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**LEGAL NOTICE BY ORDER OF THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS**

*A federal court authorized this notice. This is **not** a solicitation from a lawyer.*

If you were enrolled in a University of Chicago Undergraduate or Graduate Program at any time between January 1, 2020 through the end of the Spring Quarter of 2020, you may be entitled to a cash payment from a proposed class action settlement.

This notice is only a summary. It contains information about a class action settlement. More detailed information can be found at:

www.2020TuitionAndFeesSettlement.com.

Questions? Call (888) 702-5666.

You should check the website regularly for updates on the case, including regarding the Settlement, the approval process for the Settlement, the scope and terms of the Settlement Class and the scope and terms of the Settlement.

What is this notice about? A proposed Settlement has been reached in a lawsuit filed against the University of Chicago and the Board of Trustees of the University of Chicago (collectively, the “University”). The lawsuit claimed that University students paid tuition and fees for in-person instruction in the Spring Quarter of 2020 and were entitled to refunds based on the University’s provision of remote instruction beginning in the Spring Quarter of 2020. The University denies these allegations. If approved by the Court, the Settlement resolves the case and provides benefits to Settlement Class Members who do not exclude themselves.

Who is included? You may be a Settlement Class Member if you were enrolled in a University of Chicago Undergraduate or Graduate Program at any time from January 1, 2020 through the end of the Spring Quarter of 2020.

Undergraduate and Graduate Programs means all undergraduate, professional and postgraduate programs.

Excluded from the Settlement Class are the following persons:

- (i) The University and its officers, trustees and their family members;
- (ii) Class Counsel;
- (iii) The judges who have presided over the Action;

- (iv) All other persons who timely elect to become Opt-Outs from the Settlement Class in accordance with the Court's Orders.

What can I get if I attended the University from January 1, 2020 through the end of the Spring Quarter of 2020? The proposed Settlement creates a fund of \$4.95 million to pay Cash Awards to Settlement Class Members. Cash Awards will be *pro rata* shares of the Net Settlement Fund based on the out-of-pocket amount of tuition and fees paid by a Settlement Class Member or paid on his or her behalf to the University for the Spring Quarter of 2020, excluding all University grants, University scholarships or University stipends. Each Settlement Class Member is eligible to receive at least \$25. **To receive this benefit, you need not do anything; a check will be sent via U.S. mail to the address the University has on file for you. If you would instead prefer a check payment to a different address or payment via Venmo, PayPal, ACH, or Zelle, you must provide by 30 days after the Effective Date of the Settlement an updated address or election to receive the Cash Award by Venmo, PayPal, ACH, or Zelle.** You can do so at www.2020TuitionAndFeesSettlement.com. If you have any questions about how to adjust your payment method or address, call (888) 702-5666 or email DoNotReply@2020TuitionAndFeesSettlement.com.

What are my options? If you were enrolled in a University of Chicago Undergraduate or Graduate Program at any time between January 1, 2020 through the end of the Spring Quarter of 2020, you can **(1) do nothing and you will receive a check payment at the address the University has on file for you, (2) submit a request by 30 days after the Effective Date of the Settlement that your check be sent to a different address or via Venmo, PayPal, ACH, or Zelle, (3) exclude yourself by March 11, 2024 or (4) object to the Settlement by March 11, 2024.**

If you exclude yourself, you must do so with respect to all claims otherwise covered by this Settlement. You may not exclude yourself with respect to some but not all of these claims. If you do not exclude yourself, and the Court approves the Settlement, you will be bound by the Court's orders and judgments and will release your claims against the University about issues in this case (including any that you have already initiated in any proceeding). For information on how to exclude yourself or object, visit www.2020TuitionAndFeesSettlement.com or call (888) 702-5666.

What information is needed from me to participate? None. The Court has issued an order permitting the University, under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act ("FERPA"), to disclose to the Claims Administrator the Out-of-Pocket Tuition and Fees paid by or on behalf of each Settlement Class Member for the Spring Quarter of 2020. The University will provide that information to the Claims Administrator no later than ten (10) days after entry of the **Final Approval Order**. On or before **March 11, 2024**. You as a Class Member have the option to request that the Court quash its order requiring such disclosure as to your information.

What happens next? The Court, located in Chicago, Illinois, will hold a hearing on **April 10, 2024 at 9:45 a.m. CT** (or such other date as set by the Court) to decide whether to approve the Settlement, including how much to pay Class Counsel for their work in representing the Settlement Class and what Service Award, if any, should be given to the Named Plaintiffs. You may attend this hearing, but you do not have to. If you filed a timely Objection, you or your attorney may ask permission to speak at the hearing at your own cost. The date and time of this hearing may change without further notice. Please check www.2020TuitionAndFeesSettlement.com for updates.

Who represents me? The Court has appointed Thomas J. McKenna and Gregory M. Egleston of Gainey McKenna & Egleston (501 Fifth Avenue, 19th Floor New York, NY 10017 or 1-212-983-1300); Gary Lynch and Nicholas Colella of Lynch Carpenter LLP (1133 Penn Avenue, 5th Floor Pittsburgh, PA 15222 or 1-412-322-9243); and Michael Tompkins and Anthony Alesandro of Leeds Brown Law, P.C. (One Old Country Road, Suite 347 Carle Place, NY 11514 or 1-516-873-9550) to represent you as Class Counsel. You will not be charged for these lawyers. If you want to be represented by your own lawyer, you may hire one at your own expense.

How do I get more information? For more information, including the Mailed Notice, Claim Form, Motions for Approval of Attorneys' Fees and Costs and Plaintiffs' Service Awards and Settlement Agreement, call (888) 702-5666 or visit www.2020TuitionAndFeesSettlement.com.

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