I am pleased to share the International House of Chicago 2019-2020 Annual Report on Activities, which outlines achievements, milestones, and progress made in selected areas over the past year, as well as the support from our worldwide community making such achievements possible.

Usually at the end of the academic year, International House would have concluded a wide array of internationally focused events, as well as Alumni Weekend and convocation celebrations. Instead, the challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic are requiring us all to find new ways to commit ourselves to International House and its unique mission of enabling students and scholars from around the world to live and learn together in a diverse community that builds lifelong qualities of leadership, respect, and friendship. To this end, we have created new globally focused programs and community outreach and engagement activities designed to foster diversity of thought and experience—virtually and through online gatherings. For the graduate student community we serve, we are developing creative programs to ensure their UChicago experience remains a truly remarkable one. In addition, we have continued to provide essential financial resources to support over 75 fellowships and internships to both undergraduate and graduate students from 25 countries.

As director and an alumna of International House, I am heartened by the resilience, creativity, rigor, collaboration, and care demonstrated by our students, especially our Graduate Fellows and Interns, and our staff during this crisis. Past support from our more than 42,000 alumni worldwide is proving essential to this work.

Aside from the COVID-19 pandemic, other recent events have galvanized our campus, our nation, and all the communities represented by the 20 International Houses Worldwide in a movement to address the racism that has long permeated societies. Since International House of Chicago opened its doors in 1932, we have strived to demonstrate our strong support for members of our community who come from all parts of the world, and together with International Houses Worldwide recommitted ourselves to being a community that welcomes students and scholars from all backgrounds.

As we look ahead to the 2020-2021 academic year, I would like to thank all members of the International Houses Worldwide community for their ongoing commitment and their dedication to our mission. Together, we can continue to strengthen a community that works to foster intellectual and cultural connections on campus and around the globe.

Denise M. Jorgens, AM’83, PhD’95
Director, International House of Chicago

The central panel over the doorway to International House symbolizes the coming together of people from the four quarters of the globe. The points of the compass mark the divisions, and the convention of the north at the top is used. The bosses in the arch in the main entrance are flowers of various countries. Starting from the lower left, they are in the following order: Sunflower — Russia, Fleur-de-Lis — France, Rose — England, Maple Leaf — Canada, Poppy — India, Chrysanthemum — Japan, Lotus — Egypt, Narcissus — China.

ON THE COVER: In October, we joined UChicago Presents and the University of Chicago Center for East Asian Studies in welcoming Wu Man, a pipa (Chinese lute) musician to discuss her musical career and documentary Discovering a Musical Heartland: Wu Man’s Return to China. This program was part of the UChicago Presents: Music Without Borders Series. Photo of Wu Man by Stephen Kahn.
International Houses Worldwide Receive 2019 PIEoneer Award for Championing Diversity

International House of Chicago together with International Houses Worldwide (IHWWW) has been awarded one of the 2019 PIEoneer Awards for championing diversity through our scholarship and fellowship programs.

Launched in 2017, The PIEoneer Awards are the only global awards that celebrate innovation and achievement across the whole of the international education industry. The PIE is an independent media, recruitment, and events company connecting a global community of professionals working in international education. Especially in Europe, this is a highly recognized award.

With a distinguished judging panel representing geographical and professional diversity, The PIEoneer Awards recognize both individuals and organizations who are pushing professional standards, evolving their engagement, or redefining the international student experience.

The winners were announced at an awards ceremony held in London on September 19, 2019 (see picture at right). The directors from the two International Houses in London represented IHWW.

International Houses Worldwide is a consortium of 20 International Houses that are separate, independent, non-profit institutions that span four continents and are united by one mission: To provide students of different nationalities and diverse cultures with the opportunity to live and learn together in a community of mutual respect, understanding, and international friendship.

