



The IOP Has a New Director!

We have some exciting news!

Former U.S. Senator **Heidi Heitkamp** has agreed to become the next director of the Institute of Politics.

Many of you are already familiar with Heidi from her frequent visits to campus and the IOP. She is a former Pritzker Fellow, has participated in numerous Speaker Series events and currently sits on our senior advisory board.

"The Institute of Politics is a special place. Each time I've been on campus, I've come away energized by UChicago students and their passion for engaging in public service and their drive to shape the world around them. I am excited to join this thoughtful and insightful community of bright young minds."

– Heidi Heitkamp,
Former U.S. Senator (D-ND)

The first woman elected to the U.S. Senate from North Dakota, Heidi earned a reputation for working constructively with members on both sides of the aisle on nationwide affordable housing, reforming the nation's housing finance system, and a number of initiatives aimed at addressing the health and safety of Native American and indigenous families.

Heidi grew up alongside six siblings in a small North Dakota town of fewer than 150 people before going on to receive a bachelor's degree from the University of North Dakota and a law degree from Lewis & Clark College.

She caught the public service bug early in her career first working as a lawyer for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and later serving as North Dakota's Tax Commissioner and as the state's Attorney General. She is currently a contributor on politics and public affairs for CNBC and ABC News.

Heidi will officially join us on January 3rd but she'll be on campus Fall Quarter for a public program and reception to welcome her to her new role.



A Note From David

"I'm so proud of what we've built here over the last ten years, thanks in no small measure to our students and the entire IOP community. While I will remain actively involved in the IOP as a Distinguished Fellow and Chair of the Board of Advisors, I am beyond thrilled to hand the director's baton over to someone I admire and believe in so deeply."

– David Axelrod
Director, University of Chicago
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