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As the culmination of a quarter-long 125th anniversary celebration, the University's 525th Convocation ceremony included a 125th Anniversary Address delivered by University President Emeritus Hanna Holborn Gray, the Harry Pratt Judson Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of History.

In recognition of the University of Chicago's founding in 1890, during the Autumn Quarter, beginning with Opening Convocation on September 21 and concluding with the 525th Convocation ceremony on December 11, we marked the occasion with a celebration of the University's **125th anniversary**.

The anniversary celebration, with the chosen theme of "125 Years of Inquiry and Impact," highlighted the intellectual contributions and historical achievements within and across the College, divisions, schools, and other units, by way of a series of lectures, panel discussions, exhibits, and other events that engaged faculty, students, staff, alumni, and community members campus-wide. These many and varied events provided our community with insight into the University's past and the context for its future.

In this our closing newsletter, we would like to provide you with an opportunity to view **videos**, **photos**, and **news stories** that capture the commemoration of this milestone in the University's history.

Photos



525th Convocation Slideshow

Highlights from the 525th Convocation of the University of Chicago which took place on Friday, December 11, in Rockefeller Memorial Chapel. **[View photos.](#)**



125th Anniversary Slideshow

A collection of photos from the public events, exhibitions, lectures and other activities that took place around campus and at partner institutions around the city in celebration of the 125th Anniversary. **[View photos.](#)**

Video



125th Anniversary Playlist

A selection of videos from 125th anniversary events including the Latke-Hammantash debate, Robert Alter's lecture on the challenges of translation, and more. **[Watch videos.](#)**



UChicago and Affiliated Laboratories

In honor of UChicago's 125th anniversary, the University and its affiliated laboratories hosted a panel discussion regarding the history and future of these collaborations. **[Watch videos.](#)**

In the News



Tracing the University's Intellectual History

Graduate students researched and documented the histories of 17 of UChicago's 87 academic units as part of the **Departmental Histories Fellowship Program**. The anniversary themes of "inquiry and impact" shaped the students' approach as they conducted interviews and delved into archives about their assigned department or school. [Learn more.](#)



Veterans Day

At this year's Veterans Day event, John T. Cacioppo, the Tiffany and Margaret Blake Distinguished Service Professor of Psychology and director of the Center for Cognitive and Social Neuroscience, presented a talk about his research on social resilience and resilience training in soldiers. In light of the University's 125th, the history of **UChicago veterans past and present** was also celebrated. [Learn more.](#)



525th Convocation

As the culmination of a quarter long 125th anniversary celebration, the convocation ceremony included a 125th anniversary address by President Emeritus Hanna Holborn Gray, the Harry Pratt Judson Distinguished Service Professor Emeritus of History; a special musical performance by the Civic Orchestra of Chicago of the commissioned composition "Twin Spaces, Intertwined," written by Professor Anthony Cheung; and the 525th Convocation address to graduating students, "Slowing Down Reason," given by Judith B. Farquhar, the Max Palevsky Professor of Anthropology Emeritus and of Social Sciences in the College. [Read more.](#)

Closing Events



525th Convocation

The 525th Convocation took place on Friday, December 11, and featured an original composition by Anthony Cheung, Assistant Professor, Department of Music and the College.

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525th Convocation Reception

University President Robert J. Zimmer addressed guests during a reception at the Quadrangle Club celebrating the 125th Anniversary.



Research and Teaching in the University Archives

The University of Chicago Library hosted a panel discussion highlighting the role of its Special Collections Research Center in developing content for College Dean John W. Boyer's book *The University of Chicago: A History*, published by the University of Chicago Press. Panelists included John W. Boyer, Dean of the College; Kathleen Conzen, Thomas E. Donnelley, Professor Emeritus of American History; Daniel Meyer, Director, Special Collections, and University Archivist, and James Sparrow: Master of the Social Sciences Collegiate Division and Associate Dean of the College.



Civic Orchestra of Chicago Bach Marathon

As part of a daylong musical marathon led by Chicago Symphony Orchestra (CSO) Judson and Joyce Green Creative Consultant Yo-Yo Ma, small ensembles from the Civic Orchestra of Chicago—the CSO's training orchestra—performed each of Bach's Brandenburg Concertos in various South Side

venues including the Arts Incubator in Washington Park. [View photos](#). [Learn more](#). [Watch video](#).



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