Today, the members of IHWW accommodate some 9,500 students and scholars annually from more than 125 countries. There are nearly 350,000 individuals who are able to claim alumni status at one or more of our organizational members and many of them give back to the movement through their annual financial and other voluntary contributions. This support results in more than 800 scholarships offered annually which serves to promote the diversity of our member houses.

All IHWW directors met in spring of 2020—virtually at a conference hosted by International House Melbourne and International House Sydney. These annual gatherings provide IHWW directors and other staff representatives with an opportunity to discuss issues and concerns related to the future of IHWW and to share experiences and challenges related to international residential and program centers. Learn more about IHWW at ihouseworldwide.org.

Davis Projects for Peace

The Davis Projects for Peace initiative is open to all resident members of International Houses Worldwide. Each year, twenty projects of resident members of International Houses Worldwide are funded at $10,000 each. International House of Chicago has received at least one award each year since the program was announced in 2007. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and in the interest of health and safety for all, the Davis Foundation has suspended all Davis Projects for Peace grants for 2020. The 2021 program will be announced in the fall.
International House serves the University and the Chicago-area community as a cultural center. Through the Global Voices Performing Arts & Lecture series, International House presents programs that advance cross-cultural understanding and public discourse on community, national, and world affairs. During the 2019-2020 academic year, 50 public programs were held, involving 59 strategic community and University partnerships.

Additionally, through the Global Voices—Jeff Metcalf Internship Program, students from the College were provided professional training in public programing, event management, marketing, and public relations. Founded in 1997 to honor Harold “Jeff” Metcalf, AM’53, and former member of the I-House board of governors, the Metcalf Internship Program makes it possible for undergraduates to receive the highly competitive and prestigious enrichment opportunities that they need as a stepping-stone to future employment.
2019—2020
Global Voices
Performing Arts and Lecture Series
Highlights

Performing Arts Series
Starting the year, International House welcomed The Alexander/McLean Project as part of the highly-acclaimed 13th Annual Hyde Park Jazz Festival. To celebrate Latinx Heritage Month, we collaborated with the UChicago Latinx Heritage Month Committee to bring Latin Dance Party and DJ ¡Pachanga! to International House. Partnering with Global Voices for the first time, Chicago-based group Irving Artists, cellist Alexa Muhly and pianist Hiroko Nagahata, held their special album release concert. This concert featured Schumann, Rachmaninoff, Bach, Cassado, and Dvorak. Global Voices and UChicago Ballroom & Latin Dance Association hosted a day of dance lessons and performances of some of the most popular ballroom dance styles, including swing, waltz, cha cha, and tango for their 2019 Ballroom Bootcamp. For the 2019-2020 season, Global Voices was pleased to host two performances by Chicago’s premier early music ensemble, The Newberry Consort. In the fall, The Newberry Consort performed The Empress, a program of operatic excerpts and instrumental dance suites composed in honor of Empress Margarita Teresa of Spain (1651-1673.) International House welcomed Zohn Collective and La Coperacha for their performance, PORTALS. The program featured two works, the scenic cantata Comala by Ricardo Zohn-Muldoon, which was presented in collaboration with La Coperacha Puppet Company, and Daniel Pesca’s Nocturnes, a world premiere written specially for Zohn Collective with poetry by Irving Feldman. Global Voices co-sponsored PORTALS with the Howard Hanson Institute for American Music, the John E. Bishop Fund at International House, the Chicago Latino Music Festival, the Cleveland Museum for Art, the Chicago Center for Contemporary Composition, and Oberlin College. The program was also supported in part by an award from the National Endowment for the Arts. Participation of La Coperacha in PORTALS was possible thanks to a grant from the program “Mexico en Escena” of the Fondo Nacional para la Cultura y las Artes (Mexico). In November, UChicago Presents and Global Voices offered a Bomba dance workshop with GRAMMY and Latin GRAMMY nominated group, Plena Libre. Featuring three vocalists, bass, drums, horns, and requinto guitar, Plena Libre infuses their contemporary Caribbean compositions with a deep sense of the unique indigenous musical traditions developed in Puerto Rico over a century ago.

