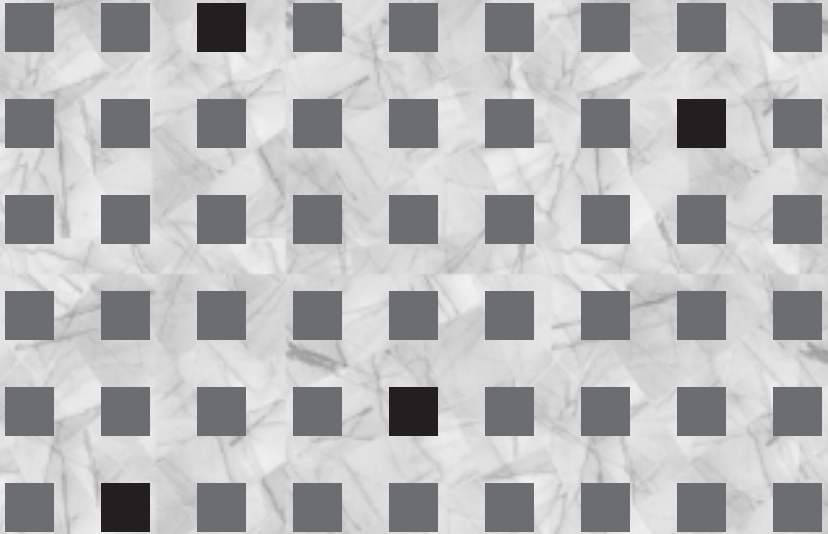
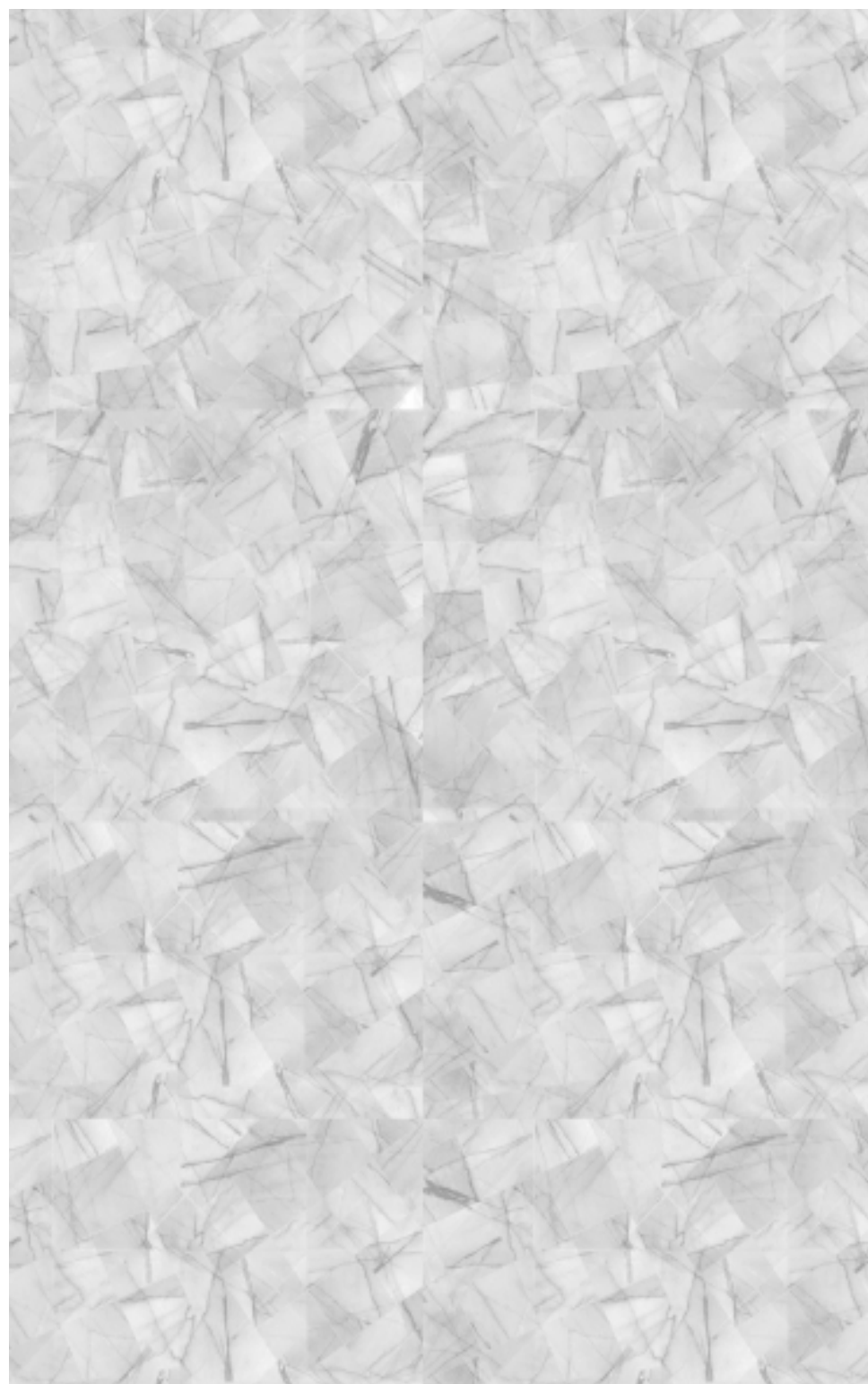


