ENGAGING FOR GREATER IMPACT

FISCAL YEAR 2022 ANNUAL REPORT
Dear Partners,

At the University of Chicago, civic engagement is an institution-wide commitment that draws on our strength as an economic anchor, and on the power of education, research, and innovation to help our city thrive. Our approach is grounded in our belief that universities can and should play a significant role in improving the quality of life in their broader communities.

Over the past fiscal year, the Office of Civic Engagement (OCE) steadily advanced the areas of work and strategic priorities in our three-year strategic framework, expanding community programming, building new academic partnerships, and reinforcing the integral role civic engagement plays at the University of Chicago. This annual report, which covers the period from July 2021 to June 2022, highlights a few of the ways OCE worked alongside campus, community, and philanthropic partners to further those priorities and introduces some of our “partners in impact” over the course of the year.

The report shares the successful launch of the UChicago Youth Internship Program pilot, which paired Chicago Public Schools students with paid summer employment at units across campus and has since expanded; the inaugural South Side Strong Summit which marked a new phase of growth for Community Program Accelerator and created a forum for South Side nonprofit leaders and University representatives to connect and collaborate; and OCE’s partnership with the Office of Science, Innovation, National Laboratories, and Global Initiatives to develop a shared vision between UChicago, the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign (UIUC), Argonne, and Fermilab for catalyzing inclusive innovation in the sciences through increased investment on Chicago’s South Side.

We look forward to identifying even more opportunities to deepen our engagement with community partners in the months and years ahead—investing in our city, our neighboring communities on the South Side, and our shared prosperity and future.

Sincerely,

Joel Hamernick
Interim Vice President for Civic Engagement and External Affairs
The University of Chicago

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OUR MISSION
The mission of the Office of Civic Engagement (OCE) is to strengthen the University’s impact on the lives of people living in Chicago and demonstrate the transformative civic role leading urban research institutions can have in cities around the world.

OUR PURPOSE
OCE serves a dual purpose for the University. First, we steward the University’s commitment to the city, supporting other academic and administrative units as they develop and advance their distinct civic priorities. We also lead areas of strategic work that extend the University’s reach and impact citywide and on the South Side.

OUR STRATEGIC PRIORITIES FY21 TO FY23

SUPPORT ECONOMIC AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
Promote the capacity of local small businesses, nonprofits, and South Side residents to participate in and benefit from the anchor functions and educational mission of the University.

EXTEND EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY
Connect Chicago Public School students to University resources that provide pre-K-12 classroom enrichment and increase STEM preparedness, arts education, and college readiness and access.

INCREASE CIVIC ENGAGEMENT AND PARTICIPATION
Increase faculty, student, staff, and alumni engagement with local schools and organizations, while also expanding civic leadership education and networks.

ADVANCE CIVIC AND GOVERNMENT RELATIONS
Foster relationships with civic and community leaders, and build support for the University’s activities and priorities with public officials and policymakers.

OUR AREAS OF WORK

- Economic Inclusion
- Nonprofit Capacity Building
- Student Civic Engagement
- College Readiness and Access
- Civic Leadership
- Civic Relations
- Academic Partnerships
We had reached the limit of what we could accomplish without additional help or something that would trigger a leap in organizational resources and what the Accelerator did was provide that.”

—James Woodruff (right), associate dean for students for UChicago’s Pritzker School of Medicine and board member at the Provident Foundation, with Eric Madu (left), Woodruff’s mentee. The organization, which graduated out of the Accelerator in 2022, supports South Side students of color entering the medical field.

Being selected in the very first year of the Accelerator was a huge boost … We started out as all volunteers … This was visibility and credibility, and the fact that the University recognized us was important. They disseminated really useful professional information. But it wasn’t all preaching—it was really in the form of ‘tell us what you need, and we’ll try and help you get there.’”

—Susan Alitto, founding president at local senior-to-senior support network Chicago Hyde Park Village which graduated out of the Accelerator in 2022
At UChicago’s inaugural South Side Strong Summit, South Side nonprofit leaders joined University representatives to connect and collaborate; share sector insights and challenges; and ultimately deepen the positive impact their organizations have in their communities. The conference—which featured workshops, a networking luncheon, a local dance troupe performance, and more—marked a new phase of growth for the Accelerator.