International House welcomed The Chicago Ensemble for its 43rd season of eclectic classical chamber music performances, featuring Gerald Rizzer, AB’62, Artistic Director and pianist, and leading Chicago artists. Global Voices hosted three concerts this year with The Chicago Ensemble. To conclude the fall’s performing arts programs, Global Voices welcomed Chicago native and award-winning blues guitarist Jimmy Johnson for a live concert. This winter, The Newberry Consort returned for their second concert of the season at International House. They presented The Marchesa, a program that honored the great Isabella d’Este, a politician, mother, taste-maker, musician, writer, art collector, and one of the most important patrons of the Italian Renaissance.
Conferences & Symposiums
The 12th Annual UChicago International Education Conference was presented by Global Voices, UChicago Center of East Asian Studies, Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies, Center for Middle Eastern Studies, and Neighborhood Schools Program/Office of Civic Engagement with support from Title VI National Resource Center Grants from the U.S. Department of Education. This year’s conference was titled, The Hot Topic: Teaching Global Climate Change and featured distinguished speakers who shared methods and topics for teaching climate change to both STEM and non-STEM classes.

Lecture Series
This fall, Global Voices and the UChicago Institute of Politics welcomed the Honorable John Kerry. Kerry spoke on climate change in conversation with Institute Director David Axelrod. In collaboration with UChicago Presents and UChicago Center for East Asian Studies, Global Voices hosted Wu Man, a pípa (Chinese lute) musician, for a discussion and film screening. In her documentary Discovering a Musical Heartland: Wu Man’s Return to China, Wu Man explores ancient Chinese musical traditions. Wu Man discussed her musical career and impressive repertoire. Speaking on her new book, Inconspicuous Consumption: The Environmental Impact You Don’t Know You Have, Global Voices and the UChicago Institute of Politics hosted journalist Tatiana Schlossberg. Schlossberg traced the environmental impacts of even the most mundane human activities, identifying many connections between consumerism and climate change. In November, International House participated in the Chicago Humanities Festival Hyde Park Day and hosted four lectures: Caitlin Zaloom on Student Debt; Ibram X. Kendi: How to Be an Antiracist; Ghost Work by Mary L. Gray; and Suketu Mehta: An Immigrant’s Manifesto. Global Voices and the UChicago Center for East Asian Studies hosted a lecture by National Public Radio’s Seoul Correspondent Anthony Kuhn as he spoke on his experiences reporting news across Asia. Global Voices and UChicago Pozen Family Center for Human Rights hosted Albert Woodfox for the Fall 2019 Robert H. Kirschner, MD, Human Rights Memorial Lecture. Woodfox discussed his advocacy work and new memoir, Solitary: Unbroken by Four Decades in Solitary Confinement. My Story of Transformation and Hope, which was recently named a finalist for the National Book Award. To commemorate Veterans Day, Global Voices, UChicago Office for Military Affiliated Communities, and UChicago Office of the Provost Equal Opportunity Programs hosted a panel discussion featuring Kenneth Wilson, Associate Professor, Trauma and Acute Care Surgery; Dr. Brian Williams, Associate Professor, Trauma and Acute
In December, Global Voices co-sponsored a program with the Museum of Science and Industry’s Infinite Futures series. A World Without Vaccines was an interactive and timely discussion that explored questions related to vaccines today and how vaccines will impact our health in the future.