# Retiree's Guide





**U** *As a retiree, you have given many years of service to the University of Illinois at Chicago and have been part of the university community. Your continuing contact with UIC is important to us. We want this relationship to be equally important to you. Throughout your retirement, most of the university's academic, cultural, and social opportunities will continue to be available to you. There may also be special services for retirees that you may use.*

*This **Retiree's Guide** will tell you where and how you can find these activities and services, and will provide more information about them.*

*Unless otherwise noted, all addresses are in Chicago and all telephone numbers are area code 312. Address mail inquiries to:*

*UIC Office of Human Resources Special Programs (MC 264)  
715 South Wood Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60612*

## Identification Cards

Your retiree's identification card verifies your right to enjoy many of the privileges and services offered by the university. To obtain an *i-card*, you must have proof of retirement from your department, as well as a valid driver's license, passport, or state ID. There is currently no charge for the first ID as long as you turn in your faculty/staff card; however, there is a replacement fee for lost or stolen cards. At the time of retirement, faculty and staff members should contact one of the photo ID offices located in 1790 SSB or 242 UIC Student Center West. Telephone inquiries may be made at 413-5940.

## State Universities Retirement System (SURS)

The State Universities Retirement System (SURS) provides retirement, disability, and survivor benefits to all university employees. All changes or questions regarding annuities; automatic annual increases; death benefits; direct deposit of monthly payments; retired staff dental, health, and life insurance; mailing address; reemployment; survivor benefits; tax changes; and the newsletter should be referred to a SURS customer service representative. Write to State Universities Retirement System, 1901 Fox Drive, Champaign, Illinois 61820 or call 1-800-ASK-SURS. Information may also be obtained from the SURS Web site at [www.surs.org](http://www.surs.org) or by e-mailing [webmail@surs.org](mailto:webmail@surs.org).

## ASSOCIATIONS

### Annuitants Association

The UIC chapter of the State Universities Annuitants Association (SUAA), one of more than 30 chapters across the state, has more than 1,000 members. Its purpose is to promote the individual and collective interests and welfare of its members and of all retirees and potential retirees of UIC. It works to achieve legislation favorable to retirees and to keep members informed of pending legislation that can be of importance to them. In addition, it disseminates current information on issues of general concern to senior citizens, provides a liaison between retirees and the campus administration, provides opportunities for socializing among members, and works to assure adequate funding of SURS. SUAA also works to improve benefits for retirees. Recently, SUAA established a long-term health insurance program that is available to SUAA members only and is reasonably priced.

The chapter seeks ways in which retirees can help further the goals of the campus through volunteering, reemployment, financial support, and other activities. Membership is open to all participants in SURS who have retired or who are eligible for a retirement annuity, their spouses, and their survivors. Any current employee or spouse of an employee may join SUAA. The UIC chapter has an office in Room 609 of the Chicago Circle Center, phone 996-5085. For more information on how to contact current SUAA officers or board members, please contact the Department of Special Programs at 413-0075 or go to the SUAA Web site at [www.uic.edu/orgs/suaa](http://www.uic.edu/orgs/suaa).

