

Class of 2014

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Dear Graduates:

Congratulations and best wishes to all our graduates! This wonderful achievement is the culmination of all of your hard work. The late nights, long exams, and rushed deadlines have led you here today. But this is not an ending. We call it commencement because it is the beginning of your journey. You will now take the skills and lessons you learned from your professors and classmates out into the business world to share with your new colleagues.

At UIC, you have had the opportunity to learn with classmates from around the world. I hope you recognize the value in diversity. In our global economy, knowing how to interact with diverse groups is a valuable asset. You will always come out ahead when you can accept and respect other cultures and customs. Recognizing and meeting the changing needs of diverse clients will help you thrive in your careers. I hope you will take this experience and build on it. Have the courage to meet people of different faiths, nationalities, and opinions. Don't silo yourself in the workplace, but have an open mind and you will succeed in building positive relationships.

You will now become part of a large network of alumni, many of whom reside in Chicago and others who have spread across the globe. Through various industries, they are making their mark on the global economy. They are examples of the success a UIC business degree can bring. With the knowledge and experience you have gained over your years here, you can set out on a unique path to success. Reach out to other alumni and use them as examples of what you can do with your career. Set goals and then exceed them. Set a path and then change it. Take risks. The business world is constantly changing, as should you. Take advantage of every connection. Keep in touch with our career center. Even though you celebrate the achievement of graduation today, never stop learning. Keep up with changing trends. Get an advanced degree. Always stay competitive.

Thank you for choosing UIC as your home for the past few years. You have added to our legacy of diverse, hardworking students. As you move into the business world and become the leaders we prepared you to be, I hope that you will leave a lasting impact. And please don't forget those who will come after you. Stay in contact and be an example to the future business leaders that will follow.

On behalf of the entire College of Business Administration, I wish you success and happiness in whatever path you choose. Congratulations again!

Best,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "Michael Mikhail", written in a cursive style.

Michael Mikhail  
Dean, College of Business Administration

Dean Michael Mikhail and the College of Business Administration faculty and staff welcome you to the spring commencement exercises, recognizing the accomplishments of our graduate and undergraduate students.

**PROCESSIONAL . . . . . UIC Concert Band**

José Oliver Riojas,  
Director of Bands

**BANNER CARRIERS . . . . . Abraham "Abe" Berkley-Virgil**

MBA, Finance

**Sarah Ingram**

BS, Finance

**ORDER OF EXERCISES . . . . . Mary Corbitt Clark**

Assistant Dean, Liautaud  
Graduate School of Business

**SINGING OF "AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL" . . . . . Audience led by Jordan Roulo**

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Class of 2012

**WELCOME AND OPENING REMARKS . . . . . Michael Mikhail**

Dean, College of  
Business Administration

**GREETINGS FROM THE PROVOST . . . . . Lon Kaufman**

Vice Chancellor for Academic  
Affairs and Provost

**INTRODUCTION OF THE KEYNOTE SPEAKER . . . . . George Roe**

Clinical Associate Professor

**KEYNOTE SPEAKER . . . . . Cary Kochman**

Citigroup

**RESPONSE FROM THE GRADUATING CLASS . . . . . Flor Fernandez Osorio**

MBA, Marketing and  
Entrepreneurship

**SILVER CIRCLE AWARD HONOREE . . . . . Sam Lee**

Assistant Professor,  
Accounting

**PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES . . . . . Karen J. Colley**

Dean, Graduate College

**Michael Mikhail**

Dean, College of  
Business Administration

**CONFERRAL OF DEGREES . . . . . Lon Kaufman**

**RECOGNITION OF GRADUATES**

**(see list on page 16)**

**Name Readers . . . . . John Anderson**

Director, Business Career  
Center

**William Koehler**

Lecturer, Managerial Studies

**Kim Moon**

Lecturer, Managerial Studies

**Re-Jin Guo**

Associate Professor, Finance

**Angela Prazza Winters**

Assistant Dean,  
Undergraduate Programs

**Doctoral and Graduate Degrees**

**PhD in Business Administration . . . . . Sandy Wayne**

Professor, Managerial Studies

**PhD in Management Information Systems . . . . . Mark Shanley**

Associate Dean, College of  
Business Administration

**Master of Arts in Real Estate . . . . . Mark Shanley**

Associate Dean, College of  
Business Administration

**Master of Science in Accounting . . . . . Ram Ramakrishnan**

Professor, Accounting

**Master of Science in Management Information Systems** . . . . . **Sid Bhattacharyya**  
Associate Professor and Interim Head

