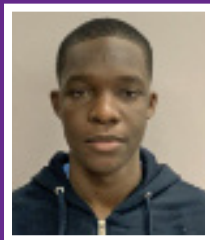




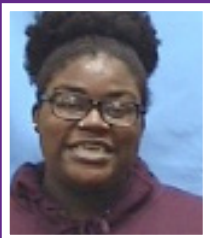
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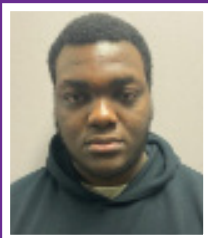
Meet Your Newly Elected STUDENT GOVERNMENT



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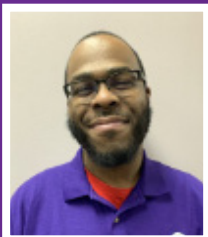
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Thank You for Voting!

Elected officers start their role
in Summer 2020



CONGRATULATIONS TO THIS YEAR'S LUMINARY AWARD RECIPIENTS!



Lovetta Houston
ADVISOR

Lovetta Houston inspires her students, supports them, and encourages them before, during, and after work hours. She wants to see students succeed and helps them any way she can, which includes supporting clubs like the African American Studies Association with events. She has even been known to help students out with food and clothing – out of her own pocket when they needed it. Here are a few other things her nominators said about her:

"She got me started on my journey and motivated me to begin. I didn't know where to start. If it wasn't for her words of encouragement and going out of her way to assist me, I would not be graduating this year. You rarely come across people like Ms. Houston. She wants to see you succeed. She wants to help any way she can."

"...I had given up but she hadn't given up on me - she prayed and listened, she let me cry, yell and curse. She had my back and supported me...She did and said things that helped and pushed me so that my own child wanted to (and did) meet her to thank her. This woman is amazing she is truly an angel and deserves all acknowledgment/recognition for being an outstanding person."



Jalen Henry
STUDENT

Jalan Henry, a second year student at OHC, excels at identifying the needs of his peers and finding ways to assist. He participates as a volunteer for the OHC pop-up food pantry and is employed through federal work study for the Student Activities department. In addition, Jalen is the founder of a male support group called the Brothers of Distinction (BOD). This organization specializes in mentoring, volunteerism and student engagement. To further the reach, BOD works closely with our campus security office to build upon the male-mentoring aspect and Jalen has helped to bring the first Illinois Community College chapter of a the national organization called Student African American Brotherhood (SAAB) to our campus! Jalen utilizes several of our resources and reminds students to do the same by sharing his personal story of experiencing food and housing insecurities. Like many of our students, Jalen addresses challenges with perseverance. He continues to be an example for the OHC community by aiding in the resources needed for students to excel.

Luminary Awards



Elena Cortez Alvarez Is Dreaming the Dream

A story from Olive-Harvey College's Adult Education Program

C.S. Lewis said, "You are never too old to set another goal or to dream a NEW DREAM." This was the case for Elena Cortez Alvarez. Ms. Alvarez spent 29 years working at a hotel until she retired at the age of 62. In the beginning years of her retirement, she was comfortable with being at home. However, she quickly realized that she didn't want to spend the rest of her life at home. Ms. Alvarez desired to learn a new skill before she became "too old."

To her luck, she encountered someone in her neighborhood who recommended she go to Olive-Harvey College, South Chicago Learning Center (SCLC). When she went, she was immediately greeted by a clerical staff, Maria Gomez, who spoke with her about taking an English as a Second Language (ESL) class. After the conversation, Ms. Alvarez registered and completed the testing process to enroll in a low intermediate English class. Now, she is in an advanced level.

Prior to coming to South Chicago Learning Center, Ms. Alvarez didn't know how to read or write in English. Today, Ms. Alvarez is able to communicate with her doctor, friends, and family in English. She even knows how to use a computer! These were skills that she didn't have before. Ms. Alvarez is very appreciative of SCLC and her instructor, Ms. Rochelle O'Neal, for teaching her new skills - English and how to use a computer.

For her, SCLC is home because everyone is like family. Ms. Alvarez said "the staff, faculty, and peers at South Chicago Learning Center give me the motivation to continue learning. I am ready to continue expanding my skills by getting my high school equivalency diploma because I know I have the tools I need to get ahead."