## **Alumni Association**

The University of Illinois Alumni Association invites retirees to join as senior alumni members. Membership includes a subscription to Illinois Quarterly and information about educational events, outings, tours, and social events. The fee is \$30 per year and is available to those retirees 65 years of age and older or to those who graduated from the university 40 or more years ago. Joint memberships and lifetime senior alumni memberships are also available. For more information, contact the Alumni Association at 996-8535, or visit the Web site at <http://www.uiaa.org/>. The Alumni Association is located in Room 4400, Alumni Hall, 412 South Peoria Street.

## **EDUCATIONAL BENEFITS**

### **Educational Benefits**

Retirees may enroll in courses or attend classes without payment of tuition or fees, assuming that other conditions governing enrollment in such courses are satisfactorily met. Prior to enrollment, retirees must apply for admission within specified deadlines for a particular term. Information regarding admission may be obtained from the Office of Admissions and Records, 1200 West Harrison Street, 996-4350, or by visiting the Web site at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oar/>.

### **Continuing Education**

The Office of Continuing Education works with academic units in the university to serve external audiences through specially created credit and noncredit courses. Fees for courses are based on the number of credit hours. For information, call 996-8025, or visit the Web site at [www.oce.uic.edu](http://www.oce.uic.edu).

### **University Library**

The university library is open to all retirees without restriction. Retirees with identification cards enjoy the same borrowing privileges for library materials as when they were employed. Library hours are posted in each library and may be obtained by telephoning 996-0304. For more information on the UIC library, visit the Web site, at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/lib/>.

# **PRIVILEGES AFTER RETIRING**

## **Reemployment of Retired Staff Members**

A retiree may be reemployed, if the needs of the university can be met by reemploying a retired academic or civil service staff member. A minimum break in employment of 60 days must be met to ensure the continuance of the retiree's retirement annuity.

Before accepting reemployment with the university, a retiree should be familiar with the State Universities Retirement System's postretirement earnings restrictions. For more information, call 1-800-ASK-SURS or write to State Universities Retirement System, 1901 Fox Drive, Champaign, Illinois 61820. SURS may also be accessed via the Internet at [www.surs.org](http://www.surs.org) or via e-mail at [webmail@surs.org](mailto:webmail@surs.org).

## **Emeritus/Emerita Status**

When members of the faculty and senior administrators retire from active university service, they may be given the title "emeritus" or "emerita." Emeritus/a status is granted upon the recommendation, as appropriate, of the department, with the concurrence of the dean of the college, the Campus Emeritus Review Committee, and the Board of Trustees. Ordinarily, emeritus/a status will not be granted to an individual who has served fewer than seven years.

Emeritus/a status does not imply any special privileges apart from those granted to all retired members of the academic staff. Emeritus/a faculty may, however, retain their UIC e-mail accounts without interruption or change. For more information on emeritus/a status, please visit the following Web site: <http://www.uic.edu/depts/oa/Docs/emeritus.pdf>.

# FACILITIES AND EVENTS

## Admission Fees

Reduced rates for campus programs, events, and services are often available to retirees and their companions. Proper identification must be shown. Please see the beginning of this brochure for information on how to obtain a retiree identification card.

## Athletic Events

The 10,000-seat UIC Pavilion (located on Harrison at Racine) is the site of men's and women's intercollegiate basketball games, as well as a variety of concerts and family events. Tickets are available from the box office (413-5740) or Ticketmaster outlets. General information about the UIC Pavilion is available at <http://www.ssb.uic.edu/pavilion/>.

For ticket information, please call 996-2772. Tickets for faculty, staff, and retirees are available at the general public rate. Discounts are available for season ticket holders. More information can be found on the Web site, at <http://uicflames.fansonly.com/>.

Swimming, gymnastics, and other varsity athletic events are held in the Physical Education Building at 901 West Roosevelt Road.

## UIC Student Centers

UIC has two union buildings on campus—UIC Student Center West of campus, and UIC Student Center East. Both facilities offer several dining options, art galleries, lounges, bookstores, and recreational facilities, as well as a variety of other activities. For more information on the unions, contact the following:

UIC Student Center East  
750 South Halsted Street  
413-5100

UIC Student Center West  
828 South Wolcott Avenue  
413-5200

## Cultural Events and Activities

The Campus Programs Department, along with UIC Student Centers, offers a wide variety of events for both students and staff. Events include lectures, coffeehouses, films, art exhibits, fashion shows, workshops, and more. Campus Programs also offers a Craft Shop located in UIC Student Center West, which may be used for a small fee. Retirees can usually attend events for the same price as faculty and staff. For more information, visit the Web site at <http://www.uic.edu/depts/chcc/programs/index.html>.

