2024 Peter & Judy Kovler Career Conference

July 17, 2024
9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
UChicago’s Ida Noyes Hall
Welcome to the 13th annual Peter and Judy Kovler Career Conference for High School Students

The University of Chicago Office of Civic Engagement's college and career readiness programs prepare Chicago public high school students to gain admission to, pay for, and thrive in college and excel in future careers. The programs provide free support to more than 250 students annually.

The Peter and Judy Kovler Career Conference for High School Students provides opportunities for high school students to connect with and learn about an array of professional fields and career paths. More than 250 local high school students participating in UChicago college and career readiness programs attend this annual event.

Navigating Ida Noyes Hall

The 13th Annual Peter and Judy Kovler Career Conference has WiFi access throughout the public spaces and session rooms at both Ida Noyes Hall and Harper Center.

Network: UChicago-Guest
Username: osp-cp@uchicago.edu
Password: thqkz

Navigating the Conference

Walking Between Sessions

Most breaks between sessions are at least 10 minutes long.

Look for OCE signage throughout Ida Noyes Hall for the best routes to session rooms. For directions to the Harper Center, visit the check-in station.

Panelists: If you intend to leave the building for any reason, be sure to return promptly in order to arrive at your session on time.

Students: Leaving Ida Noyes/Harper without prior approval from staff is not permitted.

Complimentary Wireless Internet

Breakfast, lunch, and snacks will be available throughout the day in the Library Lounge.

Language and communication: English

Questions? Need assistance?

Visit the check-in station at Ida Noyes (1st Floor Foyer).
Wednesday, July 17
Day at a Glance

Welcome Session (9:30 - 10:05 a.m.)
Max Palevsky Cinema, 1st Floor, Ida Noyes

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### Session 1

**10:15 - 11:00 a.m.**
Max Palevsky Cinema, 1st Floor, Ida Noyes

**Careers in Bioengineering**
Anna Slezak
Joe Reda
Nakisha Rutledge
*Engineering; Biological Sciences*

**10:15 - 11:00 a.m.**
East Lounge, 2nd Floor, Ida Noyes

**From the Classroom to the Boardroom**
Mark Jazbik
Ronald Landrum
Edward Malone
Jesse Ostrow
Stuart McDermott
Lisa Weisglass
Lizzy Lopez
*Business & Finance; Law*

**10:15 - 11:00 a.m.**
West Lounge, 2nd Floor, Ida Noyes

**Financial Literacy Workshop**
Michael D. Ilagan
*Business & Finance*

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**10:15 - 11:00 a.m.**
Max Palevsky Cinema, 1st Floor, Ida Noyes

**Paws and Claws**
Dr. Nicolette Sliwa
Dr. Michelle Funk
Dr. Tracey Malone
Dr. Shannon Greeley
Dr. Marina Jaworsky
Dr. Maria Manrique
*Veterinary Medicine*

**Starting Your Journey: 21st Century Careers**
Derrick Casson
Jonathan Eyler – Werve
Rhonda Rossboro
Talikra Nix
Jen Tremblay Chambers
Jessica Gillespie
Sunny Ahigbe
*Computer Science & IT; Education*
*Health; Arts, Culture, & Entertainment; Athletics & Sports*

**“Command Your 24”**
Join Coach Dr. Nikeya Young as she shares some transformational tips on time management that will help you to have a productive and successful year, both personally and professionally.
*Psychology/Behavioral Sciences*

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### Session 2

**10:15 - 11:00 a.m.**
Harper 104A, 1st Floor, Harper Center (5807 S. Woodlawn)

**Panel**

**10:15 - 11:00 a.m.**
Harper 104B, 1st Floor, Harper Center (5807 S. Woodlawn)

**Panel + “CoCo” (a Guinea Pig)**

**10:15 - 11:00 a.m.**
Harper 104C, 1st Floor, Harper Center (5807 S. Woodlawn)

**Workshop**

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Harper 105A, 1st Floor, Harper Center (5807 S. Woodlawn)

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Harper 105B, 1st Floor, Harper Center (5807 S. Woodlawn)

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**Panel**

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**11:10 - 11:55 a.m.**
Max Palevsky Cinema, 1st Floor, Ida Noyes

**Professional Evolution: Career Trajectories with STEM**
Jeremiah Kim
Mason Wright
Vipul Sharma
*Engineering; Biological Sciences*

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Lisa Weisglass
Lizzy Lopez
*Business & Finance; Law*
Lunch (12:00 pm - 1:00 pm)
Ida Noyes Hall

12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
Cloister Club, 1st Floor, Ida Noyes

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Networking Lunch
Mix & mingle with professionals from a variety of career fields!

Getting Started with STEM Research in College
Led by undergraduate students, Caroline Kellogg (4th Year Biology), Adam Kunz (4th Year Neuroscience), and Alexandra Zhou (2nd Year Econ/Math).

1:10 - 1:55 p.m.
Max Palevsky Cinema, 1st Floor, Ida Noyes
Workshop

Session 3

Medical Careers Exposure
Emergency Preparedness (MedCEEP)
Max Palevsky Cinema, 1st Floor, Ida Noyes
Workshop

Sustainable Futures
Celine Fitzgerald
Nancy Kramer
Manuel Morales
Eric Steen
Louise Mccurry

Panel + Arts & Crafts

Consulting Case Study
Gabriel Celestino-Martinez
Business

Edison Robots
Lauren Dunning
Computer Science & IT

“Creating Your Own Narrative”
NaBeela Washington
Kimberly Kim
Kenneth Cook

Panel

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Panel + “CoCo” (a Guinea Pig)
1:10 - 1:55 p.m.  
Harper 104C, 1st Floor, Harper Center  
(5807 S. Woodlawn)  
Panel

Careers with Impact  
Tess Fulcher  
Noelle Gipson  
Barbara Williams  
Mary Jones  
Wesley Rodgers  
Kam Green  
Terri Albert  

Psychology/Behavioral Sciences;  
Public Policy & Social Impact;  
Education, Business & Finance;  
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2:05 - 2:50 p.m.  
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Workshop

Medical Careers Exposure  
Emergency Preparedness (MedCEEP)  
Dr. Abdullah Pratt & UChicago ER team  
Medicine & Healthcare

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Manuel Morales  
Eric Steen  
Louise Mccurry  

Business & Finance; Talent &  
Recruitment; Engineering, Computer  
Science & IT; Green Careers/  
Environmental Science; Biological  
Sciences

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NaBeela Washington  
Kimberly Kim  
Ken Cook  
Tiffany Walden  

Arts, Culture, & Entertainment;  
Journalism & Creative Writing

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Edison Robots  
Lauren Dunning  
Computer Science & IT

Music & Beats with RCM Studios  
Peter Cottontale  
Ashwin Torke  
Brandon Johnson  
Elton Chung  

Arts, Culture, & Entertainment;  
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Closing Session (3 - 3:30 p.m.)  
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