As part of the University of Chicago’s ongoing commitment to creating business opportunities for minority and women-owned businesses, the Office of Business Diversity collaborated with Aramark and UChicago Dining to hold the first annual Local Vendor Food Fair featuring 20 MWBE businesses from around the community.

This campus-wide event was held in April and drew over 400 students, faculty, and staff and was met with overwhelming enthusiasm. Vendors were able to interact with key leaders within the Aramark team while providing samples of their product and the scope of their services to those attending. The fair successfully allowed vendors to see the needs of the University firsthand and cultivated an excitement and pride within the students as they became active members participating in the University’s tradition of inclusion and opportunity.