**Master of Business Administration** . . . . . **Mary Corbitt Clark**  
Assistant Dean, Liautaud Graduate School of Business  
**Shari Holmer Lewis**  
Assistant Dean, Corporate MBA

**Undergraduate Degrees**

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**Bachelor of Business Administration** . . . . . **Mark Shanley**  
Associate Dean, College of Business Administration

**Bachelor of Science Degrees**

**Accounting** . . . . . **Somnath Das**  
Professor and Head

**Entrepreneurship** . . . . . **Cheryl Nakata**  
Professor and Head

**Finance** . . . . . **Gib Bassett**  
Professor and Interim Head

**Information and Decision Sciences** . . . . . **Sid Bhattacharyya**  
Associate Professor and Interim Head

**Management** . . . . . **Cheryl Nakata**  
Professor and Head

**Marketing** . . . . . **Cheryl Nakata**  
Professor and Head

**ALUMNI WELCOME** . . . . . **Jennifer Kaczmarczyk**  
Copresident, Business Alumni Association, MBA 2010

**CLOSING REMARKS** . . . . . **Mary Corbitt Clark**  
Assistant Dean, Liautaud Graduate School of Business

**RECESSIONAL** . . . . . **UIC Concert Band**  
José Oliver Riojas, Director of Bands

**Audience is requested to remain seated until the academic recession is completed.**

**RECEPTION TO FOLLOW**

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Reception tent (half block east of the Pavillion Parking Structure)

Photos and videos of today's event will be available on the UIC Commencement website.



## **CARY KOCHMAN, CITIGROUP**

Cary A. Kochman is the head of the North American Mergers and Acquisitions Group at Citigroup. Cary Kochman also serves as the cohead of the Chicago office for Citigroup. He has over 25 years of investment banking experience. Prior to joining Citigroup in 2011, Cary Kochman was Global Head of M&A for UBS and cohead of the Midwest region. Before joining UBS in 2004, Cary Kochman served as the head of the U.S. M&A Department for Credit Suisse. He worked at Credit Suisse for over 14 years. He holds both his JD and MBA from the University of Chicago. While at the University of Chicago, he attended the London Business School and earned a Nikko Fellowship for study in Tokyo. A member of the Honors College, he graduated from the College of Business Administration at UIC, where he earned a BS in accounting. He is honored as a distinguished alumnus of UIC. Mr. Kochman is a member of the Illinois Bar and has completed both the CPA and CMA examinations. Mr. Kochman serves as a trustee of the Shedd Aquarium. He is also a member of the

Economic Club of Chicago, the Commercial Club of Chicago, the Executive's Club of Chicago, and lectures at Northwestern University's MergerWeek. He is an advisory board member (Chicago Booth Council) at the University of Chicago Booth School. He has recently served as an advisory board member to the University of Chicago Law School. He is also a member of the Board of Trustees of CENSA (Council for Emerging National Security Affairs). He is an advisory board member to LEK Strategic Consulting.

Cary Kochman specializes in mergers, acquisitions, divestitures, corporate takeovers and hostile defense. He has completed transactions with an aggregate value in excess of \$200 billion.

## **THE BUSINESS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION—BUILDING A NETWORK OF BUSINESS LEADERS**

The Business Alumni Association serves a powerful network of 30,000 alumni. This diverse group spans industries and continents, but shares the strong association of its alma mater. Through yearly events such as How Chicago Works, ENGAGE, Holiday Happy Hour, and the BAA Graduation Party, we strive to build connections across Chicago's business community. We promote volunteerism through local community service projects and the college mentoring program. The BAA is tasked with mobilizing alumni support for the college and providing valuable benefits, services, and resources. All graduating students are invited to join the BAA and see the unique benefits we have to offer. Become a part of this strong, diverse group of business professionals working to help you succeed as a business leader.