Throughout the Summit, participants had a chance to connect with faculty partners from the Rustandy Center; the Crown Family School; the Harris School; the Logan Center for the Arts, and other Accelerator-affiliated experts and dig deeper into topics such as creating a strong nonprofit brand and scaling organizational impact. Prospective Accelerator organizations were offered a dedicated track with sessions such as Grant Writing 101.

Calling the conference South Side Strong was meant to celebrate nonprofits’ resilience in the face of COVID-19 and the strength built by leveraging the University’s resources and overcoming challenges together.

Read the story [here](#).
NONPROFIT CAPACITY BUILDING

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS ACCELERATOR
CERTIFICATE IN NONPROFIT MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

A joint initiative of the Community Programs Accelerator and the Crown Family School of Social Work, Policy, and Practice, the Certificate in Nonprofit Management program equips early- to mid-stage nonprofit professionals working on Chicago’s South Side to create, grow, and operate sustainable, effective community-based organizations.

FY22 REACH AND IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

21 South Side nonprofit leaders were accepted into the program
9 participants were granted certificates following completion of the program

[The Accelerator’s programs have] really given me what I think I was missing as a leader so it’s building that foundation and the sky is the limit. Just being able to see new friends, old friends, and all the organizations doing such great work? It’s inspiring and it gives you hope to keep going. Collective impact is what we need to move forward.”

— Nickie Brookens, who leads Hyde Park-serving career and college readiness organization Plan4Success and participates in the Certificate in Nonprofit Management Program
ECONOMIC INCLUSION

UCHICAGO LOCAL

UChicago Local is an economic inclusion initiative, led by OCE, that leverages the University’s role as the largest private employer and purchaser of goods and services on the South Side to create economic opportunities for local businesses and residents. The initiative supports growth for small businesses, career pathways for residents, and community-focused economic development in the University’s nine-neighborhood focus area on the South Side.

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<td><strong>$15.9M</strong> channelled to local South Side vendors through targeted purchasing goals*</td>
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<td><strong>$22.8M</strong> channelled to minority business enterprise (MBE) vendors</td>
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<td><strong>400+ South Side vendors</strong> doing business with members of the University community*</td>
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<td><strong>4,300+ local residents</strong> employed by the University of Chicago, 31.2% of employees*</td>
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SOUTH SIDE HOUSING DATA INITIATIVE

On designated Saturdays over several months, more than 60 South Shore residents fanned out across their community in an effort to systematically survey every parcel of land in their neighborhood. The survey days were part of the latest iteration of the South Side Housing Data Initiative (SSHDI)—a collaboration between OCE, the Harris School of Public Policy, and community partners, supported by the Polk Bros. Foundation, to understand the housing landscape in three South Side communities.

When plans were announced for the nearby Obama Presidential Center, SSHDI became a way to develop community-driven policy recommendations for addressing housing affordability and stability challenges in the context of the center and related re-development.

Empowering community members to lead the work was critical, LaShawn Brown of partner organization South Shore Works says:

“There needs to be a sense of camaraderie and collaboration. When the community members are part of that, they’re setting the table and sitting at the table, instead of just finding out what’s being served to them. It just makes a heck of a difference.”

Read the story [here](#).

*Data refers to zip codes 60609, 60615, 60616, 60619, 60621, 60637, 60649, and 60653.*
ECONOMIC INCLUSION

UCHICAGO LOCAL

CHARTWELLS HIGHER EDUCATION

As Resident District Manager for the University of Chicago’s dining contractor, Chartwells Higher Education, Kwasi McManus has helped fulfill the University’s commitment to partnering with diverse, local vendors and entrepreneurs.

“Out of the 300 plus schools that we service, UChicago was very unique in requiring this level of partnership and commitment,” McManus said.

Over the past year, Chartwells has partnered with more than 20 local chefs and businesses, carrying their products at campus retail locations and featuring them in dining halls. In addition to supporting South Side entrepreneurs on campus, Chartwells has been working to exclusively source produce from Chicago farmers of color.

These collaborations not only help advance the UChicago Local economic inclusion initiative but they’re also smart business, McManus said.

