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UNIVERSITY ANNOUNCES OPENING OF TRAUMA CENTER

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HYDE PARK, CHICAGO – The Pritzker Medical Center at the University of Chicago announced today the groundbreaking for the final building in its \$26 billion, 121-year trauma center development project.

The finished complex, to be known as "The College at the University of Chicago," will house as many as 5,000 students, most between the ages of 17 and 23, who suffer from varying degrees of crippling physical and psychological trauma, ranging from extreme sleep deprivation to agoraphobia and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

In light of the critical urgency of addressing student trauma, the Center has functioned in its incomplete form since 1892, when basic facilities were first constructed. Once fully completed, the trauma center, which counts among its full-time staff many of the world's leading scholars in the fields of psychology and medicine, hopes to subject program participants to a full treatment regimen in two years, rather than the now-standard four, and accept up to 10,000, nearly twice the current maximum number of patients.

"We're gonna change these kids forever," said University Master of Psychiatric Treatment Dr. Rebecca Gersh. "Yes, we plan to do a real number on them."

At present, students in need of the treatment provided by the "profound trauma" program are forced to make the risky and often confusing journey of more than ten miles to the campus of Northwestern University, where many make a partial recovery after stays as brief as one weekend.

Students seeking guidance before the new center is complete should utilize the resources listed on chicagoshadydealer.com. The University will hold a press conference on April 1 at 6:30 p.m. in Hutchinson Courtyard to discuss these plans in further detail.

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