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Transfer- Mation



AN INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER FOR THE TRANSFER
CENTER AT HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

FALL 2015 NEWSLETTER

A note from the Transfer Center Director

Hello fabulous students, advisors, administrators, faculty, and staff of Harold Washington College. Welcome to **Transfer-Mation**, the Fall 2015 edition of the Harold Washington College Transfer Center Newsletter! This publication offers tips for making a seamless transfer from HWC to four-year institutions and alumni updates about the success that your classmates have achieved after graduation from the City Colleges of Chicago.

We call the newsletter "Transfer-Mation" for two reasons. First, it provides you with transfer information. Second, it celebrates each student's personal "transformation" as they pursue their education. HWC students are continually growing and changing. This growth will continue beyond CCC as well.

We at the City Colleges of Chicago are proud of our students, and this newsletter highlights their accomplishments personally, professionally, and academically. We look forward to our students earning degrees, jobs, and accolades throughout their entire lives!

-Ellen Goldberg, Transfer Center Director
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Transfer Center Services

Located at Harold Washington College in Room 101B
Students can do the following:

- Make an appointment to talk about transferring to four-year institutions.
- Get an unlimited number of application fee waivers for your transfer destinations. To qualify for waivers the Estimated Family Contribution for Financial Aid is zero.
- Learn about scholarships and other funding opportunities after graduating from CCC.
- Make an appointment to talk about scholarships and how to fund your college education.



Here is a photo of the awesome Harold Washington College Transfer Team. The transfer team includes (from left to right) the amazing Patrice Jarrett, Anna Koomalsingh, Ellen Goldberg, Amanda Williams, and Tamara Middleton.

Alumni Updates

Students Share Their Success and Inspirational Stories

I transferred from HWC to Smith College in 2002, got my BA in English Language and Literature. Then, I served in the Peace Corps in Namibia for two years as a teacher. In 2011, I got my MFA from Roosevelt University's creative writing program where I earned the Best Thesis Award for Creative Work. Since then, I have worked for a literacy nonprofit, and as an adjunct and a tutor with the City Colleges of Chicago (Daley, Olive-Harvey, and Wright); I am still tutoring part time at Wright. I have recently been accepted into the University of Illinois at Chicago's (UIC) Ph.D. English program that includes a full tuition waiver and a stipend. It is nearing the end of my first semester at UIC and while it is challenging, it is also truly fulfilling.

-Cecilia Villarruel, HWC, Summer 2002

I am currently in my senior year at Northern Illinois University. I am applying for graduate schools, which I find especially exciting. I am applying to Columbia College in Chicago, Portland State University, the University of California at Riverside, and the University of Iowa all for an MFA in Creative Writing. I will walk in May. After completing a study abroad program in Argentina and one summer school course, I will have achieved my Bachelors of Arts.

-Ashley M. Palmer, HWC, Spring 2014

I am enjoying my time at Columbia University in NYC, and I will be starting my last semester in Spring 2016. My major is Psychology with a minor in Art History. My plan after I graduate is to attend grad school in New York City. I am grateful to Ellen Goldberg for introducing me to the prospect of transferring to Columbia University while I was a student at HWC, and I hope that many other HWC students are able to transfer to the school of their dreams.

-Louise Olofsson, HWC, Spring 2013

Since my graduating from Harold Washington, I've transferred to Dominican University to continue my Music Composition Major. The school is amazing, and my classes are wonderfully fulfilling, especially my History of Rock & Roll and Dante's Inferno classes. Recently, I've learned I qualify for a scholarship to study abroad in Florence, Italy, which I am now avidly pursuing.

-Legion M. Ivory, HWC, Fall 2014

After working as a professional journalist and account manager for nearly two decades, I decided to return to Harold Washington College and finish the degree I abandoned ten years prior. I was extremely nervous about reentering the classroom, but my amazing professors, academic advisor and numerous staff members at HWC helped with my transition. From there, I hit the ground running and graduated with honors obtaining an Associate Degree in General Studies. I made it on the Deans List, was a Presidential Scholar and the recipient of the Friends of Harold Washington College Graduation Award. I was incredibly sad to leave my beloved alma mater, but was ecstatic when I found out I was awarded a full tuition scholarship to Mount Holyoke College as a Frances Perkins Scholar!

Since graduating from HWC, my family and I relocated to Massachusetts where I am now working towards a special designed major in Urban Planning/Policy with minors in Africana Studies and Critical and Social Thought. The academics at Mount Holyoke are incredibly rigorous and extremely challenging, but it is also rewarding to work alongside world renowned professors and some of the brightest students in the world. Harold Washington College prepared me for the rigor at Mount Holyoke and I will always carry that HWC "rockstar" spirit no matter where I go!

