



UCHICAGO Charter School

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WOODLAWN CAMPUS

Meeting Overview

- Meeting Goals
- UChicago Woodlawn Partnership Overview
- Urban Education Institute and University of Chicago Charter School mission, impact and goals
- Project Overview
- Design and phasing
- Public process and community impact
- Q/A



Project Team

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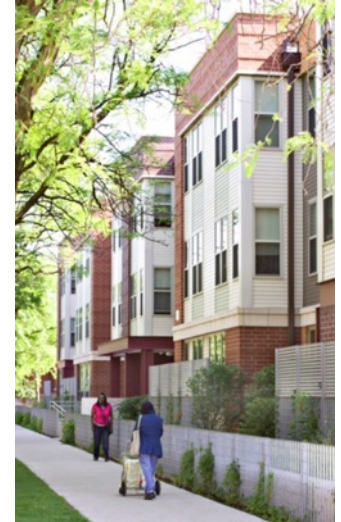
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Woodlawn Partnerships

Anchor Goal: Serve as a catalyst for strong Mid-South Side neighborhoods

- Employer-Assisted Housing
- MetroSquash
- Choice Neighborhoods Initiative



Woodlawn Partnerships

Education Goal: Extend Education to Foster Leadership, Service, and Ideas

- **UChicago Promise**
 - Debt-Free pledge
 - No application fee for Chicago students
 - Admissions Academy for high schools counselors –with strong existing programs – Neighborhood Schools Program, Collegiate Scholars, College Bridge, etc.
- **Engagement of University Programs with Schools, Community Organizations, and Youth**
 - Neighborhood Schools Program (All Woodlawn Schools)
 - Jumpstart – Pre-K (Fiske, Till, Wadsworth)
 - GEAR-UP (Hyde Park Academy and Feeder Schools)
 - Upward Bound / Office of Special Programs (Hyde Park Academy; Also Students Residing in Woodlawn)
- **Capacity Building Initiatives for Community Organizations**
 - Community Programs Accelerator
 - Civic Leadership Academy
 - Booth-Urban League Impact Program



UEI Overview

UEI integrates four units under one roof to:

- Operate a multi-campus PreK-12 school on Chicago's Mid-South Side
- Train outstanding urban teachers and leaders
- Conduct rigorous applied school research
- Provide empirically-based tools and training nationwide



University of Chicago Charter School – Woodlawn (UCW)



**"The history classes opened me up to what the world actually offers to me—
and what I can offer to the world"**

— Priscilla Agbeo, a UChicago Charter Woodlawn senior, was the top honoree of the Charter-to-College Scholarship Fund. Priscilla was accepted into Stanford University and joined the Class of 2018.

The University of Chicago Charter School

- One of the four public school campuses operated by UCCS - serves 1,900 students
- Located in Woodlawn for 8 years
- Serves approximately 650 students from grades 6-12
- A neighborhood charter school: ~ 40% of students living within 2-miles of campus; priority is given to Woodlawn residents
- > 99% of students are African-American; 83% receive free or reduced-price lunch.
- Highest college persistence rates of any non-selective school in Chicago
- Second highest college enrollment rate in Chicago

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STATE REPORT CARD

Top Chicagoland schools

COLLEGE-BOUND STUDENTS State average: 70.4%

Percentage of students who graduated in 2011-12 and enrolled in a U.S. college within 16 months

Rank	School	City	%
1	Payton College Prep	Chicago	91.7
2	University of Chicago Charter Schools	Chicago	91.5
3	Proviso Math & Science Academy	Forest Park	91.2
4	Young Magnet	Chicago	91
5	Jones College Prep	Chicago	89.9
6	Glenbrook North	Northbrook	87.6
7	Lindblom Math & Science Academy	Chicago	87.4
8	Lane Technical	Chicago	87.2
9	Deerfield	Deerfield	87
10	Vernon Hills	Vernon Hills	86.5
11	Chicago H.S. for Agricultural Sciences	Chicago	86
12	Libertyville	Libertyville	85.8
13	Kenwood Academy	Chicago	85.6
14	New Trier Township - Winnetka	Winnetka	85.3
14	Hinsdale Central	Hinsdale	85.3
16	Hersey	Arlington Heights	85.2

SOURCES: Illinois State Board of Education, ESRI



Project Goals

An inspiring educational facility, community center, and local anchor on the Mid-South Side of Chicago that will:

- Create a symbol of the University of Chicago's commitment to Pre-K through 12th grade education on the Mid-South Side of Chicago.
- Demonstrate what is possible for families from all backgrounds.
- Accommodate the needs of our students and develop a facility that matches the high achievement goals of the school.
- Create a beacon that attracts stakeholders to a center of educational leadership, preparation, and innovation.
- Advance local community goals in the Woodlawn neighborhood – community gathering space, active 63rd Street frontage, and strengthened local school options.



