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# Transfer- Mation



AN INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER FOR THE TRANSFER  
CENTER AT HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

## FALL 2016 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 2016 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 1139  
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 should be zero. (However, exceptions can be made.)
- Learn about scholarships and other funding opportunities after graduating from CCC.
- Attend workshops that help you in every step of your transfer process.



*Congrats to Tran Le and Villasay Rathahao (right) who were accepted to IIT at the Transfer Scholars Event in October! Way to go!*

# Alumni Updates

## Students Share Their Success and Inspirational Stories

I'm currently leading operations at a growth stage startup called Phlearn. The company's goal is to create a learning ecosystem for creatives to teach one another. I recently got engaged, and I'm planning on moving to Pittsburgh early next year.

- *Taylor Harvey*



I have so much news! Since being here at UIUC, I have interned twice in Chicago, IL as well as Los Angeles, CA. This past summer, I was in LA working with Lendlease on the Oceanwide Plaza, across the street from the Staple Center. The summer before that, I was in Chicago working with the same company, on the Riverpoint Project which is on Lake and Canal Street. So far, I have received four offers from different companies, and even more companies that have reached out to me. It got to a point where I had to turn down companies because it was a lot of work. Sunday night, I signed my offer letter with Lendlease, and I start July 3<sup>rd</sup> in Chicago, IL! I chose Chicago because its where my family is, and I am excited to work on projects that are historical to Chicago, projects that will change the skyline, such as the Riverpoint Project. School is going great, I am trying to wrap up my senior year strong. If all goes well, I will be graduating in May, hopefully with honors (I'm trying super hard!). I also mentor an engineering student from Chicago! I look forward to stopping in at HWC; it's been too long.

-*Marco Rodriguez, HWC Fall 2014*

I attended Harold Washington College from 2012-2014 and graduated as a PTK member. I transferred to Columbia University in Fall 2014 and was a member of the Columbia Women's Business Society and Ski Club. I studied Spanish in Spain in Summer 2015 for 2 months, and then graduated with my BA in Sociology on July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016. I moved back to Chicago and started working for a software startup, Hireology, as a Business Development Rep at the end of August. Loving it here as the company is fantastic and the culture is great. I'm learning a lot and am working towards a promotion.

**My advice for students is to always work towards building their resume even if they don't know what they want to do. This means taking side jobs where they can learn, attending information sessions and getting involved in something they're interested in (any club or team). It's also smart to talk to people who you look up to or frankly who have a salary you desire and ask what they did to get there. I've learned the biggest asset I have aside from my own accomplishments are the relationships I have, so networking and keeping in touch with people is key. Get summer internships!**

-*Ryan Carter, HWC Spring 2014*

We ♥ our  
Rock Star  
Alumni!

My time here at UIC has been beneficial thus far. I am currently tutoring for the NLVS (New Life Volunteering Society) tutoring program and am attempting to get a chapter of the Society of Asian Scientists and Engineers here on campus in which I will be treasurer. I hope Harold Washington hasn't changed much. I look forward to visiting soon!

-*Ryan Melendez, HWC Fall 2015*



# Alumni Updates Continued



I'm currently a full-time student at the University of Michigan's Penny W. Stamps School of Art and Design in Ann Arbor. My semester is comprised of 3D, 4D (audio/visual), a context course, and color wood cut. Additionally, the school has a requirement of all students to attend The Penny Stamps Distinguished Speaker Lecture Series which takes place every Thursday evening throughout each semester at the Michigan Theater. I do work study 10 hours a week at the Kelsey Museum of Archeology as an Assistant to the Museum Coordinator. Together we design, and build cases, displays, and signage for the museum's exhibits. I've just begun a freelance commission of 15 different 6 ft. tall x 3 ft. wide wood block printed banners for the museum's next show. I've also had the opportunity to assist established and esteemed artists in studio such as Paul Coldwell and Ruth Weisberg. I'm planning a month-long Workaway independent service based trip to fulfill my abroad requirement. And I've begun processing and exploring ideas for my senior Integrative Project. Stay Tuned!

**-Robin Miller, HWC Spring 2015**



Chiquita Vinson, Harold Washington College Alumna, graduated this Fall 2016 from Northeastern Illinois University. She was a Psychology Major. Shout out to the amazing Joy Bassett for sharing this success story!