This winter, the UChicago Muslim Students Association hosted Sacred Struggles, a banquet and program featuring speakers Ustadh Ubaydullah Evans and Maryam Kashani. In February, Global Voices, the Barack Obama Presidential Library (NARA), PBS, the UChicago Law School, and other University of Chicago campus partners collaborated to host a conversation with U.S. Court of Appeals Judge Douglas H. Ginsburg. Ginsburg is a national authority on the Constitution and host of A More or Less Perfect Union (2020), the groundbreaking new three-part public television series “that tells the story of how the framers put freedom in writing; how amendment after amendment finally spread freedom to all of “we the people,” and how we still struggle today to preserve the freedoms guaranteed in the Constitution”. In this inaugural event of the Barack Obama Presidential Library, Judge Ginsburg discussed the PBS series in depth with William Baude, Professor of Law, and Aaron Director, Research Scholar at the UChicago Law School. Global Voices and the UChicago Institute of Politics presented New York Times columnist and Nobel laureate Paul Krugman, who spoke in conversation with Austan D. Goolsbee, Robert P. Gwinn Professor of Economics at UChicago and former Chairman of the Council of Economic Advisers in the Obama White House, on economic issues and his new book, Arguing with Zombies: Economics, Politics, and the Fight for a Better Future. UChicago Presents, UChicago Center for Latin American Studies, and Global Voices welcomed back members of Plena Libre for the presentation, Music as Politics, a discussion with UChicago Professor Dain Borges, Associate Professor of History and the College, on the role plenas have played in Puerto Rico. UChicago Center for East European and Russian/Eurasian Studies, Chicago Studies, the Department of Music, Department of Anthropology, Department of Slavic Languages and Literatures, and Global Voices offered Balkan Rhythms & Dance, an afternoon of Balkan dance lessons, performances, and exhibit of nineteenth century instruments and folk costumes. International House concluded their winter programs with The South Asian Music Ensemble. The performance included a variety of classical, vernacular, and popular song styles from India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Nepal, Sri Lanka, and South Asian diasporas.
Diplomatic Encounters Series

The Diplomatic Encounters Series connects the UChicago community with representatives of diplomatic missions in Chicago and across the nation. The series aims to provide a venue to hear from leading diplomats, engage them in open dialogue, and come to a better understanding of the issues, challenges, and opportunities facing countries around the world. International House was pleased to participate in the following programs:

- International House congratulated the Consul General of India in Chicago Sudhakar Dalela and his wife Mrs. Namrata Dalela on the occasion of the 73rd Independence Day of India celebrated at the Chicago Cultural Center on August 15, 2019.
- The Consulate General of Switzerland in Chicago celebrated their re-opening on September 23, 2019. International House is looking forward to collaborating with Bruno Ryff, the new Consul General of Switzerland to Chicago.
- On Friday, September 27, 2019, International House Director Denise M. Jorgens was pleased to join other board members of the Delhi Committee of Chicago Sister Cities International at the annual luncheon celebrating the legacy of Mahatma Gandhi. This year’s event, commemorating the 150th anniversary of Gandhi’s birth, was the first with Mayor Lori Lightfoot, who was proud to represent the City of Chicago in honoring Gandhi’s lasting global contribution. Mayor Lightfoot also issued a proclamation on behalf of the city, declaring October 2, 2019 Mahatma Gandhi Day in Chicago.
- International House congratulated Consul General Young Sok Kim and Mrs. Se Young Kim on the occasion of the National Republic Day of the Republic of Korea held on Tuesday, October 1, 2019.
- International House congratulated the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany Wolfgang Mossinger and Dr. Mairead Winters-Mossinger on the annual celebration of The Day of German Unity held on October 2, 2019. This year marked the 30th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall, making it a particularly meaningful celebration.
- On October 8, 2019, International House Director Denise M. Jorgens joined a breakfast briefing on Germany and the US 30 Years After the Fall of the Wall with Professor Dr. Norbert Lammert, Chairman of the Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung and former President of the German Bundestag sponsored by the American Council on Germany.
- International House congratulated Consul General of the Republic of Austria, Reinhold Krammer, on the occasion of the Austrian National Day held on October 24, 2019.
- International House, in partnership with the American Council on Germany, welcomed Markus Meckel, a German politician and former Protestant pastor, for his talk From the Peaceful Revolution to German Unification: Reflection on 30 Years Since the Fall of the Berlin Wall. This program was held at International House on December 13, 2019.
- The annual UChicago & Chicago Consular Corps reception was held on January 9, 2020. This year’s event focused on discussing ways in which public policy can more successfully address some of society’s most challenging problems with top researchers from the University of Chicago.