Lastly, to my fellow and future alums: journalist Sydney J. Harris said, "The whole purpose of education is to turn mirrors into windows." Carry this quote with you and never lose sight of your educational dreams. Always remember, the HWC family is in your corner and rooting for you no matter what!

-April Lashann Graham, HWC, Spring 2015

I am currently wrapping up this semester with finals approaching in about a month. Everything has been great this semester - I'm back in my groove. The transition last semester was a little rough. Typically, I'm at Grainger, the engineering library, about everyday. Being an engineering student is not that horrible like people say IF you keep up with the material being taught. I'll be in San Francisco this summer interning for Lend Lease, one of the largest general contractors in the world, so I'm happy. This past summer I interned for them downtown, and come winter break, I'll be doing the same. Opportunities are all over when you work hard!

-Marco Rodriguez, HWC, Fall 2014



Congrats to the first Transfer Leadership Class that took place in Fall 2015! This inspirational group came to class for 5 weeks to learn about how to transfer out-of-state and get full-ride scholarships! They are total and complete rock stars! This class could not have taken place without the leadership of Jim Poole, Amanda Williams, Tamara Middleton, and Cristina Carillo. Way to go, co-teachers and co-collaborators!



Shout out to the rockstar Harold Washington College Students who attended the “Embrace Your Inner Scholar” Workshop on November 3, 2015! The event was designed to help students finish their semester strong. This photograph includes four rockstar HWC Graduates/Alumni who came back and shared their wisdom about life since transferring. The photo includes (from left to right): Naila Opiangah, Tony Holloman, Yamizaret (Yami) Guzman, and James Barnett! It was an amazing event! Kudos to rockstar advisors Ainka Clepper, Bianca Dominguez, and Paris Wadhwa who planned it!

There are four students that transferred this Fall 2015 to Columbia University’s School of General Studies in New York! They are (from left to right): Tamila Paschae Alamdari, Amir Lavi, and Charles Dees (Andrew Kim not pictured). Way to go, rockstars! It’s proof that with a degree from HWC, you can transfer virtually anywhere!



HWC Alumna, Stephanie Kuwornu, is pictured below at the University of Southern California at an event with the President of Ghana.



Alumni Update from Georgia Tech!

I am Joselyne Umubyeyi, and I transferred to Georgia Tech this Fall from Harold Washington College. I am completing my degree in Biomedical Engineering.

First of all, my experience so far have been really good. I love GT now more that I did before coming here. The classes are challenging (as many people say) but there are so many resources available to help you with the classes ranging from academic advisor, personal or coach advisor (who helps you plan your every day schedule, and improve grades). There are mentor

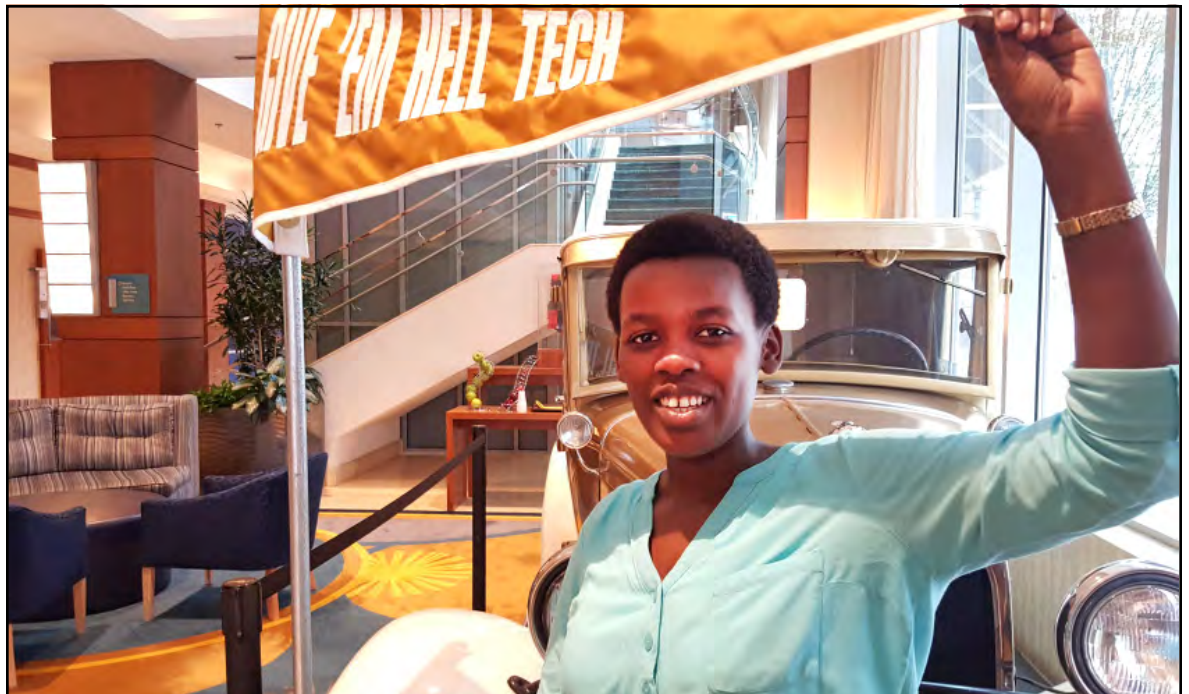
programs where you get matched with a student in your major (mostly a senior or fifth year who is doing the same major as you) and he/she helps you by giving advice on who is a good professor to take, and on what classes you should take together or not. There are many tutoring sessions also available, some you make appointments, others you just walk-in (no appointments required). If you are having difficulties in a particular class, there is a

