Dear Friends,

I am excited to announce the launch of Friends of Maroon Athletics, a giving society to support intercollegiate athletics at the University of Chicago.

As you know, our student-athletes are among the brightest and the best in the country, and we aim to enrich their lives while helping them contribute to a vibrant, diverse campus community that inspires excellence. Through athletics, students develop core interpersonal and communication skills, improve their analytical and strategic thinking, and engage with others with humility and confidence.

Maroon teams garner national recognition through National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) and University Athletic Association (UAA) championship performances and academic accolades—and they’ve set their sights on more.

Please consider supporting the Friends of Maroon Athletics and providing more than 500 student-athletes with experiences and friendships to last a lifetime. With your help, I know we can make Maroon Athletics even stronger.

Thank you and GO MAROONS!

Erin McDermott,
Director of Athletics
Maroon Athletics aims to enrich the life of the whole person. We are invested in competitive excellence as we challenge our student-athletes to become their best selves as athletes, teammates, students, and ultimately, citizens in the world. As athletes they embody physical strength and learn the value of movement to incorporate healthy activity and habits into their lives. Maroon Athletics strives to engage our community through fitness and recreation to encourage holistic and healthy living, to build confidence, and to confront challenges physically and mentally.
Through sport, we are committed to teaching how to work collaboratively to reach performance goals, how to embrace diversity of thought and culture, how to persevere through failure with resiliency, how to compete with integrity.

UChicago athletes are:
» NCAA National Champions
» NCAA Finalists
» National Players of the Year
» All-Americans
» UAA Champions
» UAA Players of the Year
» UAA Most Outstanding Performers
» All-UAA, Academic All-UAA, and All-Region Selections
» Rhodes Scholars
» Marshall Scholars
» Academic All-Americans
» UAA Presidents Council Scholar-Athlete Team Selections

Outstanding students, outstanding athletes

FUNDAMENTALS
COMPOSURE
EDUCATION
PREPARATION
PERSEVERANCE
RESILIENCE
LEARNING
A contribution to the Friends of Maroon Athletics is an investment in the transformative power of a UChicago education. The lessons our athletes learn through competition and the people they meet as teammates will help shape the rest of their lives.

By helping to offset costs associated with expanded opportunities to compete at the local, regional, and national Division III level, your gift enables Chicago student-athletes to reach their full potential.

With your support, Maroon Athletics will build on its already exceptional foundation of success, by providing expanded opportunities for student-athletes today and in the future.
FAQs

How will my gift be used?
Your tax-deductible gift helps Maroon Athletics:

- Maintain and upgrade training and competition facilities for UChicago’s 500+ student-athletes
- Recruit top student-athletes to UChicago by providing computers, customized software, and other resources for coaches
- Send teams and individual athletes to compete against national-level opponents, as well as on domestic and international training trips
- Celebrate student-athletes’ achievements on the field, in the classroom, and in the community through award presentations

Can I make a gift to a specific team?
Gifts to specific teams are welcome. These gifts will be used to fund the highest priority for the team as identified by the coach and athletic director. Ten percent of each gift to a specific team will be designated as general athletics support.

Why does part of my gift to a specific team become general athletics support?
Allocating 10 percent of each gift made to a specific team for general athletics support enhances the total student-athlete experience. Whether it provides a new scoreboard for multi-team use, new training gear for student-athletes, enhancements to the weight room, or additional training staff, general athletics support allows the athletic director to provide resources where they are needed most and will have the largest impact.

Does a gift to Friends of Maroon Athletics qualify me for other University recognition societies?
Yes. The University honors generous and loyal donors at all levels through giving societies that provide customized communication programs, special invitations, honor rolls, and other courtesies. With a gift or gifts to the Friends of Maroon Athletics, you may be eligible for one of the following University recognition societies:

- **Maroon Loyalty Society**, for donors who give to any area of UChicago every year
- **Chicago Society**, for donors who contribute a total of $2,500 or more annually
- **Harper Society**, for donors whose cumulative support totals $500,000 or more
- **Phoenix Society**, for donors who make estate commitments or life-income arrangements

For more information on University recognition societies, visit alumniandfriends.uchicago.edu/philanthropic-societies.

To make a gift and support the Maroons, visit give.uchicago.edu/athletics. For questions or for more information, contact Robert Turpin, assistant director of athletics, Alumni Relations and Development, at rturpin@uchicago.edu or 773.834.5949.
GO MAROONS!