“I’m all about bridging the gap between the employer and the community. I try to make sure that [employees and potential employees] understand the importance of operating in the neighborhood in which you live and what that can do for your community.”

— Latasha Sampson, director of human resources for the Quadrangle Club and the David Rubenstein Forum, who connects with local candidates in part through partnerships with organizations such as Chicago Urban League, local employment agency One on One, and hospitality schools like Kendall College

“My number one priority is to show proof that partnering with local businesses in UChicago’s neighboring communities adds value and makes a sustainable economic impact.”
ECONOMIC INCLUSION

POLSKY CENTER FOR ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND INNOVATION

As part of the University’s UChicago Local commitment, the Polsky Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation provides intensive support for local entrepreneurs through the Polsky Exchange in the form of free workspace, workshops, and mentoring from industry experts.

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<td>32 women-, minority-, or veteran-owned small businesses supported through the Polsky Small Business Growth Program</td>
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<td>80 students served as consultants</td>
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POLSKY SMALL BUSINESS GROWTH PROGRAM

LARRY’S BARBER COLLEGE

Founded in 2004 to offer professional barber training as an alternative to street life, Larry’s Barber College has grown to include six training locations, with three inside the penal system, and two shops inside Chicago Walmart stores. Adam Farmer, Larry’s chief operating officer, wants to expand further and open a chain of shops where graduates can build their clientele and launch their careers.

“I really want for our graduates to become the small employers in the community. To not just be a barber, but to own a shop that can help them employ other barbers,” he added.

As a participant in the Polsky Small Business Growth Program, Farmer worked with a team of UChicago students to create a plan to grow instructors internally by training Larry’s graduates to teach. In a second cohort, students created a road map for putting the plan in place.

“My team has been consistently learning through that process,” Farmer said. “Now we can execute on that plan.”

Read the story here.
STUDENT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY SERVICE CENTER

The University Community Service Center (UCSC) connects students to civic engagement opportunities, on and off campus, that complement the University’s rigorous academic experience. UCSC provides a range of resources that contribute to student civic learning and impact across Chicago, helping students make meaningful connections with the city’s diverse communities and preparing them to become leaders in their civic, academic, and professional lives.

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<td>11,500 hours of service and engagement from 2,775+ students in UCSC</td>
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<td>250 unique community partners engaged with the UCSC</td>
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<td>325+ civic engagement advising sessions provided to UChicago students, including 45+ leaders of civic engagement initiatives</td>
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<td>50+ trainings and workshops facilitated by UCSC staff to program participants, community service recognized student organizations, and other campus partners</td>
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JULIAN GREEN
SUMMER LINKS

UChicago fourth year Julian Green spent their summer in the University Community Service Center’s Summer Links, a 10-week program that pairs undergraduate students with internships at local community-based organizations and explores social issues impacting the city of Chicago.

Green, a South Side native who uses they/them pronouns, says the internship at Gary Comer Youth Center’s urban farm channeled their passions into meaningful impact.

“Working on an urban farm is the perfect intersection between my interests,” Green says. “And working on an urban farm that’s dedicated to addressing food insecurity on the South Side? … I feel like I’m serving my younger self.”

Green’s supervisor Sandra Reno says partnering with the University is an important way to raise the organization’s profile and mission among potential supporters and clients.

“University students often don’t really explore the city and see the problems that the city has, so it’s also just a way to get young people from the University involved on the South Side,” Reno said.

Read the story [here](#).
ENGAGE CHICAGO

Charles Walton was one of nearly 100 community leaders who met with incoming students last fall as part of the University’s annual Engage Chicago Orientation Week event. “To fully embrace Chicago, you’re going to have to get out and explore it,” Walton, the executive director of mentoring program 100 Black Men of Chicago, told the group.

Hosted by the University’s Community Service Center, the day aimed to introduce students to Chicago and the spectrum of ways they can meaningfully engage with the South Side and the broader city.

For the third year, all incoming College students were asked to participate. Participating community partners included arts advocates, school principals, nonprofit directors, small business owners, and other civic and faith leaders.

