A year ago I wrote in this space of a sobering new reality—the spread of a virus we had only begun to comprehend. I also wrote that the U of I System and its three universities were well-positioned to meet this new set of obstacles head-on.

Over the year since then, we have seen not only the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic on all our lives but a period of societal upheaval and reckoning with issues of inequality and injustice that for too long have been fixtures of our reality.

As we pass this one-year mark, I can say that I have never been more proud of our university system, our universities and all of those who are a part of them. Together, we have adapted and learned, accepted necessary new realities, looked out for one another and looked for a way forward. We have also mourned the many thousands of lives lost, including some of our own.

And together we have also forged a path through this crisis, and transformed challenge into opportunity. We returned to our campuses - a feat made possible by the revolutionary saliva-based test developed at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, which is now being widely shared across the state and beyond.

We served on the front lines of the epidemic response at the University of Illinois Chicago and U Health and helped to development and deployment of vital vaccines.

We shared our expertise in online learning at the University of Illinois Springfield with K-12 educators adapting to their own new normal.

But our achievements were hardly limited to coronavirus response. The kind of breakthrough discovery and the pursuit of world-class education that are at the core of our mission continued. And college life—walking through our campuses, making new friends, watching and listening to live performances—with some adjustments, all continued, as well.

On the pages ahead you can read about these accomplishments and more, extraordinary advances achieved amid circumstances that challenged us in ways few of us had ever imagined. We remain on that path, our work not complete as we navigate the pandemic. And more challenges lie ahead. But I have never been more confident in what the U of I System can do and, as I said earlier, I’ve never been more proud.

Tim Killeen
President, University of Illinois System
Alumni are a permanent part of the University of Illinois family. The U of I System has nearly 792,000 living alumni.

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The president and senior staff work together to develop strategies and solutions to address educational and administrative challenges across the University of Illinois System. System staff are responsible for communicating the breadth and excellence of endeavors occurring throughout the U of I System to government, corporate, and civic leaders as well as to alumni and other stakeholders. The leadership works with these audiences to ensure continued support for the universities. System offices and units provide centralized services that are vital to supporting the primary missions of the U of I System.

SYSTEM SERVICES, FUNCTIONS, AND INITIATIVES
• Academic affairs, programs, and services
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• Consortium of Academic and Research Libraries of Illinois
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• Ethics and compliance
• Governmental relations
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• College of Agricultural, Consumer and Environmental Sciences
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• College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
• College of Medicine
• Carle Illinois College of Medicine
• College of Social Work
• College of Veterinary Medicine

TOTAL ENROLLMENT (FALL 2020)
52,679
DEGREES AWARDED (2019-2020)
13,990
OPERATING BUDGET (FY 2021)
$2.9B
UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS CHICAGO

The University of Illinois Chicago is the city’s only public research university and, as such, is an integral part of the educational, technological, and cultural fabric of Chicago. UIC is recognized as one of the most ethnically rich and culturally diverse universities in the country. The UIC John Marshall Law School became the university’s 16th college in 2019.

- College of Applied Health Sciences
- College of Architecture, Design, and the Arts
- College of Business Administration
- College of Dentistry
- College of Education
- College of Engineering
- Graduate College
- Honors College
- UIC School of Law
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- College of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- College of Pharmacy
- School of Public Health
- Jane Addams College of Social Work
- College of Urban Planning and Public Affairs

TOTAL ENROLLMENT (FALL 2020): 33,518

DEGREES AWARDED (2019-2020): 7,847

OPERATING BUDGET (FY 2020): $3.1B

UI HEALTH

Dedicated to the pursuit of health equity, UI Health provides comprehensive care, education, and research to foster healthy communities throughout Illinois and train the next generations of healthcare leaders through UIC’s seven health colleges and the University of Illinois Hospital and Clinics.

UI Health has more than 60 care locations, including a 462-bed hospital, 26 outpatient clinics, and 14 federally qualified Mile Square Health Centers.

PRACTITIONERS (2020): 1,000

EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT VISITS (FY20): 45,089

OUTPATIENT CLINIC VISITS (FY 2020): 454,658
The University of Illinois Springfield emphasizes a strong liberal arts core and broad engagement in timely affairs issues. Students and faculty conduct research and public service projects in the living laboratory that is the Illinois state capital to improve regional, state, national, and global communities.

