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# Transfer- Mation



AN INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER FOR THE TRANSFER  
CENTER AT HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

## SPRING 2019 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 Spring 2019 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.



*In Summer 2019, the Harold Washington College Advising Team hosted a retreat at St. Xavier University. It was a super fun retreat where Advisors were able to tour SXU.*



# Recent Alumni who have gotten their bachelors and beyond



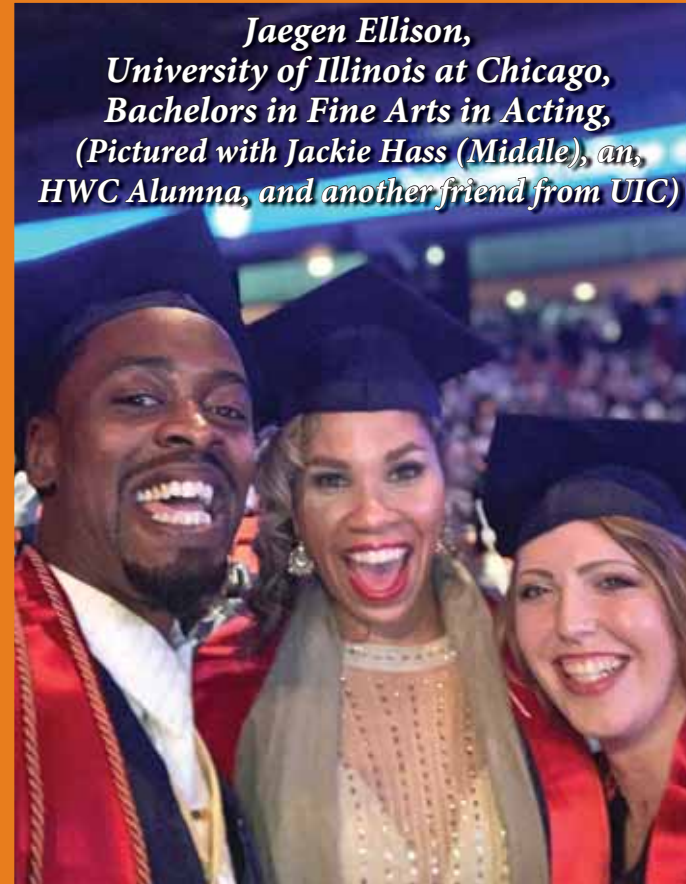
*Jocelyn Garcia,  
University of Illinois at  
Chicago, Bachelor of Science  
in Biological Sciences*



*Mariya Chukhnova,  
Columbia University GS,  
Bachelor of Arts in  
Slavic Studies*



*Mehak Hafeez (and her family), Illinois  
Institute of Technology, Master of Science in  
Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling*



*Jaegen Ellison,  
University of Illinois at Chicago,  
Bachelors in Fine Arts in Acting,  
(Pictured with Jackie Hass (Middle), an,  
HWC Alumna, and another friend from UIC)*



*Velisha Jackson,  
University of Illinois at Chicago,  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology*

We ♥ our  
Rockstar  
Alumni!



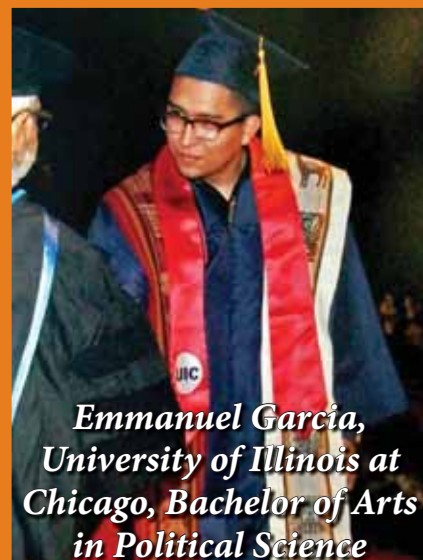
*Ximena Martinez Perez,  
Florida International  
University, Master's in  
Architecture*



*Esteban Valtierra,  
University of Illinois at  
Chicago, Bachelor of Arts in  
Political Science*



*Isabeau J Belisle Dempsey,  
Seattle University, B.A. in  
International Studies and  
Spanish*



*Emmanuel Garcia,  
University of Illinois at  
Chicago, Bachelor of Arts  
in Political Science*



*Gabrielle Jerz (Right),  
Wellesley College, Bachelor of Arts in  
Biology, Also pictured with  
Maris Karner from HWC*



*Rosa Bacio,  
University of Illinois at  
Chicago, Master of Arts  
in Teaching in Spanish*



