

Class of 2014



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 read "Michael Mikhail".

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

**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

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.