The diverse student body, composed of traditional, non-traditional, and international students, thrives in an innovative learning environment that offers personalized student-faculty interaction on campus and as a nationally recognized leader in online learning.

- College of Business and Management
- College of Education and Human Services
- College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
- College of Public Affairs and Administration

TOTAL ENROLLMENT (FALL 2020) 4,146

DEGREES AWARDED (2019-2020) 1,187

OPERATING BUDGET (FY 2020) $124.2M

ROCKFORD

Rockford is a regional home to several academic programs from the University of Illinois Chicago that work in partnership with local hospitals and healthcare organizations to provide medical training and research opportunities for students and health services for area residents.

- College of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- College of Pharmacy
- Crawford Library of the Health Sciences

PEORIA

Peoria is a regional home to UIC health-science programs and the UIS Peoria Center. Peoria boasts downstate Illinois’ largest medical campus, including a world-class medical simulation center.

- College of Medicine
- College of Nursing
- Library of the Health Sciences
- UIS Peoria Center

QUAD CITIES

The UIC College of Nursing established a regional program in Moline in 1985, attracting a majority of its students from 17 surrounding counties.

- College of Nursing

EXTENSION

The University of Illinois Extension is the flagship outreach effort of the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, offering education programs to residents of all 102 Illinois counties.

Medical/healthcare satellite locations

Other educational sites

Projects/Research Institute & other research facilities

Extension Facilities

Counties with student enrollment

Prairie Research Institute & other research facilities

Medical/healthcare satellite locations

Projects/Research Institute & other research facilities

Extension Facilities

Other educational sites
FACING A CRISIS, UIC TEAM CREATED COGSHIELD SALIVA TEST

One of the biggest and earliest challenges the system and its universities faced during the pandemic was how to safely return to campuses. The response was massive, with millions of tests performed over the past year and a half. The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign tested the entire student body at the beginning of the fall semester. Every student, faculty member and staff member was tested for COVID-19.

The saliva-based test earned an emergency use authorization from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and two entities were created to speed up its technology. SHIELD Illinois for UIC and its three sister institutions; and SHIELD T3, with an initial focus on the University of Illinois at Chicago and the University of Illinois at Springfield.

The success of the SHIELD test-and-trace system, which is based on saliva samples, has been impressive. It has been able to reduce the number of invasive nasal swabs, which are painful and prone to error, and is less likely to be affected by changes in the virus.

SHIELD PROTECTION REACHES FAR BEYOND U OF C CAMPUS

The success of the SHIELD test-and-trace system has extended beyond the University of Illinois System. By May, more than 120 universities, colleges, schools, companies and government entities in 26 states and the District of Columbia had been approved to use the SHIELD saliva-based test. The test has been used to conduct surveillance and identify outbreaks in large settings, including professional sports teams, airlines and colleges.

STUDENTS ANSWER CALL TO VACCINATE, UIC COMMUNITY ADVANCES

In response to unprecedented times, many students stepped up to help fill vital roles during the pandemic. UIC’s clampdown on in-person instruction and the need for contact tracing led many students, including graduate students, to step up to help. For example, the university’s clinical assistant professor and co-coordinator of infection prevention for the College of Medicine’s division of infectious diseases, Matthew Matthews, is a co-author of the study that identified the importance of saliva-based test-and-trace systems.

The podcast also showed some of the many ways the system have helped to engage students, including the development of a coronavirus-related mobile app for students.

THE VIRUS AS A WAY TO BLUNT ITS EFFECTS, IF NOT ...

Many people have been vaccinated against COVID-19, but the virus continues to spread. Vaccines provide hope and help in the effort to control the spread of the virus, but they are not a panacea. COVID-19 variants are also emerging, and the virus continues to evolve.

At the University of Illinois Chicago, the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and the University of Illinois at Springfield, researchers have been working on new strategies to control the spread of COVID-19. Some of these strategies include using saliva-based tests to identify infected individuals, using contact tracing to identify close contacts and using the saliva-based test to identify vaccine failures.

In the future, the University of Illinois System hopes to continue to work with researchers and public health officials to develop new strategies to control the spread of COVID-19. In the meantime, the University of Illinois System will continue to work to protect its students, faculty and staff and to provide a safe and healthy environment for all.

