



UNLEASH YOUR

power

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Congratulations on your admission to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign!

By joining our rich legacy, you'll embark on a journey of profound knowledge and exponential growth. However you choose to unleash your power at UIUC, the Illini family is ready to guide you. These pages are filled with their advice to help you make the most of your time on campus.

We can't wait to see what you do here.



Ranked the #15 public university in the nation (*U.S. News & World Report*), UIUC is here to support your individuality and cultivate your success.

“You don’t have to acclimate to other people. When there are so many people here at UIUC, you don’t have to change yourself. Just be yourself.”

– SAMUEL, '23

“Definitely leverage the support systems here.”

– TAOFIK, '20

Everyone's college experience is different, and everyone needs different types of support. To help, UIUC provides over 30 support centers on campus.





Dubbed the nation's premier college marching band, the Marching Illini perform in front of Altgeld Hall during the 100th anniversary celebration of our Altgeld Chimes.



The chimes are located in Altgeld Hall's tower. You can hear them ringing out one of our favorite songs, "Hail to the Orange," during a lunchtime concert every weekday.



**“Get involved as much as you can.
Find things that you really like, because
you’ll find people with common interests.”**

– JESSALYN, '21

The only student-run nonprofit of its kind, Illini 4000 bikes across the country each summer for cancer awareness. The group travels from New York to California, gathering personal cancer stories along the way.



Members of the Orange Krush cheer on our Fighting Illini men's basketball team in a packed State Farm Center.



Orange Krush is part of Illini Pride, one of the largest student groups on campus. Over the years, Illini Pride has raised more than \$2 million to help local and national charities.

“Be bold.”

– CLAIRE, '21

Hundreds of UIUC student groups showcase their organizations at Quad Day each year. Held the day before classes begin, this event allows you to explore and sign up for the groups that interest you most.





**“We have your back; we’re here for you.
The UIUC community is so diverse and so
welcoming and beautiful because there are
so many different groups of people here.”**

– ALEXIS, '22

Home to the largest number of students of color among top 100 universities in the Midwest (NCES), UIUC is committed to fostering an inclusive campus environment.

Illini come from everywhere—all 50 U.S. states and 113 countries, to be exact. Each year, UIUC welcomes around 7,500 new freshmen to campus.



Students spell out “I-L-L” in front of Foellinger Auditorium, UIUC’s largest lecture hall. A pineapple sits atop Foellinger as a symbol of hospitality.



The microurban twin cities of Champaign and Urbana combine to form a vibrant, innovative community in which our campus is the heart. Offering the many perks of big-city living in a relaxed setting, C-U is ranked a top 10 U.S. college town (*Livability*).

Your most creative, innovative thoughts will be encouraged at UIUC. We offer over 7,000 classes each year, all of which will challenge and inspire you.

**“Be open to new things.
Be open to learn.”**

– BRENDA, '21





UIUC was awarded more research funding from the National Science Foundation this year than any other university in the nation. You can even get involved in research on campus your freshman year!



Opportunities for entrepreneurship extend across all majors at UIUC. Our iVenture Accelerator program can support you with the knowledge, access, and funding you need to create a successful startup.

Around 9,700 unique employers, including 86 Fortune 100 companies, recruit Illini each year. Deloitte, Google, Amazon, Chase, IBM, AbbVie, Microsoft, ADM, and PepsiCo are among UIUC's top employers.

“Find an identity and a sense of self that you can take with you moving forward in the professional world.”

– EVAN, '22





**“We’re all UIUC students, and
we can all lean on each other.”**

– XANTHE, '21

Illini participate in a socially distant event at Memorial Stadium. Using a saliva-based test that was developed by the university in just 6 weeks, UIUC’s COVID-19 testing program is one of the most robust in all of higher education.




Our Fighting Illini football team, one of 19 Big Ten, Division I sports teams on campus, takes the field at Memorial Stadium this past fall. Even when fans can't attend games, Illini spirit runs deep.



“Establish connections with people, because then it makes it easier from there to get the information you need, get the questions you have answered, or discover opportunities.”

– SAVANNAH, '21

The UIUC connection extends well beyond campus. Here students greet one another during IlliniFest, a celebration of UIUC in downtown Chicago.



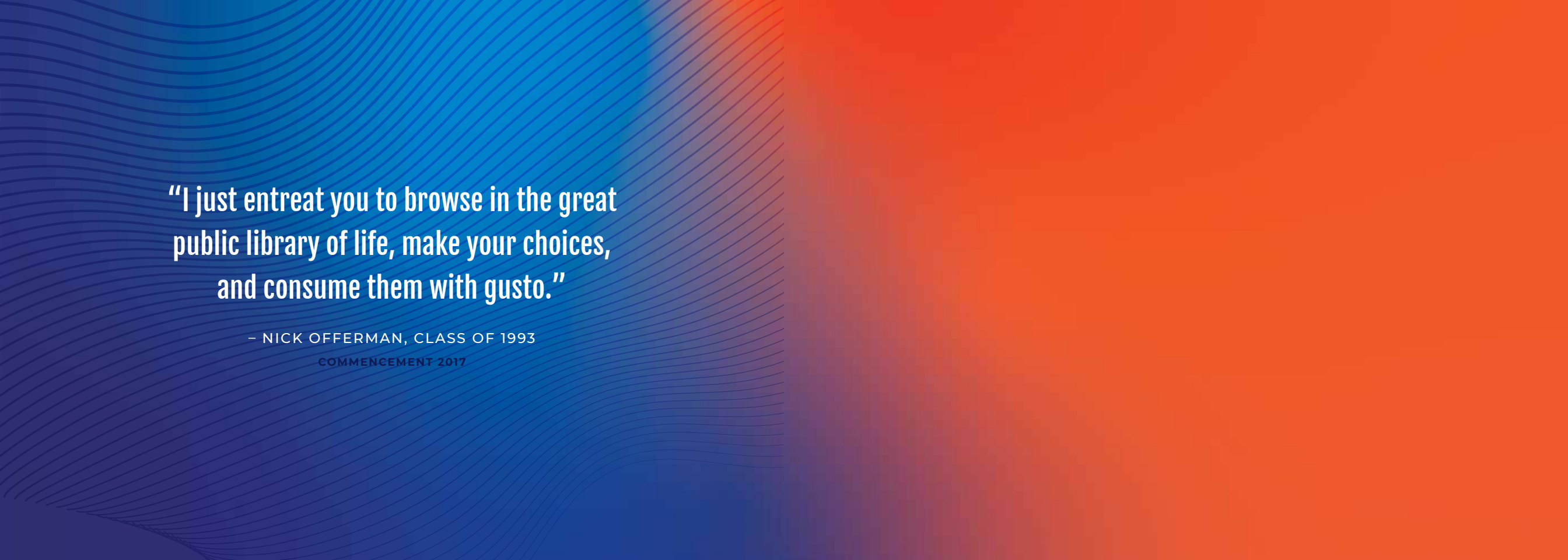
“Definitely step outside your comfort zone,
and don’t be afraid to take advantage of all
the opportunities UIUC has to offer.”

– KATE, '22

Students display their talent during an Illini Variety
Show on the east lawn of the State Farm Center.
The show is one of many socially distant events
UIUC has offered during COVID-19.



With the #1 return on investment in the Big Ten
(PayScale), UIUC will empower you to become a leader in
your field and to lead a life of impact in the world.



**“I just entreat you to browse in the great
public library of life, make your choices,
and consume them with gusto.”**

– NICK OFFERMAN, CLASS OF 1993
COMMENCEMENT 2017

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