Following these conversations, more than 300 UChicago students additionally took part in one of 14 service projects supporting nonprofit organizations in the University’s neighboring communities.

Read the story here.
STUDENT CIVIC ENGAGEMENT

NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS PROGRAM

The Neighborhood Schools Program (NSP) has been providing direct education and enrichment to pre-K to 12th grade students in their local schools and in their communities since 1976. University students add critical capacity to local schools and community sites, working in a variety of classroom and administrative support roles. They also offer one-on-one, individualized tutoring and support preschool students and teachers by leading language, literacy, and social-emotional programming. Throughout FY22, NSP programming was delivered virtually.

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<td><strong>150</strong> UChicago students supported local schools and students through NSP</td>
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<td><strong>2,200</strong> hours of support delivered to local schools and nonprofits through NSP</td>
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<td><strong>143</strong> UChicago student tutors participated in Maroon Tutor Match</td>
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<td><strong>93</strong> families received a total of 500 hours of 1:1 tutoring free of cost</td>
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<td><strong>2,740</strong> hours of 1:1 tutoring support delivered to 162 families, 103 on the South Side</td>
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<td><strong>92</strong> pre-K students in Woodlawn received 1,400 hours of support from 24 UChicago students through Jumpstart</td>
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“I wanted to somehow engage with the community beyond the University and pop that academia bubble. Maroon Tutor Match was a great way for me to utilize the skills that I had in a way that would be beneficial for others. One of the big things about math: once you understand the concept, it’s just gaining confidence, so making sure that Ronnie gained that confidence was really important to me and he definitely did.”

—Anika Bhat, a fourth-year UChicago student who has worked with her Maroon Tutor Match tutee, Ronnie, for three academic years
COLLEGE READINESS AND ACCESS

OCE college readiness and access programs help prepare Chicago high school students to gain admission to, pay for, and thrive in college. They provide Chicago Public Schools students with a broad range of academic advising, college preparation, career exploration, leadership development, and cultural enrichment over the course of several years in the programs.

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<td><strong>205</strong> Chicago Public Schools students were enrolled in OCE college readiness and access programs</td>
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<td><strong>48.4%</strong> of participants were admitted to highly selective colleges and universities*</td>
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<td><strong>$5.4M</strong> in financial aid was awarded to graduates from OCE college readiness and access programs*</td>
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<td><strong>78.4%</strong> of OCE college readiness and access program participants are from low-income households</td>
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<td><strong>98%</strong> of Chicago Public Schools seniors in OCE college readiness and access programs graduated from high school and were admitted to colleges and universities*</td>
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<td><strong>76.4%</strong> of OCE college readiness and access program participants will be the first in their family to attend college</td>
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**DENISE HARRIS**  
**COLLEGIATE SCHOLARS PROGRAM**

When Denise Harris, a North Lawndale native and Whitney Young high school student, was nervous about applying for a competitive college scholarship, she turned to the Collegiate Scholars Program (CSP) team for support. They talked her through the process, made sure her application was complete, and helped her prepare for her interview with the scholarship committee. Thanks to that successful application, Harris is now attending Notre Dame University on a full scholarship.

Harris says that as a Collegiate Scholar her overnight stay in a UChicago dorm and encouragement from staff and faculty to voice her opinions in classrooms gave her a more open mindset and built her confidence that she could tackle any challenges college might present:

“I really appreciate that they created that environment for me.”

Read the story [here](#).
COLLEGE READINESS AND ACCESS

Growing up in Little Village, college feels like a big step. But with all UCSI’s workshops and college readiness classes and stuff, you start to stop seeing college as something unattainable but as something that is really possible if you put in the work.”

—Ruben Nieto, a UChicago STEM Initiative (UCSI) alum and first-generation college student who earned a full scholarship to UChicago

“We gave me a taste of what actual college life is . . . all the nitty gritty things that people assume you’ll know once you get there but it’s not that obvious to us because we have no one who went through it. They answered the questions I didn’t even know I should have been asking.”