International House Global Voices Program @Home

The challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic are requiring us all to find new ways to commit ourselves to International House and its unique mission. To this end, we have created new globally focused programs and community outreach and engagement activities designed to foster diversity of thought and experience—virtually and through online gatherings. Spring 2020 program highlights:
Through innovative programs and services, we are preparing future leaders in academia, industry, nonprofits, and government. Fellowships and internships enable top students to choose an academic destination based on intellectual, rather than financial considerations. These experiences enhance students’ professional skills, preparing them to succeed in whatever career path they choose. International House is committed to making the UChicago experience for graduate students and postdoctoral researchers a truly remarkable one, both in and outside the classroom, by hosting events that spark their intellectual curiosity, challenge their physical being, and make a difference to their community. Programming includes internationally-focused public programs through the highly successful I-House Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series, weekly language and culture tables, professional development opportunities, health and wellness programs, social activities and much, much more! These programs complement academic departmental efforts to help graduate students increase the impact of their scholarship and get an edge on the job market.
Global Mentorship Network

The Global Mentorship Network is a collaboration between International House and the Office of International Affairs (OIA) that aims to develop and facilitate a network of support for international graduate students at the University of Chicago through regular meet-ups and social events. The program connects second year and above mentors with a cohort of new international graduate students based on their preferences and compatibility. With support from I-House and OIA, mentors then foster a sense of community and provide resources for their cohorts. Through this collaborative cohort model, inclusive programming, and regular reflection and feedback, the Global Mentorship Network aims to enhance the overall international student experience at the University of Chicago.

During 2019-2020, the Global Mentorship Network facilitated 17 cohorts with 34 mentors who provided guidance to over 100 first year international graduate student mentees. In addition to the activities arranged within their own cohorts, members of the Network attended regular mixers at International House, enjoyed trips around the city, and were able to participate in a special mentorship and leadership workshop led by the Center for Leadership and Involvement.

With the challenges faced by the COVID-19 pandemic, the role of the Global Mentorship Network is more important than ever. As the program enters its third year, International House and OIA are pleased to partner with UChicagoGRAD for an online orientation initiative whereby mentors from the Network will be connected with incoming students to answer their questions before they arrive on campus.
Graduate Fellowship Program

Graduate Fellowships are awarded to help ensure the exceptional diversity of the graduate community connected to International House. Fellowships can be designated for students from a single department or any area of study across the University. Fellowship recipients have the unique opportunity to play a leadership role within the community and to exemplify the International House mission. Fellows are also given opportunities to engage with alumni and friends, helping them build a powerful network that fosters personal and professional success across our worldwide community—including the network of 20 houses within the International Houses Worldwide organization.

In 2019-2020, International House awarded 45 graduate fellowships to students from 24 countries. Included in this program are thirteen endowed and special awards.

Kamyar Jabbari Fellowship Fund

Announced—International House is pleased to announce the establishment of the Kamyar Jabbari Fellowship Fund. The fund provides fellowships at International House for academically-qualified graduate students studying at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business. The fellowship award honors former resident of International House and former member of the International House board of governors, Kamyar Jabbari, MBA’79, who died on April 8, 2019. This fellowship has been made possible by the generous support of a group of fellow International House and UChicago alumni including William Bartholomay, MBA’79; Mazin Safar, MBA’77; Stephan Schoess, MBA’78, PhD’82; and Theo Vermaelen, MBA’76, PhD’80. The fellowship celebrates the life of Kamyar Jabbari and the life-long friendships begun when they were resident members in the 1970s.

The 2020-2021 Kamyar Jabbari Fellowship has been awarded to Gulin Tuzcuoglu, a PhD student at the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, from Turkey.