CANNABIS DISPENSARY OPERATIONS

at Olive-Harvey College



Olive-Harvey College (OHC) is so excited about their “bud- ding” cannabis program! Did you know that the State of Illinois is starting a pilot program that allows certain community colleges to offer a “Career in Cannabis” certificate? OHC has been working on curriculum development, creating partnerships with local businesses and building our program so we can apply to have one of those community college licenses! The application closes at the end of June, so it’s been all hands on deck. We wanted to take this time and let you our students know about all the great work completed so far!

Right before the pandemic, thankfully, we had a great opportunity to go view Cresco Labs cultivation center out near Joliet, IL. Cresco Labs has been a great partner to OHC and provided a tour unlike we have ever been! Our team saw the “Mother’s room”, processing, testing, packaging and infusion spaces! Safety and compliance were at the forefront of everyone’s mind whom we met, it was clear that this industry while exciting is heavily regulated and it’s critical to success that these regulations must be followed at all times.

Our curriculum team has started the outline for the vocational pilot program, it will be 30 credits and the student

will earn an Advanced Certificate along with the Career in cannabis certificate. Our classes include existing Intro to Cannabis and Cannabis and the Law, along with new classes such as Growing cannabis, Cannabis and Culture and even a techniques class that will teach the student to test and analyze cannabis plants. A suite of classes will ensure if you enroll into this program you will come out with the legal, business and professional knowledge that is critical to success in the cannabis industry. Classes are currently being developed and will begin Fall 2021!

Our team is working on purchasing a High Performance Liquid Chromographer, this allows you to test the THC level in the plant along with other cannabinoids. Since cannabis is still a federally regulated plant, OHC cannot grow plants on campus that have a THC level greater than 0.03% THC. We are working with a partner to allow students plant touching opportunities at an off-site location. Here on campus, OHC is building a greenhouse on campus and will grow hemp, which is cannabis but with trace levels of THC. So even though the plants look exactly the same, hemp does not contain the psycho-active drug THC that makes a person “high”.

Helping guide our program is our Cannabis Advisory Council, created in October 2019, meeting monthly, they are currently creating a mission to address the disparities in the cannabis industry. It is a robust group of industry experts, cannabis entrepreneurs, students, administration and faculty, all invested into making sure our program at Olive-Harvey College is comprehensive and thorough. An additional task of the Council is to help make sure our students get jobs after completing the program. OHC is committed to ensuring that individuals disproportionately affected by the war on drugs are able to enter the cannabis industry in whatever facet they are interested in participating and our program can be that springboard. If you are interested in the cannabis industry but don’t know where to start, check out www.ccc.edu/cannabis and sign up for more information.



OUR MISSION

To provide services that will promote the mental and social well-being of the Olive-Harvey community. These services are offered by professional staff committed to individual development, multiculturalism, training, and service.

Core Services

- Crisis Intervention
- Counseling
- Case Management for Basic Needs
- Emergency Food & Hygiene Products
- Referrals to Community Resources
- Faculty Consultation
- Education and Prevention Outreach
- The Panther Pantry

Visit our Virtual Wellness Center via the Virtual Student Services Portal at www.ccc.edu

Olive-Harvey College
Fall 2020 Classes

Register Now

SESSION	REGISTRATION DEADLINE	CLASSES START
Fall 16 Week	August 20	August 24
Fall 12 Week	September 17	September 21
Fall 8 Week	October 15	October 19



South Chicago Learning Center (SCLC), the satellite campus for Olive-Harvey College, is a vital community institution for South Chicago and the surrounding neighborhoods. Established in 1988, SCLC brings education and to the diverse community of Chicago’s south side. We offer adult education classes that include English as Second Language (ESL), High School Equivalency (HSE) prep class, Spanish GED classes, and others such as Computers, Citizenship, and Constitution. We offer college-credit courses and opportunities for students to connect to vocational and technical training as well.

REGISTRATION FOR ADULT EDUCATION COURSES IS HAPPENING NOW!

Email us at ohadulterd@ccc.edu or call us at 773-291-6770. To begin registration, visit us at ccc.edu.



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