For more information, please visit the University of Illinois System website (www.uic.edu) or contact the Office of Communications at 312-996-3800.
The pandemic has created distinct challenges for universities in the U.S., and the University of Illinois system is no exception. The pandemic could result in a drying up of revenue streams, a potential freeze on state funding, and the elimination of certain programs. Early indicators point to the possibility that the pandemic could result in significant financial challenges for the Illinois system.

In the Illinois system, the chancellor of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Springfield, have all had to work together to develop and implement a series of strategies to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff. These strategies include the implementation of new technologies and the development of new policies and practices to mitigate the spread of the virus.

A successful model is the University of Illinois system's SHIELD program, which was implemented at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in March 2020. The program uses a saliva-based COVID-19 test to identify infected students and staff, allowing authorities to take action to mitigate the spread of the virus. The program has been successful in identifying infected individuals and preventing the spread of the virus on campus.

The success of the program led to the development of the Illinois Institute for Global Health, a new research institute that will focus on developing new technologies and strategies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other pathogens. The institute will be housed at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and will bring together experts from across the University of Illinois system to develop new strategies and technologies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other pathogens.

The pandemic has also led to a significant shift in the way that universities are operating. Many universities are now offering online courses, which has allowed students to continue their education while maintaining social distancing. However, this shift has also led to challenges, such as the need for new technologies and the development of new policies and practices to ensure the safety of students and staff.

Despite these challenges, universities are working hard to develop new strategies and technologies to mitigate the spread of COVID-19 and other pathogens. The Illinois system is no exception, and the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, the University of Illinois at Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Springfield are all working together to develop and implement new strategies to ensure the safety of students, faculty, and staff. These strategies include the implementation of new technologies and the development of new policies and practices to mitigate the spread of the virus. The success of these efforts will be crucial in ensuring the health and safety of students, faculty, and staff across the University of Illinois system.
The University of Illinois Chicago is one of 150 higher education institutions that have earned Excelencia in Education’s Seal of Excelencia, a nationally recognized accreditation that recognizes colleges and universities for their commitment to supporting Latinx students. In joining the seal, UIC aims to effectively serve a growing Latinx student population.

From student learning and retention to graduation and adulthood, student success is a primary focus at UIC, says Nikos Varelas, UIC vice provost for undergraduate education and career aspirations, student experts on Latinx student success highlights support to students, which has resulted in recognition by a national organization of implementing programs with evidence of success is a primary focus at UIC, says Nikos Varelas, UIC vice provost for undergraduate education and career aspirations, student experts on Latinx student success highlights support to students, which has resulted in recognition by a national organization of implementing programs with evidence of systemic racism.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is one of the universities that has been recognized for its programs that provide multi-dimensional supports, prioritizes, and recognizes the research of scholars working on issues of systemic racism.

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The teams include groups focused on sustainable agriculture, using artificial intelligence to improve patient outcomes in healthcare, building safe and ethical algorithms, and a range of other vital issues.

“This just the beginning of our efforts to pull together strong industries in the region on the very cutting edge,” said Bill Jackson, DPI executive director.

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dpi opens pediatric dentistry outpatient care center

With thanks to the USO, Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs, the Discovery Partners Institute, and parents of patients with children who have cleft palate.

The center was created to treat increasing numbers of children in need of dental procedures requiring specialized oral care.

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Pervasive symbolism and imagery from the U.S. Civil War, the 1919-1920 Russian Revolution, and the Great Depression echoed through the national psyche, with narratives and themes that still resonate today.

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, with its commitment to excellence in research, teaching, and public service, is deeply engaged in the current social and political landscape. The university’s researchers, educators, and students are actively working to address the pressing issues of the day, from climate change to social justice, and from economic inequality to the maintenance of human dignity.

The university’s programs, initiatives, and research projects reflect this commitment to social responsibility and civic engagement. From the study of political economy to the promotion of social justice, the university is making a difference in the world.

The university’s mission is to foster a community of learning where students and faculty can explore and understand the complexities of our world, and where they can contribute to the betterment of society. The university’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion is reflected in its policies and practices, and in the support it provides to its students, faculty, and staff.