Gioh Fang and T.S. Ma Fellowship—Provides a fellowship at International House for academically-qualified graduate students at the University of Chicago. Special consideration is given to students from China or in East Asian Studies. The 2019-2020 Gioh Fang and T.S. Ma Fellowship was awarded to Zeyu Ren, an international student from China studying in the Law School.

Ralph W. Nicholas Fellowship—This fund has been made possible by the generous support of Lorna Puttkammer Straus, LAB’49, SM’60, PhD’62, professor and former I-House board member and Stanley D. Christianson, MBA’60, former chairman of the I-House board of governors. This fund honors Ralph W. Nicholas, PhD’62, and provides support for up to six fellowships at International House for academically-qualified graduate students from South Asia or in South Asian Studies. The Ralph W. Nicholas Fellowships were awarded to Shiva Chidambaram, from India studying mathematics in the Physical Sciences Division; Ram Itani, from Nepal studying chemistry in the Physical Sciences Division; Amruta Nayak, from India studying in the Biological Sciences Division; Sarah Pillai, from India studying history in the Social Sciences Division; and Goutham Rajendran, from India studying computer science in the Physical Sciences Division.

George and Catherine Watkins Fellowship—Provides fellowships at International House for academically-qualified graduate students of any race, gender, religious affiliation, or national origin who are citizens or residents of Mexico or from Spanish-speaking countries attending the University of Chicago. During the 2019-2020 academic year, Watkins Fellowships were awarded to Rafael Garcia Tinajero Morales and Juan Mejia, both international students from Mexico studying in the Harris School of Public Policy.

Where We Come From

During the 2019-2020 year, International House fellows and interns came from 25 countries and studied in all areas of the University including the undergraduate College.

Albania  Argentina  Burundi  Canada  Chile  China  Colombia  Egypt  Georgia  Germany  Greece  Hungary  India  Iran  Mexico  Mozambique  Nepal  Philippines  Portugal  Rwanda  South Korea  South Sudan  Turkey  United Kingdom  United States of America

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1 GLOBAL COMMUNITY
Global community that has promoted international understanding and cultural exchange at the University of Chicago since 1932.

OUR WORLDWIDE COMMUNITY

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GRAD COMMUNITY LIFE

GRADUATE COMMONS PROGRAM

200+ Programs for UChicago Graduate students across 5 Areas of Focus

Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series
50+
Lectures and performing arts programs with unique opportunities for graduate students.

Language & Culture Tables & related dining activities
8 Languages represented at weekly language and culture tables—French, German, Hindi, Kurdish, Mandarin, Oriya (Odia), Spanish, and Tamil.

Professional Development Programs
115+
Members providing a network of support for international students through the Global Mentorship Network in collaboration with the Office of International Affairs.

Health & Wellness Programs
3 Programs held as part of the new Mind Body Soul Initiative.

16 Goals scored by I-House United soccer team players in the intramural coed league.

135+ Social Activities
Show Me Chicago Trips and Tours, Movie Nights, Discussion Groups, Cooking Club, Game Nights, Study Breaks, Book Club, Concerts, Grad Mixers, and Cultural Celebrations.

Diversity and Inclusion Initiative Grant awarded to pilot International Cooking Club to address the issue of food security among UChicago students, and to enhance climate and full participation in academic life.

85+ Virtual programs and online gatherings held during Spring Quarter in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

3 Special events sponsored through new partnership with the Office for Military-Affiliated Communities—Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and inaugural Welcome Picnic.

69 Thanksgiving Homestay Program participants representing 15 countries.

75 Fellowships and internships awarded, providing essential financial resources to both undergraduate and graduate students from around the world.

25 Countries represented by GRAD Global Impact Interns and Graduate Fellows.

5 Obama Foundation Scholars awarded I-House Graduate Fellowships through new partnership with Harris School of Public Policy.

13 Endowed and special awards including new award honoring former resident of International House and former member of the International House board of governors, Kamyar Jabbari, MBA’79.

600+ Alumni and friends who contributed to the FY’20 Annual Fund.

