student teaching at a public housing school and to create new and innovative teaching plans for my students that were more involved and far more interesting. Moreover, I was able to take on more responsibility and grow as not only a leader, but a mentor over the last semester of my undergraduate degree. I appreciate this more than anyone could ever imagine; it was definitely an opportunity given to me that I will never forget!”

**-Kathleen Friedl (UIC Senior and 2008 S.E.E. Scholar)**

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