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Dear Adityanarayanan,

New York City's magnitude and cultural icons – the Empire State Building, the Bronx Bombers, thin crust pizza – are worthy of their acclaim. But too easily forgotten are the many pleasures to be found in upstate New York: trail hiking in **the Adirondack mountains**, the **Garbage Plate** in Rochester, weekend getaways at the Finger Lakes, and two weeks of medieval jargon, jousting, and mania at the **Sterling Renaissance Festival** every summer.

At UChicago we understand the kinds of shadows that **large cities** cast. But a UChicago education, just like a New York experience, is about so much more than time spent in the big city. Accordingly, UChicago students not only reap the benefits of easy access to downtown Chicago, but also the pleasures of a real college campus, availability of nature, and small-town comforts of Hyde Park.

Hyde Park, home to UChicago, offers a collegiate neighborhood feel reminiscent of the likes of Rochester, Ithaca, and Syracuse. Hyde Park has a host of public parks and green spaces for some **midnight soccer**, corner cafes and restaurants perfect for a midday coffee conversation with your classmates, and the Promontory Point, a man-made peninsula on the lakeshore with a view so mesmerizing that it seconds as a wedding spot for even the likes of **George Lucas**.

Feeling a pang of nostalgia for Ithaca's Gorges, or the trails at Watkins Glen State Park? Accessible from Chicago by Metra, the **Morton Arboretum** offers 1,700 acres of conserved, walkable woodlands. Follow any one of the Arboretum's recommended walking trails, enroll in a group tour of the grounds via the **Acorn Express open-air tram**, or join fellow impressionists for a day of field sketching. Or be on the lookout for UChicago opportunities for group travel out to **Starved Rock State Park**. Boasting active waterfalls, 13 miles of trails to explore, and the fishable Illinois River, Starved Rock has been voted Illinois's number-one attraction and is a great weekend getaway.

If you're looking for a college experience that brings together the best that both urban and natural have to offer, consider UChicago.

Best,



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