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I-HOUSE 2019-2020 GRAD LIFE IMPACT BY THE NUMBERS
At International House, UChicago graduate and professional school students and scholars can find many opportunities to become involved in our dynamic and diverse community through our Graduate Commons Program. The success of these programs can be seen in the numbers.
Since we opened our doors in 1932, alumni and friends of International House have provided an important link between the institution and the world. They return to visit and share their career perspectives with current students. They give time to the House and have spearheaded many projects over the years that benefit our community. Alumni also provide essential support to International House. Gifts from alumni and friends fortify programs of central importance to International House’s fundamental mission of welcoming people from around the world and contributing to a supportive, stimulating community at the University of Chicago. We are grateful for the support we receive from alumni and friends worldwide, which allows International House to offer the unique cultural programs, fellowships, and internships for both graduate and undergraduate students as well as community leadership opportunities that are essential to the International House experience.

Thank you for supporting the University—and International House—through UChicago Together

On May 5, 2020, International House joined the greater University of Chicago community in

UChicago Together, part of a global day of unity in response to the unprecedented challenges caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. This initiative was an opportunity for the entire UChicago community to come together in support of UChicago’s frontline caregivers, students, and South Side neighbors. Together, we raised more than $2.2 million for 165 funds across campus,

heard from hundreds of alumni and friends, and received gifts from 40 states and 12 countries. As a token of the University’s gratitude, 900+ alumni and friends received a specially designed puzzle (right) featuring Botany Pond—in spring!

Thank you for helping support I-House and bringing UChicago Together.
Campaign gifts expand support for endowments and create new fund for Global Voices Program

Gifts to the recently completed UChicago Campaign: Inquiry and Impact from alumni and friends worldwide have allowed International House to strengthen existing funds and to establish a new fund to support our world-changing presentations through our Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series.

The Borg-Warner Foundation Fellowship Endowment Fund has been strengthened, providing essential financial support to international graduate students and ensuring the exceptional diversity of the graduate student community connected to International House.

The Rockefeller International House Memorial Endowment Fund will expand support for our role as a program center that advances cross-cultural understanding.

The Global Voices Program Endowment Fund has been established to support our Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series, which presents public programs that promote opportunities for civic discourse on community, national, and world affairs. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, we also have created new globally focused programs and community outreach and engagement activities designed to foster diversity of thought and experience—all through virtual programs and online gatherings. These presentations are free to attend—all in the comfort of your home.

International House endowed funds support our core mission by supplying a steady source of income in perpetuity. Through the generosity of our worldwide community, International House will continue to serve as “Host to the World” well into the future.

International House of Japan

Alumni and friends enjoyed special gatherings at International House of Japan as a part of Denise M. Jorgens’ trip to Tokyo in January 2020.

Delhi Event January 2020

International House alumni event held on January 13, 2020, in conjunction with the UChicago Center in Delhi, the Nehru Memorial Museum and Library, and the Indo-American Friendship Association. Over 200 alumni and friends enjoyed the program India-US Relations Today: Prospects and Challenges, which included a distinguished panel of diplomats, journalists, and academics.

Meijo University Student Visit

International House alumnus Kaoru Kuwajima, AM’90, visited campus with a group of her students from Meijo University in Japan.

Milestones

Former resident of International House and former member of the International House board of governors, Chandra K. Jha, MBA’62, 93, died on January 21, 2020. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Hekmat Elkhanialy Jha, AM’64, PhD’68. Chandra and Hekmat met and married while living at International House.
The campaign ended on December 31, 2019, and thanks to donors and volunteers like you, we exceeded our ambitious goals, raising $5.43 billion in support of the University’s distinctive and enduring values and laying a strong foundation for future ambitions. Thank you for your investment in making a difference!

Continue your support of International House
Engagement of alumni and friends with International House helps build a powerful network that fosters personal and professional success for our worldwide community. Every time you connect with the University of Chicago—through giving, social media, events, lifelong learning, and volunteering—you help advance future inquiry and its impact on human life. These activities—including the more than 50 Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Programs at I-House—contributed to the 125,000 engaged alumni goal for The University of Chicago Campaign: Inquiry and Impact.