—Isabel Marroquin, a Collegiate Scholars Program alumnus from Belmont Cragin and the first member of her family to graduate from high school and attend college; Marroquin attends Columbia University on a full scholarship
COLLEGE READINESS AND ACCESS

UCHICAGO YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

The UChicago Youth Internship Program is a paid, six-week summer employment opportunity at the University of Chicago for local Chicago Public Schools students. In addition to providing interns with meaningful work experience and a stronger peer network, the new pilot program also pairs participants with a mentor and offers weekly professional development workshops, career exploration activities, and college readiness and access programming.

10 local high school students selected from 4 South Side CPS schools and placed across 7 departments within the University

90%+ of participants say YIP helped them increase confidence, gain new/valuable skills, identify/communicate strengths, and find purpose and meaning*

DEJIAH BEATTY
UCHICAGO YOUTH INTERNSHIP PROGRAM

As a participant in the UChicago Youth Internship Program (YIP) micropilot, Dejiah Beatty—a then-rising junior at Kenwood Academy—was able to dive into scientific work, contribute to the Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering’s (PME) programmatic development, and even help shape science education in her own community.

“We are part of the South Side community and being part of that community is really interacting actively, not just providing knowledge but learning from the neighborhood as well,” said Laura Rico-Beck, PME assistant dean of education and outreach and Beatty’s supervisor.

With Rico-Beck’s guidance, Beatty also connected with faculty, students, and staff to discuss her college path and career aspirations to be a neonatal surgeon.

“I’ve been shown how to build these relationships and advocate for myself in a genuine way. My biggest takeaway has been that I'm able to accomplish a lot that I put my mind to,” Beatty says.

Read the story here.

*Based on a survey of summer 2021 YIP interns following the completion of the program. Reply rate: 100%.
CIVIC LEADERSHIP

OCE’s Civic Leadership Initiatives team stewards the University of Chicago’s commitment to the scholarship, teaching, and practice of civic leadership, helping to cultivate civic leaders who think critically, imagine new systems, and build resilient communities. OCE leads programs that help strengthen the ability of emerging and experienced civic leaders on the South Side and throughout Chicago to become more effective leaders and better serve their communities.

FY22 REACH AND IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

| **South Side community leaders** from 42 unique organizations participated in the Civic Actor Studio | **leadership programs** from across the city represented in Civic Leadership Development Exchange (CLDE) |
| **Civic Actor Studio participants** returned to co-facilitate the program | **joint programming events** held among CLDE partner programs |

JOSEPH WILLIAMS
CIVIC ACTOR STUDIO

Joseph Williams, an Englewood resident and founder of mentoring nonprofit Mr. Dad’s Fathers Club, had never set foot on a stage before he found himself among other South Side civic leaders participating in the Civic Actor Studio leadership retreat at UChicago. But he found the four-day experience’s theatrical lens and unique approach to strengthening South Side civic leaders gave him more confidence—and allowed him to deepen his work’s community impact.

“I took a chance with it and after going into the Civic Actor Studio, man, it changed my life. Something that’s always been hard for me is telling my story, and it helped me not only relax and relieve stress but also create my own narrative,” Williams said.

Launched in 2019 and led by OCE in partnership with Court Theatre, the Civic Actor Studio invites civic leaders like Williams to examine the leadership roles they play through theater-based exercises.

Read the story [here](#).
ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

OCE supports academic units as they develop and advance their distinct civic priorities. Whether connecting University researchers to community-based organizations to strengthen the broader impacts of University scholarship or partnering with faculty members to enhance our community-facing programs, OCE’s broad spectrum of engagement with UChicago’s faculty and academic appointees strengthens the impact we can have together at the University and in our neighboring communities.

SUSAN LEVINE
NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOLS PROGRAM

When University of Chicago Psychology and Comparative Human Development professor Susan Levine and her team wanted to examine how working with undergraduate tutors might benefit local second graders’ math development, UChicago’s Neighborhood Schools Program (NSP) was the perfect partner. Math learning, Levine says, is connected to positive long-term outcomes including high school graduation, earnings, and even health.

Levine’s team was able to work with NSP to recruit and onboard tutors; tap into NSP’s existing Chicago Public Schools network to secure school partners; and rely on NSP’s institutional knowledge when issues arose.

Levine and her team launched their MathMatch program last year, studying the development of 33 second-grade students who were paired with UChicago students for one-on-one tutoring three times per week.