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This is a great opportunity for new UIS students to start or finish their education,” said UIS Interim Chancellor Karen Whitney. “It’s also a chance for current students to add to their course load and potentially earn their degree in a shorter period of time.”

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Creating Online Tech Bootcamps for Professionals

The University of Illinois Chicago and Rockford Academy began a new partnership to offer online tech bootcamps to teaching and coding curricula to help business leaders create a skilled and experienced professional workforce.

The program was created to help meet the demands of Chicago’s workforces and provide pathways for high-skill, low-wage and experienced professionals.

The chancellor for innovation at UIC.

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Working with Ernst & Young LLP (EY), the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign’s College of Business has launched a new initiative to prepare students for success in a world that is rapidly reshaped by technological innovation and social change.

The Disruption Lab will provide extracurricular learning opportunities for students, creating entrepreneurial opportunities that connect existing campus resources in new ways.

The lab will also build stronger relationships between GIS and its corporate partners.

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The University of Illinois at Springfield launched the Springfield Medical Sciences Surgical Innovation and Training Laboratory (SITL), a $3 million facility that provides hands-on training for all surgical disciplines.

SITL features advanced simulation in microsurgery, robotic and thermal surgery, with particular emphasis on microvascular and robotic surgery. Modern surgical training tools, including several robotic suites, are available for surgeons of all experience levels.

The University of Illinois College of Medicine at Urbana-Champaign unveiled its new Surgical Innovation & Training Laboratory (SITL) at its 2021 Illinois Medical Technology Conference.

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On the Behalf of the Springfield Medical Sciences Surgical Innovation and Training Laboratory

Families Need Early Childhood Services Online Through Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse

The University of Illinois Springfield offered eight- week accelerated courses during winter break and spring semester. While more than 40 courses in a variety of subjects were available.

For high school students who attended a virtual summer camp hosted by The Granger College of Engineering at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, creating short dance videos on video-sharing site TikTok helped them learn the science of biomechanics and the principles of movement analysis.

Campers were challenged to identify the best dancer in their household by recording themselves performing a 10- to 15-second dance while wearing tracking markers.

Using a software plug-in, the campers tracked the dancer’s movements and compared the range and smoothness of their motions to those of a model dancer performing the same action. The model dancer could be a family member or one of the professional dancers in videos provided to the campers.

TikTok videos of real people inspired the new SITL’s operations.

A technology spin program provided by the Illinois Early Intervention Clearinghouse at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign is helping families across the state obtain the equipment they need to participate in live video visits with their children.

Many families of infants and toddlers who require or could use online access face challenges obtaining services such as speech, occupational therapy and developmental services due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Parental education services are critical because young children grow and develop so quickly. If they do not receive services during that critical window, the delays last a lifetime,” said UIC Chancellor Michael Amiridis.

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The catalyst is made up of oxygen plus 10 other elements that each has the ability to reduce the combustion temperature of methane. The equipment includes three hand-held 10-star-radiant panels to examine the structure and evolution of another system and other phenomena. The&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;also includes three vehicles equipped with meteorological sensors for observing meteorological conditions near the ground and three weather balloon launch systems. 

The data will provide better ways to forecast global ocean under its icy surface with more liquid water 2020s and will explore Jupiter’s moon, Europa, looking for signs of volcanism on the rocky floor under the ocean. "This could be true for Europa," he said. "But consumers of both right-leaning Fox News and left-leaning CNN have shown to be less receptive to information that challenges their beliefs," Yang said.

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"At no other university do students and faculty have access to cutting-edge meteorological research facilities of this scope," said Jeff Troshin, chief of the Department of Atmospheric Sciences.

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**NEW MIDWEST QUANTUM INFORMATION INSTITUTE LED BY UIUC**

A new institute led by the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will combine the research efforts of three Midwestern universities and apply to quantum computing.

The Grainger College of Engineering’s Midwest Quantum Information Science and Technology Center will launch a National Science Foundation five-year Long-term Challenge Institute for Quantum Architectures and Networks (HGAN). The institute will include the University of Wisconsin, as well as industry and government research.”

"**SUCCESS FROM THESE RESEARCHERS WOULD MEAN A FASTER MOVE TOWARD A QUANTUM COMPUTING REVOLUTION.**"

The NSF established HGAN with a $25 million, five-year award. It will be one of only three in the country to be funded as a hub of biomedical investment will join researchers from UIUC and technology providers, and venture capital firms.