I'm at NEIU this fall. This semester, I am in a year-long mentorship program that is for African and African American students, and my mentor is awesome! I'm in the Psychology Club which does different events for students throughout the semester, and Black Caucus which is an organization for black students and helps them with things like scholarships and community service opportunities. I'm enjoying my classes. I am majoring in psychology and minoring in communications. I've been participating in research studies because of my major, which is fun. Everything is going well so far.

**-Stephanie Finne, HWC Spring 2016**



My life has been very busy since I transferred. Currently, I am studying Criminal Justice with Loyola and taking two Theology courses. Academically, it is difficult at first but later on (around the first month) you get used to it. I have a lot more reading than I had at Harold; that's for sure. So far, my biggest accomplishment is just getting into the school and being able to pursue my dream!

**-Victoria Santiago, HWC Summer 2016**



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# Alumni Updates Continued

I'm the President of the American Nuclear Society at the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign, and I'm part of the Radiation Detection and Isotope Identification Research Group.

-Aries Loumis



## Harold Washington College Transfer Center



Frances Nuguid is a Harold Washington College Rockstar! She will be majoring in Political Science and minoring in Economics at the Columbia University School of General Studies this Fall 2016. She will transfer back a few of her credits from Columbia to get her Associate's Degree. Frances was a leader on campus. She was a Student Ambassador to the Career Center, the Public Relations Officer of Phi Theta Kappa, and she won the the HWC Academic Achievement Scholarship twice. When asked to whom she owes her success at HWC, she gave shout outs to the entire Office of Career Planning and Placement which includes the Director, Gabe Razo (pictured on the right), to her rockstar professor, Ingrid Reidle, and to the Transfer Director, Ellen Goldberg. Way to go, Frances! You rock and INSPIRE!



Transfer Director, Ellen Goldberg, is pictured with Rafaela Marone Esteves Pereira, Harold Washington College Alumna, who transferred to the University of California at Berkeley and will graduate in Spring 2017! She is majoring in Media Studies.



Ellen Goldberg, Transfer Director, is photographed with Jessica Stell, an HWC Alumna, who graduated this last Spring 2016 from The School of Professional Studies at Northwestern University.



# Fall 2016 Transfer Leadership Class Sessions 1 and 2



## INFORMATION SESSIONS AND TRANSFER SCHOLARS

Harold Washington College Students attended Information Sessions from Amherst College, the University of Wisconsin at Madison, DePaul University, and Columbia University GS. Off campus, they also attended Information Sessions for the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and for Smith College and Mount Holyoke College at the Transfer Scholars Event at Malcolm X College.



UIUC Information Session



Smith and Holyoke Information Session



Amherst Information Session



Friday, October 28, 2016 was the awesome **Transfer Scholars Event at Malcolm X College!** Here's are some of the Harold Washington College students who are in the program giving Transfer Scholars a big thumbs up! Shout out to all of the students that got into their dream schools and got scholarships!



# Campus Visits Change Students' Lives



Campus visits change lives! These three rockstar Nursing Students did a campus visit to Dominican University organized by the awesome advisor, Amanda Williams. A total of 5 students attended, but 3 are photographed and they are (from left to right) Constance Frazier, Amanda Williams, Hon Yuk Ng, and Gayin Au. Shout out to ALL students who do campus visits!



(From Left to Right) James Barnett, Velisha Jackson, Alicia Sandoval, Miguel Valentin, and Mike Halpin.



(From Left to Right) Olayinka (Steve) Fadowale , Isabel Ruvalcaba, Jose Vazquez, James Barnett, and Velisha Jackson



Jaegen Ellison, HWC Alumnus, is wowing the crowd with his life story and talking about his transfer to study Acting at UIC.

**This last August 2016 during Phoenix Week, Angela Guernica, the Rockstar Director of Student Activities, had the idea of doing a Campus Visit to UIC. She co-lead the trip with Transfer Director, Ellen Goldberg. A total of 84 students attended! It was proof that campus visits really do change lives!**

# Fall 2016 City Colleges Transfer-Mation Leadership Conference

The Transfer-Mation Conference is a full-day of events designed to help students transfer to their dream schools and get their dream jobs! This year, it was on Friday, September 30, 2016.