“I don’t think we would have gotten this project off the ground without the Neighborhood Schools Program and OCE,” Levine said.

Read the story here.
ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

INCLUSIVE INNOVATION IN THE SCIENCES

Throughout the 2022 fiscal year, OCE worked closely with the Office of Science, Innovation, National Laboratories, and Global Initiatives to develop a shared vision between the University of Chicago, the University of Illinois in Urbana Champaign (UIUC), Argonne, and Fermilab for catalyzing inclusive innovation in the sciences through increased investment on Chicago’s South Side.

The partners aim to transform Chicago’s South Side into an inclusive innovation hub in the coming years, with cross-institutional commitments in the areas of STEM education, employment pathways, economic development, and civic infrastructure helping to create a new pipeline of diverse, talented scientists; technologists; educators; early adopters; and civic leaders needed to enable a sustainable innovation economy.

The collaboration’s shared framework for inclusive innovation will be applied across four scientific domains—quantum information sciences and engineering, data science/AI, climate/clean energy, and biotech/bio engineering—and will enable institutions in the ecosystem to strengthen and coordinate programs designed with and for South Side communities.

Over the course of the year, UChicago shared elements of the working framework with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), which has begun incorporating several of those strategies into its efforts to expand diversity in labs across the nation.

“Coming from a community college, it almost seems unreachable to go to a university like UChicago. But that’s the reason why this program exists, because they want to help us believe that we can make it reachable.”

—Luis Morales, Jr., a City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) student and participant in the Pritzker School of Molecular Engineering’s Introduction to Molecular Engineering course, designed to open pathways for CCC students to transfer into four-year STEM degree programs
A strong understanding of data science will be essential across countless fields in the coming years. This collaboration will ensure our next generation of data scientists will not only be able to analyze and apply data but also incorporate new perspectives and lived experience into solving critical real-world problems.”

—Angela V. Olinto, dean of the Physical Sciences Division

A new teaching fellowship, developed by the UChicago Data Science Institute’s David Uminsky in partnership with City Colleges of Chicago (CCC), will help the institutions address a shortage of faculty trained to teach data science. The fellowship is one element of a new institutional partnership between UChicago and CCC, stewarded by OCE, that aims to ensure that innovation in the rapidly changing fields of science and technology benefits from a wide range of perspectives and experiences.

Read the story here.
CIVIC RELATIONS

OCE makes connections, builds relationships, engages diverse stakeholders, and listens to our neighbors to understand their priorities. We ensure these relationships inform the University’s civic engagement work and lead to the identification of shared interests and the creation of sustainable partnerships.

FY22 REACH AND IMPACT HIGHLIGHTS

- **55 local stakeholders** participated in OCE’s Community Development Working Group to help spur more equitable development and economic inclusion on the South Side.
- **13 external presentations** given by OCE staff, reaching 610+ community residents.

HYDE PARK JAZZ FESTIVAL

Sixteen years ago, buoyed by the South Side’s jazz heritage, representatives from South Side cultural institutions decided to stage a neighborhood jazz festival.

“The University was absolutely fundamental to our doing this,” recalled Judith Stein (AB 1962, AM 1964), co-founder of the Hyde Park Jazz Festival.

Attendance in each of the last few years—except for a scaled-back 2020 version—drew 15,000 to 20,000 people. Between 2,000 and 5,000 attended the inaugural 2007 fest.

Organizers wanted to open institutions to those who may have been unaware, unable, or reluctant to explore their arts offerings.

“The fact that it’s free was something the University pressed for because it opens access to everyone. And utilizing all these wonderful venues—museums, performance halls, arts centers—at the University and throughout the community, invites people from around the corner and around the world to explore the diverse, cultural riches in Hyde Park,” Derek Douglas, UChicago’s former vice president for Civic Engagement and External Affairs, said.

Read the story [here](#).
THANK YOU TO OUR PARTNERS AND SUPPORTERS

Partnerships and collaborations are central to our approach and are critical to helping us make a positive impact on the South Side and across the city. OCE extends our appreciation and thanks to our community partners and generous donors for supporting advancement of our shared work to increase civic participation, expand educational access, and create economic and social opportunity throughout FY22.