Design Vision and Principles

- Building for the Woodlawn Neighborhood: A beacon for neighborhood activity
- The School as a Campus:
 - Prioritize the College Center as a communal hub
 - Organize the building by academic discipline
 - Create spaces for arts and athletics that support holistic student development
 - Cluster administrative spaces to promote collaboration
 - Structure communal outdoor space to support a variety of activities
- A Community of Students, Teachers and Parents
 - Provide a framework for collective identity at various scales
 - Include spaces for informal interaction that support collaboration and autonomy
 - Create an environment that facilitates parent involvement



The Site



Site Plan



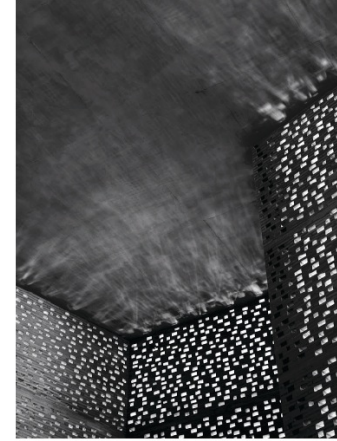
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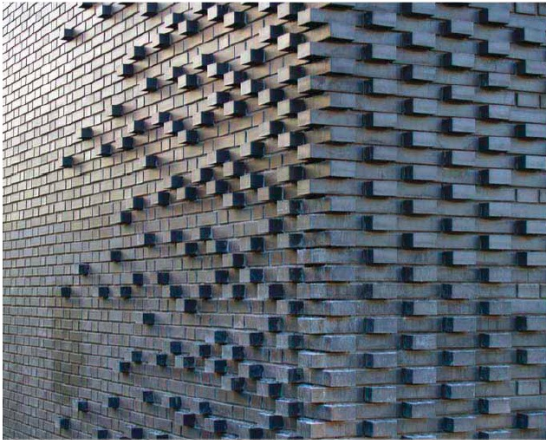
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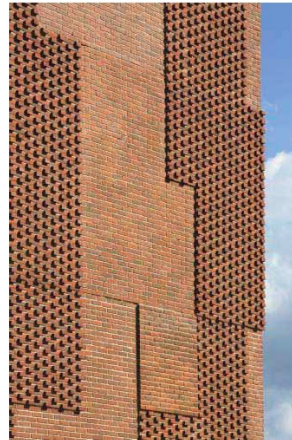
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Northeast side/63rd Street



Main Entrance and College Center



Northwest view/63rd Street



Southeast view with Athletic Field/ University Avenue



Next Steps

Target Schedule: November 2014 - August 2017

- Ongoing City Engagement
- Finalizing Designs
- Fall 2015 - Winter 2016 Bidding/Permitting Phase
- February 2016 Ground Breaking
- February - July 2017 Construction
- August 2017 Ribbon Cutting/School opening



Community Impact

Contracting Goals:

- 25% MBE (Minority Business Enterprise) and 5% WBE (Women Business Enterprise)
- The MBE and WBE must be certified for the work they are contracting to in order to get the M/WBE credit

The University accepts certifications from the following certifying entities:

- (CMBDC) Chicago Minority Business Development Council or its national affiliate
- (WBDC) Women's Business Development Center or its national affiliate
- City of Chicago Department of Procurement Services
- Cook County Office of Contract Compliance
- State of Illinois Department of Central Management Services
- State of Illinois Department of Transportation



Community Impact

University Workforce Goals:

- 30% City of Chicago residency
- 30% Minority
- 5% Women

Community Hiring

- The University has identified the following eight zip codes as its impact area (60609, 60615, 60616, 60619, 60621, 60637, 60649, 60653).
- A list of candidates is shared with the General Contractor and Sub-Contractors of residents seeking union construction employment
- Community Union constructions workers that may want to have their information added to the database should fill out a candidate referral form at:

5235 S. Harper Court or call Victor Alvarez at 773-702-5680



Discussion

- How can the facility serve other community programming needs and programs?
- How can we extend the reach and opportunities of the College Center resources to the community?
 - What kind of college readiness programs would you like to see here?
- How can we make the athletic field a community asset?



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