For those with internet access, the various ACCC Listserve lists and UIC Announce on the UIC Web site provide information about other campus events.

“University Hour” is a free event held on Wednesdays from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. that offers major speakers and discussions, as well as musical and cultural events. For information, call 413-5180.

## **Faculty Lounge and Faculty Dining Room**

The Faculty/Staff Lounge and the Dean’s Room, both located on the first floor of the Behavioral Sciences Building, are open to all faculty, staff, and retirees and include table service and a private dining room.

## **Parking**

Visitor parking is available in various locations around campus. Retirees who continue employment at the university may purchase parking at the faculty/staff rate. For current parking rates or maps, call the Parking Office at 413-5800 or 413-5850.

## **Recreational Facilities**

Campus Recreation offers three facilities on campus—UIC Student Center East, UIC Student Center West, and the Physical Education Building. Each facility offers swimming, weight rooms, cardio equipment, and may offer exercise classes. Campus Recreation also offers personal training and fitness assessments at their Human Performance Lab. Retirees may purchase a membership for the same price as faculty and staff by showing their retiree i-card. Spouses/significant others may also join at the faculty/staff rate. For more information, contact Campus Recreation at 413-5155 or visit its Web site at [http://www.vcsa.uic.edu/MainSite/departments/campus\\_unions/sub\\_campus\\_recreation/home/](http://www.vcsa.uic.edu/MainSite/departments/campus_unions/sub_campus_recreation/home/)

# FINANCIAL SERVICES

## Credit Union

Retirees and their families are eligible for membership in Credit Union 1, the UIC credit union. Services include free checking, savings, CDs, IRAs, and ATM cards; MasterCard and Visa; and direct deposit of the retirement annuity. Personal, car, and student loans are also available.

Offices on campus are at the following locations:

Room B05, University Hall  
601 South Morgan Street  
413-3607

Room 7, Administrative Office Building  
1737 West Polk Street  
413-2431

Room 220C, UIC Student Center East  
750 South Halsted Street  
355-0590

For more information, go to the Web site at [www.creditunion1.org](http://www.creditunion1.org).

# GENERAL BENEFITS AND SERVICES

## Staff Directory

Retirees may continue their personal listing in the staff directory by making arrangements with their home department. Staff directories may be purchased at the UIC Bookstore for a small fee. Emeritus/emerita faculty wishing to maintain their computer accounts must be in the UIC phonebook.

## UIC Web Site

The UIC Web site can be found at [www.uic.edu](http://www.uic.edu). The Web site provides information about activities occurring on campus, such as sporting events, plays, lectures, and more. Information about faculty appointments, budgetary action, research grants, and other UIC news is also available. Retirees are encouraged to check the Web site frequently to keep in touch with current events on campus.