program called PLUS where one student who took the same class and got an A comes with you to the class and explains everything to make sure you understand. As far as academic resources goes, there are tons of resources available. One thing is required though, you need to make sure you seek help early instead of trying to figure things out yourself. I did this in the first weeks, but I realized it is very important to seek help and take advantage of the available resources.

Despite the challenging classes, at the end of the day, you feel happy because you know you have accomplished a lot through studying more.

Second, time management is a crucial skill to be able to get through GT. There are tons of fun activities taking place on campus each day, and if you want to participate in them, you have to find a way to balance school work and fun. I would advise you to definitely participate in some because that is where you meet other students.

Finally, GT is one of the best engineering and tech schools in the country. When you get out, people already know that you are smart. I get so surprised by the impression I get when I tell someone that I go to Georgia Tech. Many companies like Google, Intel, Microsoft, Facebook, Abbott, Ecolab, and Medtronic, just to name few come here to hire students. With a Tech degree, you have many job opportunities open for you. Many students even accept job offers before they graduate. More than my five friends who are seniors have accepted job offers



that they are going to start work in May or August next year. In addition to that, Alumni do invest in students here. They do many events to connect with the students so that would be another good connection to get a job. In general, I would say it is not that hard to get a job.

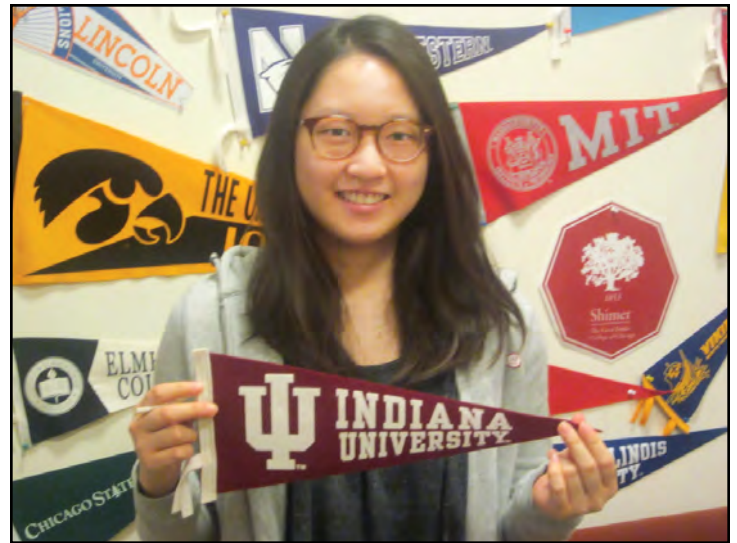
To sum up, GT is great and challenging school and as you go through each day, you feel like you have learned a lot and grown. And the fruits of your hard work here pays off when you go into the real world.

I wish you the very best of luck in your school search and applications, and no matter where you end up, you will be happy. If you end up at GT, let me know and we can keep in touch. I would be very happy to see HWC alumni at Tech.

Best,
Joselyne Umubyeyi, HWC, Spring 2015



Shout out to a real rockstar--Aristidis (Aries) Loumis-- who transferred from Harold Washington College to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study Nuclear Engineering. Aries was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa and is looking to transfer his credits back from UIUC to get his Associate's Degree at HWC. Here, he is pictured with Transfer Director of HWC, Ellen Goldberg (left) and Executive Director of Transfer and Articulation, Anne Brennan (right). Way to go, Aries! You ROCK and INSPIRE!