How you can stay engaged:

Around the World
- Alumni Clubs and Affinity Groups—A Global Community
  Your fellow alumni can be found in cities and towns across the United States and in every corner of the globe. No matter where you go, from Albany to Italy to Zimbabwe, you can always find someone who speaks your language: Chicago. To find alumni club and affinity group contacts or to update your contact information email alumni-association@uchicago.edu or call 773.702.2150.
- International Houses Worldwide
  ihouseworldwide.org

On campus
- Global Voices Performing Arts and Lecture Series
  Attend one of our internationally-focused public programs, including our new virtual programs and online gatherings.

Online
- Alumni Weekend
  Save the date! June 3-6, 2021
  alumniweekend.uchicago.edu
- Weekly e-bulletins
  Sign up at ihouse.uchicago.edu
- facebook.com/international.house.chicago
- instagram.com/ihouse_chicago/
- flickr.com/photos/ihouse_chicago/albums
- twitter.com/IHouse_Chicago
- youtube.com/user/IHouseUChicago
The role and mission of International House of Chicago and International Houses Worldwide is more important than ever; in order to make the greatest possible impact in the international marketplace of ideas, Chicago students and scholars must be engaged with ideas and approaches from around the world. International House helps them do that, while also contributing to the intellectual and cultural fabric of the greater Chicago community. This year, International House formed a new partnership with the Office for Military-Affiliated Communities and together held three individual programs for Memorial Day, Veterans Day, and the inaugural Welcome Picnic. The success of such partnerships, along with the many other International House activities, helps to ensure the exceptional diversity of perspectives and backgrounds for our faculty, students, and staff.

Our Commitment to Diversity
At the dedication of International House on October 3, 1932, there was an address by Raymond Fosdick titled, *The New Internationalism A Plea for Diversity*. The text of the address appeared in the first International House Yearbook published in the spring of 1933. Raymond Fosdick was an integral part of the Rockefeller Foundation, serving as a trustee and leading adviser to John D. Rockefeller, Jr., founder of the four original International Houses in New York (1924), Berkeley (1930), Chicago (1932), and Paris (1936). An excerpt from Fosdick’s address states:

...I should hope that this place would be a home of honest differences, a refuge for conflicting opinions, a haven for contrasts. I should wish that this institution would be a forum for economic ideas orthodox and unorthodox, a center of social and cultural theories that reflect the whole range of human experience. I should hope that here would be woven a fabric of variegated pattern and of many shades and colors—a fabric from which a flag might be fashioned to unfurl in the face of a leveling mechanism. In brief, if I should be asked to suggest a motto for this new house, an inscription to be placed over its doors, I would give you these words: Not standardization but diversity. Not nationalism but nationality. (The complete address and photos from the 1933 International House Yearbook are available at ihouse.uchicago.edu.)

The International House mission to promote peace through cross-cultural understanding grew out of the aftermath of World War I, when countries started to look inward. Our mission has never changed, and our community remains committed to this important work. As globalization brings new opportunities and complexities, our work to prepare leaders for the global community resonates today with renewed urgency. We remain dedicated to our founding principles and to creating an inclusive environment where all individuals are empowered to fully participate in the exchange of ideas and perspectives. In autumn of 2020, we look forward to welcoming a new class of students and scholars and to continuing to serve a broad array of communities across the campus and around Chicago.

Share Your Story.
Help International House document the experiences of the UChicago community during the COVID-19 pandemic.

We want to hear from all members of our worldwide community.

You can help us document this significant moment in history by contributing your story.

Tell us about your experience during the pandemic: on campus, at home, in the lab, in the field, or wherever you are in the world. What have you seen, felt, and done?

Be creative. Find a medium that works for you.

Please fill out the submission form on our website and provide as much detail as you can.