City Colleges of Chicago  
**TRANSFER-MATION**  
Leadership Conference

Harold Washington College  
Room 102  
Friday, September 30, 2016  
9 am – 4 pm

For Info: [www.ccc.edu/fall16transfer](http://www.ccc.edu/fall16transfer)



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The amazing Keynote Speaker at the City Colleges Transfer-Mation Leadership Conference was Gabrielle Lyon from the Chicago Architecture Foundation.



The awesome pizza lunch was sponsored by Northwestern University School of Professional Studies, National Louis University, and Elmhurst College! 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!



# Go Abroad No Matter What

As a Ghanaian native, growing up in Chicago and receiving a good education has been key to the kind of opportunities I have been presented with. I grew up on the Southside of Chicago in Hyde Park. Although I lived in a relatively good neighborhood in Chicago, I was fortunate to get into Advanced Placement (AP) and honors classes at Kenwood Academy. In addition to this, my high school had a partnership with the City Colleges of Chicago that allowed students to take college classes while enrolled in high school. I took college Spanish classes at Harold Washington College (HWC) in my junior and senior year of high school. This not only gave me an advantage over other students entering community college, it made the transition to a full-time student at HWC much easier because I already knew all of the resources like the Tutor Center.

While at HWC, I focused on taking classes to get my Associates Degree. After meeting with Ellen Goldberg and discussing transfer plans after graduation, Ellen inspired me. She advised me to think more broadly and apply to schools that will give me access to the kind of opportunities I am looking for such as study abroad programs and an institution that will pay for me to receive my Bachelors Degree. After that day, I made many more appointments with Ellen to check-in about my progress and she also became the adviser to the Transfer-Mation club I co-founded. During my last two semesters at HWC, I applied to over 18 colleges and universities. I was fortunate to get acceptance letters from UIUC, UC Santa Barbara, and many others, however I decided that the University of Southern California (USC) was the right school for me and I joined the Trojan Family in Fall of 2015.

Since the day I joined the Trojan family, I have the privilege to be a part of an institution that cares about the success of their students and making their dreams become a reality. The Trojan family is real. We have a strong alumni network in almost every major city in the world. I got to experience the power of the Trojan family when I interned abroad in Taiwan this past summer. During my first semester at USC, I applied for the Global Fellows Internship Program in Asia. This USC fully-funded program places students in Hong Kong or Taiwan to work for 10 weeks. While in Taiwan, on my free time and after the internship I explored nearby countries like Hong Kong, China, Singapore, Thailand, and others. In addition to this, I also volunteered abroad



in Honduras for a week through Global Brigades with my fellow USC students. I have always dreamed of going abroad to see more of the world, learn about different cultures, and broaden my horizons. I experienced a whole new culture and another part of the world I never had access to. USC gives you access to the world.



My advice for all students in Harold Washington College and City Colleges is to go abroad. It is a life-changing experience. Whether it is studying, interning, or volunteering abroad, I strongly believe that any

abroad experience will not only shape and make you a more competitive candidate for future opportunities but it will also broaden your perspectives about the world. I know and understand that many students are hesitant to go abroad due to a lot of uncertainty. I was too. However, I did not let this stop me. I went with the mindset that it was going to be a great experience and I should make the most of it. I went abroad prepared by asking a lot of questions at the same time being very open. I believe that is the key. I can honestly say that going abroad has helped me know that there is absolutely nothing in this world that I cannot do. In addition to this, I created a network of friends and colleagues in another country with which I will forever have a relationship. No matter what place you decide to go, you will come back with a better perspective about another culture and this experience will allow you to have more empathy for people from all walks of life.

Finally, my last advice is to always stay committed and focused. I want you to understand that everything that I have been blessed with in life did not come easy. There have and always will be challenges and setbacks such as not being accepted into a program I strongly desired to be part of or a scholarship. Sometimes, it is as simple as not having a productive day. However, in the midst of fighting for a good future and my dreams, I have realized that there are always going to be sacrifices such as not spending all my time watching television and going out with friends. Personally, I constantly have to remind myself of my purpose and my goals. This keeps me going. *Everyday is an opportunity to be one step closer to the reality of your dreams.*

Thank you for the opportunity to share my story. I am always available to answer questions about anything. Please feel free to contact me:

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