

UC COMBO

fall 2025 newsletter

COMBO is back for another school year!

After our biggest and most exciting year yet, we're kicking things off with a quick summer recap and some updates on what's ahead.



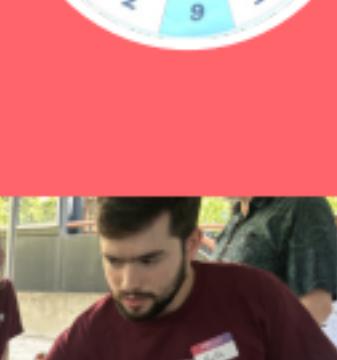
For the fourth year running, our team had a table at the **South Side Science Festival**. This event brings together dozens of outreach groups throughout the University to bring a whole day of fun activities to the public. Our activity this year involved building a live dataset of kids' reaction times and luck at spinning a wheel. We used this to talk about correlation and regression of different variables. Importantly participants took away valuable skills of interpreting data in a graphical format.

Save the date!

We will hold a **general members meeting** on the **22nd of October at 5pm**.

We will visit **Gunsaulas Scholastic Academy** again on **December 9th** and will soon be recruiting volunteers.

In June, COMBO partnered with the **UChicago Comprehensive Cancer Center** to run two workshops for high school and undergraduate students interning in UChicago labs over the summer. We introduced the students to regression and core statistical concepts like p-values—tools that are central to modern biology and medicine. The students were bright, curious, and full of great questions, and their enthusiasm made for lively discussions. We left inspired by their energy and grateful for the thoughtful discussions they had with us!

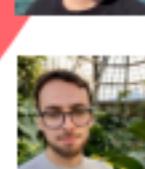


We are recruiting!

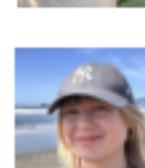
Introducing the team for 2025...



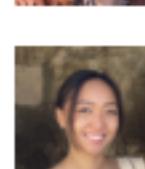
Liz Gibbons As the **Director** of COMBO, I coordinate our team's operations to make sure we are all supported, organized, and prepared for every outreach initiative.



Josh Sodicoff As the **Scientific Content Chair**, I work with a group of dedicated volunteers to develop new workshops and outreach activities to explain computational biology to the public.



Ethan Zhong As the **Volunteer Coordinator**, I oversee and support volunteers to ensure the smooth delivery of workshops and events.



Daniel Araujo As the **Communication Chair**, I am responsible for maintaining and expanding the relationships that UC COMBO has with teachers, schools, and other entities interested in workshops like ours.



Marida Ianni-Ravn I'm the **Marketing Chair**, which means I make our brand and marketing materials - think posters, banners, newsletters and merch!



Geena Woo As the **Teaching Chair**, I refine lesson plans and create resources to help volunteers feel prepared to lead workshops and make our teaching clear and engaging.

There are plenty of ways that you can start working with COMBO - whether it's developing teaching content, front of classroom teaching or leadership. If you would like to get involved, or to learn more about these roles, please reach out at uccombio@gmail.com.