# **HEALTH-RELATED BENEFITS AND SERVICES**

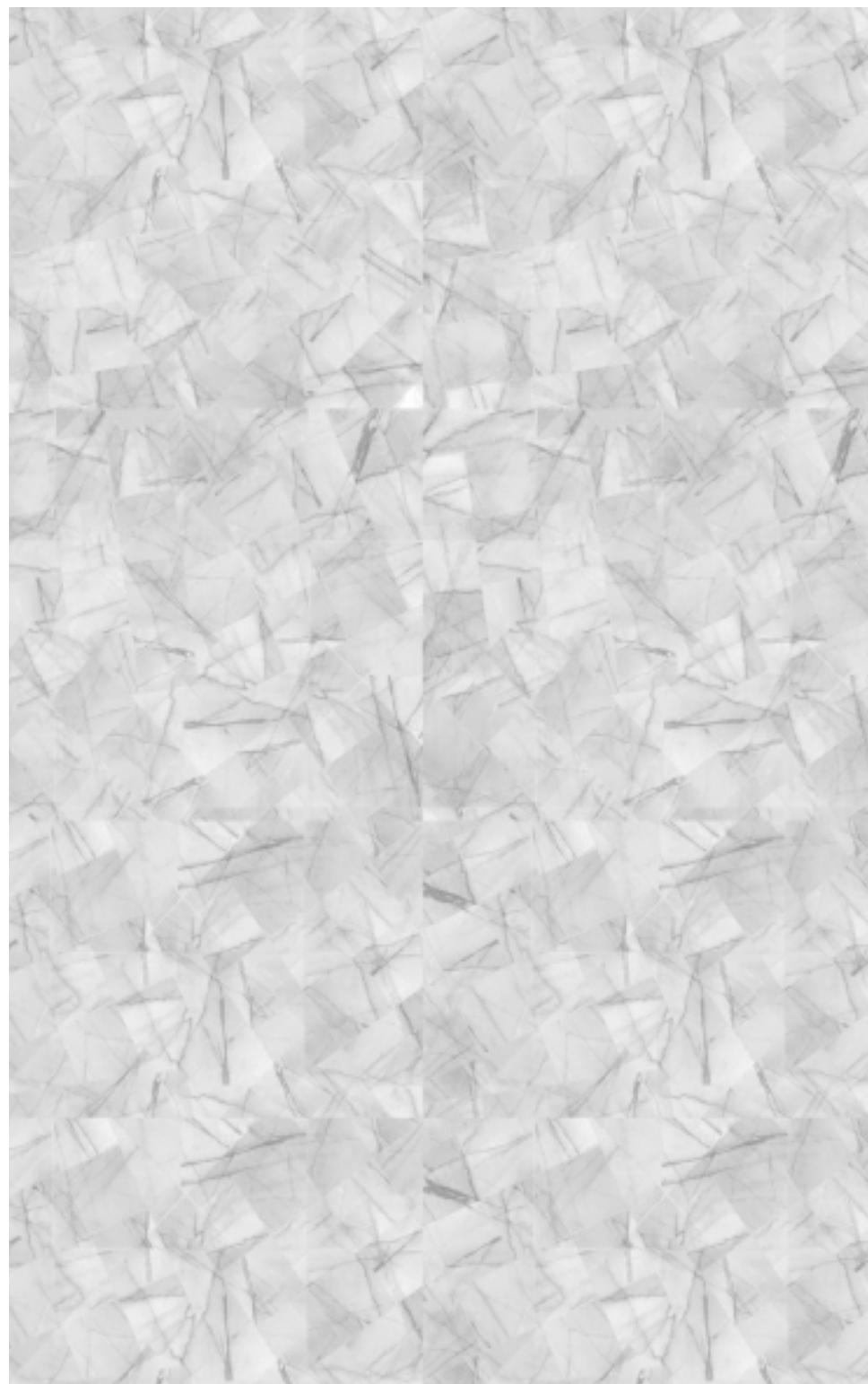
## **Benefits Center**

Assistance, direction, or advice from counselors is available for insurance and other benefits-related problems or inquiries at the Benefits Center, Room 305, Human Resources Building, 715 South Wood, 996-6471, or at [www.uihr.uillinois.edu](http://www.uihr.uillinois.edu). Questions regarding insurance premium deductions from monthly annuity checks, plan enrollment records, and beneficiary changes should be directed to SURS (see page 2). The Benefits Center also provides assistance with withdrawals for those who contributed to the 403(b) tax-deferred plans before retirement.

## **Health Services University of Illinois Medical Center/UIC Hospital**

The UIC Medical Center offers a variety of services and clinics designed to meet all health needs of retirees as well as community members. Clinics include family medicine, occupational and physical therapy, dentistry, otolaryngology, and the Eye and Ear Infirmary. For more information on the services available from the Medical Center, please visit the Web site at <http://www.hospital.uic.edu/> or call 996-3900. For the College of Dentistry, call 996-7555 or visit the Web site at <http://dentistry.uic.edu/>. For otolaryngology, call 996-6553 or visit the Web site at [www.otol.uic.edu/](http://www.otol.uic.edu/). For the UIC Eye Center, call 996-6562.

In addition, the geriatric program includes a broad assessment of state of health and of physical and psychological functioning, as well as special programs for older persons with joint and muscle or other organic problems. More information can be obtained by calling 996-4750.





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