**NANDO’S PERi-PERi OPENS ITS DOORS FOR FREE TO THE UNIV. OF CHICAGO ON TUESDAY JANUARY 17
 *Nando’s Celebrates Launch of New Hyde Park Restaurant with
Free PERi-PERi for the People***

**CHICAGO, January 17, 2017 –** January 17 will go down in the history books as the birthday of renowned Chicagoans Michelle Obama, Dwayne Wade and, yes, Al Capone. And now a new chapter is written. For Tuesday, January 17, will be the dayNando’s PERi-PERi invites the University of Chicago to eat at Nando’s new Hyde Park restaurant, for free.

All day Tuesday, from 11am to 10pm, students, faculty and staff who present a valid University of Chicago ID can enjoy a free spicy flame-grilled 1/4 chicken, chicken sandwich, wrap, or pita.\*

Nando’s will officially open its doors in Hyde Park—at 1447 E. 53rd Street—on Saturday, January 14. Nando’s will pay it forward that day by donating 100 percent of opening-day sales to the Kenwood Academy High School in Hyde Park, to help fund college visits for students at one of the best public schools in the city.

University of Chicago students and staff are welcome then, or again on Tuesday, when the restaurant opens for free to the Maroon community. Vita excolatur! Let your life be enriched with delicious Nando’s PERi-PERi!

Every Nando’s is painstakingly designed and completely unique, with earthy textures and bright colors that reflect its sunny African-Portuguese heritage. With thousands of pieces of original works of art that are a constant reminder of where the restaurant came from, Nando’s has become the largest collector of South African contemporary art in the world. Nando’s new Hyde Park restaurant features one-of-a-kind South African artwork, too, including a corrugated-metal mural that was hand-painted [in Hyde Park](http://hpherald.com/2016/12/07/artist-creates-one-of-a-kind-mural-for-hyde-park-nandos/) by South African street artist Kilmany-Jo Liversage.

Nando’s has built an intensely loyal following, from London to the Loop, by providing fresh food in a relaxed atmosphere with friendly service. Nando’s is known worldwide for its succulent PERi-PERi chicken, marinated for 24 hours, flame-grilled to perfection, and basted to the customer’s preferred flavor and spice.

 **WHAT:** NANDO’S OPENS FOR FREE TO THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

**WHERE:** 1447 E. 53RD STREET, CHICAGO.
**WHEN:** TUESDAY JAN. 17, 11AM TO 10PM CT

**RULES:** DINE-IN ONLY. SEE TERMS BELOW. VALID UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO ID MUST BE PRESENTED.

*\*Terms & Conditions: Only available on January 17th between 11:00am and 10:00pm at Nando's PERi-PERi located at 1447 E. 53RD Street, Hyde Park, Chicago. One free 1/4 chicken, chicken sandwich, wrap, or pita per person, on a first come first served basis, dine-in only. You need to pay for any extras, including sides or drinks (only if you want them!)*

**ABOUT NANDO’S PERi-PERi**
The first Nando’s restaurant opened its doors in 1987 in Johannesburg, South Africa. Since then, the Nando’s flame has spread to 1,200 restaurants in 23 countries on five continents. Nando’s is known worldwide for its succulent PERi-PERi chicken, marinated for 24 hours, flame-grilled to perfection, and basted to the customer’s preferred flavor and spice. It’s equally renowned for its spicy PERi-PERi, the Bird’s Eye chili pepper that indigenous Africans introduced to the Portuguese centuries ago.

Nando’s PERi-PERi made its U.S. debut in 2008 with the opening of its first location in Washington, DC. Nando’s PERi-PERi now operates three dozen restaurants in and around Chicago, Washington and Baltimore. For more information, please visit [www.nandosperiperi.com](http://www.nandosperiperi.com), follow [@NandosUSA](https://twitter.com/NandosUSA) on Twitter or Like Us at [Nando’s PERi-PERi USA](https://www.facebook.com/NandosUSA) on Facebook.