**THE UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS Urbana-Champaign**

The University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign’s $2.25 billion “With Illinois” fundraising campaign passed its target this year of $2.25 billion by the end of the calendar year.

More than 40 industry partners from across the country participated in this effort, including executive education in high-demand skills, internship placement, mentorship, and a graduate of UIUC, and Leslie (Miller) Frank, an alumnus of UIUC and a graduate of UIUC, and Leslie (Miller) Frank, an alumnus of UIUC and Leslie Frank Center for Leadership and Innovation in Media. The Pritzker Foundation is giving $5 million to the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign. The gift, the largest in the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign’s history, will establish a new institute for AI research and the Pritzker Center for Artificial Intelligence.

Students at the College of Media at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign will benefit from a suite of enhanced professional experiences thanks to a $15 million gift from the Pritzker family. The gift, the largest in the College’s history, will establish the Pritzker Innovation Fund and Leslie Frank Center for Leadership and Innovation in Media.

**STELLAIRE SUBURBICUS**

The University of Illinois Springfield “Reaching Stellar” fundraising campaign made great strides during fiscal year 2020, surpassing approximately $8 million in gifts to support scholarships, academic programs, the UIS Center for Lincoln Studies, community impact, and facilities and technology.

“The Reaching Stellar campaign ultimately will help UIS further develop several areas of expertise and service, but foremost is the intent to improve access for students,” said UIS President and Chancellor Karen Whitney.

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PROTECTING THE MONARCH BUTTERFLY

The population of monarch butterflies in the eastern United States has declined by more than 80% over the past two decades. The University of Illinois Chicago has led the creation of a first-of-its-kind agreement to help the species recover. UIC has partnered with dozens of energy companies and transportation agencies to develop the first nationwide Candidate Conservation Agreement with Assurances, or CCAA. Under the CCAA, issued in April 2020, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and non-federal property owners and land managers agree to take steps to protect the monarch on up to 26 million acres of land.

“This unprecedented agreement encourages land managers to take immediate, proactive steps to support the monarch butterfly so that we can turn its decline around,” said Iris Caldwell, program manager at UIC’s Energy Resources Center. The CCAA encourages practices such as habitat set-asides, timed mowing to avoid peak monarch periods, and vegetation management to promote beneficial plants like milkweed.

PIONEER OF LED LIGHTING AWARDED QUEEN ELIZABETH PRIZE

Nick Holonyak Jr., renowned for his creation of the first visible-spectrum LED and an icon at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, was recognized for his groundbreaking achievement with the 2021 Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering. The award praised Holonyak “for the creation and development of LED lighting, which forms the basis of all solid-state lighting technology.” Holonyak’s LED, first demonstrated in 1962, is now commercially used in light bulbs, device displays, and lasers. Holonyak is the John Bardeen Endowed Chair Emeritus in Electrical and Computer Engineering and Physics. He shares the prize with his former students and Illinois alumni M. George Craford and Russell Dupuis, as well as blue-LED pioneers Isamu Akasaki and Shuji Nakamura.

Holonyak was the first in his family to pursue higher education. He received his bachelor’s, master’s, and doctoral degrees from UIUC, where he was the first graduate student of two-time Nobel laureate John Bardeen.

IN FIRST 50 YEARS, UIS CREATES BOLD LEGACY, PATH TOWARD BRIGHT FUTURE

The 2020-21 academic year is the 50th anniversary for the University of Illinois Springfield, providing an opportunity to reflect on the rich history already created and the path ahead.

As Interim Chancellor Karen Whitney noted, UIS began as Sangamon State University in a temporary building and is now U.S. News & World Report’s No. 1 public regional university in Illinois. “Our unconventional start, our culture of thinking outside the box, our stamina and grit – these qualities continue to propel us forward,” Whitney said.

Now UIS awards well over 1,000 degrees a year in more than 50 programs, enrolls more than 4,100 students, has more than 230 faculty, and fields 15 NCAA Division II teams.

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*Includes $1.7 billion in payments made on behalf of the system for employee benefits and $62.7 million for the Academic Facilities Maintenance Fund Account (AFMDA)