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Welcome

Don M. Randel, President, The University of Chicago

Don M. Randel assumed his duties as the twelfth president of The University of Chicago on July 1, 2000. Mr. Randel, a distinguished scholar of music with special interests in music of the Middle Ages and Renaissance, was named provost of Cornell University in 1995 after serving as dean of the college of arts and sciences since 1991. He served as editor of the *New Harvard Dictionary of Music*, the *Harvard Biographical Dictionary of Music and Musicians*, and the *Harvard Concise Dictionary of Music and Musicians*. He grew up in Panama, where his father owned a small business, and received his A.B., M.F.A., and Ph.D. degrees in music from Princeton University. He has been an Honorary Woodrow Wilson Fellow, a Danforth Graduate Fellow and a Fulbright award winner. He was editor-in-chief of the *Journal of the American Musicological Society* from 1972 to 1974 and as the society's vice president from 1977 to 1978. He has also served on the advisory or review committees of many other universities.

Art off the Beaten Path

John Hallmark Neff, Director and Curator of Collections, Terra Museum of American Art

John Hallmark Neff has served as director and curator of collections at the Terra Museum of American Art since 1997 and as director of the art program at the First National Bank of Chicago since 1983. Previous to these appointments, Mr. Neff was the director of the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago from 1977 to 1983. He received a B.A. with honors from Wesleyan University and an M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard University. His scholarly writings have primarily focused on Henri Matisse and have appeared in *Artforum*, *Arts Magazine*, *Museum Studies*, *Art News*, and *Critical Inquiry*. In addition, Mr. Neff has lectured at many institutions including New York's Museum of Modern Art, Harvard University, the National Gallery of Art, the Art Institute of Chicago, and New York University's Institute of Fine Arts. He has also served as a panelist for the National Endowment for the Humanities and the National Endowment for the Arts, and is a member of the board of directors of the College Art Association and the visiting committee of the University of Chicago Divinity School.

The Role of an Urban University in its Community

Henry S. Webber, Vice President for Community Affairs, The University of Chicago

Henry S. Webber joined The University of Chicago in 1986 and currently serves as vice president for community affairs and senior lecturer in the School of Social Service Administration. His previous positions at the University include associate vice president for administration and assistant vice president for human resources. As the community affairs officer, he is responsible for the University's real estate, security, city relations, public school, and community outreach activities. He also directs a set of student affairs units. In addition to his appointment in the School of Social Service Administration, Mr. Webber teaches in the Law School at The University of Chicago. Mr. Webber is the chairman of the board of directors of Horizon Hospice and the North Kenwood-Oakland Charter School and a board member of the Fund for Community Redevelopment and Revitalization, the Woodlawn Preservation and Investment Corporation, Court Theatre, KAM Isaiah Synagogue, and the Health and Medicine Policy Research Group. He has a B.A. from Brown University and an M.P.P. from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University.

Strategic Site/New Frontier: The City in the Global Economy

Saskia Sassen, Professor, Department of Sociology, The University of Chicago

Saskia Sassen is a professor of sociology at The University of Chicago, and the Centennial Visiting Professor of the London School of Economics. She is one of the foremost theoreticians of the emerging information society. She acquired world fame with her book *The Global City*, in which she showed how in the development of major urban centers the localized effects of the new global economy become visible. Other books include *Guests and Aliens*, *Globalization and its Discontents*, and *Losing Control? Sovereignty in an Age of Globalization*. Her books have been translated into ten languages. Ms. Sassen is currently completing her research project on "Governance and Accountability in a Global Economy." She also works on the Transnationalism Project at The University of Chicago. This project studies how the flow of capital, people, information, and images present theoretical and methodological challenges. Ms. Sassen is a member of the Council on Foreign Relations and is a fellow of the American Bar Association.

Chicago Public Schools 2000: Issues and Answers

Paul G. Vallas, Chief Executive Officer, Chicago Public Schools

Paul G. Vallas provides leadership to Chicago's 557 public schools, with approximately 427,000 students, 43,000 employees and an operating budget of approximately \$3 billion. He is responsible for the administration, oversight, and implementation of educational and management reform for the third largest school district in the nation. Prior to his appointment as CEO, Mr. Vallas served the City of Chicago for five years as budget director and as director of revenue and for four years as executive director of the Illinois Economic and Fiscal Commission. In this latter position, he was responsible for analyzing legislation for impact on state finances, state and local taxes, and economic development. His earliest positions were as a public finance instructor at Sangamon State University and Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield and as revenue analyst for the Illinois Senate President's Office. He began his professional career as a teacher in elementary school and in higher education. For twelve years, he served in the Illinois Army National Guard, earning the rank of captain. He was a senior instructor, training officer candidates at the Illinois Military Academy. A native Chicagoan, Vallas received his bachelor's degree and was a Magna Cum Laude graduate. Mr. Vallas was a Danforth Scholarship nominee and a member of the U.S. Army Reserve Training Corps where he was a distinguished military student graduate.

Re-use and Re-birth

Richard A. Stein, Senior Marketing Director, Mesirow Stein Real Estate

Richard Stein is the founder and former chairman of Mesirow Stein's predecessor organization, Stein & Company. For more than 30 years, he has been a leader in development, management, and consulting for commercial, municipal, and residential properties. Mr. Stein is active in professional and civic organizations and is a frequently invited speaker for real estate programs. He is a graduate of Cornell University and a certified property manager. In 1989, Mr. Stein was honored as the Entrepreneur of the Year by the Arthur Young accounting firm and *Inc. Magazine*. In 1996, he was inducted into the Chicago Entrepreneurship Hall of Fame, which is co-founded by the Institute for Entrepreneurial Studies in the College of Business Administration at the University of Illinois at Chicago. He has brought broad recognition and top industry awards to the firm, and his advocacy of economic opportunities for minorities, women, and community-based businesses has won numerous honors including a Presidential Citation and the Workforce 2000 Award from the American Association for Affirmative Action. Among his acclaimed developments are the Adler Planetarium Expansion, AT&T Corporate Center, Chicago Board of Trade Expansion, Civic Opera House Renovation, Glenview Naval Air Station Redevelopment, McCormick Place Expansion, Ralph H. Metcalfe Federal Building, Town of Fort Sheridan, United Center, and the USG Building.

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