Yu (Wen) Huang is a total and complete rock star! She graduated this Summer 2015 with her Associate of Arts Degree and transferred this Fall 2015 to Indiana University in Bloomington, Indiana. At IUB, she will be studying Accounting in the famous Kelley School of Business. When asked to whom she attributes her success at Harold Washington College, she gave shout outs to her rock star advisor, Ainka Clepper and her International Student Advisor, Yolanda Townsend. Way to go Yu Wen!



Aenea Luss is a total and complete rockstar! Graduating with her Associate of Arts in Spring 2015, she transferred to Roosevelt University in Fall 2015 to major in Communications. Aenea left her legacy at Harold Washington College as Managing Editor of the student newspaper, "The Herald," from 2014-2015. She was a member of Phi Theta Kappa. She also participated in a Public Relations Internship sponsored by the City Colleges of Chicago as she spent the summer interning for Ariel Ferreira. Aenea said that she attributes her success at HWC to many people. This

includes administrators: President Margie Martyn, Ariel Ferreira, Vasco Bridges, and Angela Guernica, to her advisor, Amanda Williams (pictured on right), to her professors, Jeffrey Daniels, Dave Richardson, Maria Fregoso, and Molly Turner, and to the Transfer Director, Ellen Goldberg. Aenea, congrats on your success! You ROCK and INSPIRE!

Fall 2015 City Colleges Transfer-Mation Leadership Conference



The amazing Keynote Speaker at the City Colleges Transfer-Mation Leadership Conference was Diane Melville, author of the book, “The Community College Advantage!” Her message is that if you have rockstar grades (a 3.5 or higher) you can literally transfer almost anywhere in the nation! She totally wowed the crowd!

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Leadership Conference



Harold Washington College
Room 102
Friday, October 2, 2015
9 am – 4 pm



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The awesome pizza lunch was sponsored by DePaul University, Roosevelt University, and the College of ACES at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign! The City Colleges of Chicago is grateful for our sponsors that made it possible for 200 students from the entire district to attend the conference!

Starting New Traditions at HWC: Welcome to Washington Event (W2W)



Welcome to Washington

A Celebratory Event for the Chicago Loop Neighborhood, Hosted at Harold Washington College

This indoor & outdoor event includes:

Food
Harold Washington Trivia
Live Music Performances
Lecture Slam



This year was the first year of the Welcome to Washington Event to invite students, alumni and members of the community to see what Harold Washington College has to offer! One of the highlights was the Alumni Panel featuring HWC Alumni: (Left to right) Charles McSweeney, Alicia Sandoval, George Geiger, Maria Gonzalez, Naila Opiangah, and Ayisat Riley. Stay tuned for next year's event.

Way to go, HWC Transfer Rockstars!



Amir Lavi is an international student from Israel and also a serious rock star! He graduated in Spring 2015 with the Associate of General Studies as the Salutatorian! He was accepted to the Columbia University in the City of New York as part of the School of General Studies as an Economics Major. He attributes his success at HWC to his rock star advisor, Beth Herzfeld as well as his amazing professors, Brigitte Maronde, Dave Richardson, and to the incredible Mary Levenson and Ellen Goldberg. He left his legacy at HWC by winning the prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship (40K per year for 3 years), being the VP of the Transfer-Mation Club, being in Phi Theta Kappa and serving on the Illinois Academic Team, being a student Ambassador, and working as a student worker in the English Language Learners Computer Lab. WOW. Go Amir! Harold Washington College hearts you!



The amazing Mehak Hafeez is a total rock star! She graduated from Harold Washington College with her Associate in Arts this Summer of 2015 and is going to the Illinois Institute of Technology for Fall 2015! Her major in Psychology and her minor is Human Resources Management. Mehak is a Presidential Scholar at IIT and also won a STEM Scholarship; her scholarship winnings total 33 thousand dollars! YAY! She was a leader at HWC as the VP of Fundraising in Phi Theta Kappa. She often volunteered with the Student Government Association as well. When asked to whom she owes her success at HWC, she gave shout outs to her rock star advisor, Diane Richardson, her awesome professors, Maria Fregoso, Aimee Daramus, Mia Garrison, and Lynnel Kiely, and also Ellen Goldberg, the Transfer Center Director. Way to go, Mehak! You rock and inspire!



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