*Dana McCullough,  
Robert Morris University,  
Bachelors of Business  
Administration in Management*



# The Spring 2019 WGSS Transfer Forum



*In April 2019, Amanda Loos and Jennifer Wilson (two Rockstar Humanities Professors), and Ellen Goldberg, the Transfer Center Director, hosted the WGSS Transfer Forum (Women's Studies, Gender Studies, and Sexuality Studies Transfer Forum). DePaul University, Roosevelt University, the University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign attended and talked about the resources that they offer any of these majors at their transfer institutions. Also, HWC Alumna, Lizzet Proa who got her Bachelor's and Master's in Women's Studies at DePaul, inspired the audience. It was a great collaboration between the Transfer Center and Humanities Department!*



# Transfer Leadership Class



**Spring 2019 Transfer Leadership Class  
Session #1**



**Spring 2019 Transfer Leadership Class  
Session #2**

The Harold Washington College Transfer Leadership Class (TLC) is a five-week optional class designed to help students to transfer to the top schools in the nation and to get up to full funding. On the last day of class, the participants receive a certificate of completion and become Transfer Ambassadors who can tell their peers at HWC about the transfer process!

WGSS Transfer Forum Presenters:  
 Sr. Beth Catlett, DePaul University  
 Dr. Sandra Frink, Roosevelt University  
 Bonnie Kanter, University of Chicago  
 Dr. Siobhan Somerville and Sr. Jacque Kahn  
 (University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign:  
 Via Skype)  
 Lizzet Proa: Harold Washington College Alumna



# Harold Washington College Spring Break 2019 Massachusetts Trip!



This Spring Break 2019, Angela Guernica, the Student Activities Director, and Ellen Goldberg, the Transfer Center Director, led a group of 8 students to visit three colleges in the Pioneer Valley of Massachusetts. We visited Smith College, Mount Holyoke College, and Amherst College. They are all prestigious liberal arts colleges, and Smith and Holyoke are both Women's Colleges. We also spent time with Alumnae at both Smith and Holyoke. Of the eight students who went on the trip, two of them will be attending Mount Holyoke College and one will be attending Smith College in Fall 2019.

# You Got In, So Now What?

In Spring 2019, the Transfer Center added a workshop entitled, "You Got In, So Now What?" We hosted two of these workshops during the semester. The focus was to be able to have our Rockstar Alumni come home to Harold Washington College and to give advice to our future grads about next steps in the transfer process. Both sessions were an inspiration!



# Nothing Will Work Unless You Do

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In Spring 2019, I completed my undergraduate studies from NEIU with a Bachelor of Science in Community Health, Summa Cum Laude. I enjoyed my tenure at NEIU because it reminded me of the close-knit community I experienced at Harold Washington. The dedication of student success from both institutions allowed me to pursue my dreams of obtaining a degree in higher education.

With two degrees under my belt, I am excited that I will be attending my dream graduate school! In Fall 2019, I will begin my graduate studies at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I will be pursuing a Master of Public Health degree with a concentration in Maternal and Child Health. I truly believe that the foundation and support from Harold Washington College and CCC provided me with the essential tools to excel in higher education. Furthermore, one's shaky educational beginnings DO NOT determine their future educational success! Although there will be many tears, sleepless nights, and some disappointments, continue to PERSEVERE! The road will be challenging, but the reward will be much sweeter in the end. I am a living example of how a mere thought and a dream became a reality... two-fold! Let my story inspire you to do great things and continue to reach your dreams within academia!



**LaShonda D. Tate, B.S.**  
*Associate of Science, Spring 2016*





# Nothing Will Work Unless You Do

Maya Angelou once said, “Nothing will work unless you do.” These words resonate in my mind daily as I continue my journey through academia. My journey began softly in the Fall of 2013. While working as a pastry cook, an unfortunate experience with the pastry chef started the flame for me to make a career change. After being in the food service industry for almost 20 years, I had always wondered if I was smart enough to attend college. Being that I was a high school dropout, I doubted myself. I would talk to a close friend of mine daily and share with her my aspirations of going to college. As I would continue to doubt myself, she would continuously repeat, “you just have to start.” I took her advice and made the trip to Harold Washington College to register for classes, take the placement test, and “started”. In January 2014, I was enrolled as a full-time college student. Here is where my love for academia began...at Harold Washington College!



When I completed my studies at Harold Washington College in the Spring of 2016, I was excited to be graduating with high honors. This was a huge accomplishment for me, being that I was a high school dropout. However, I would complete my general education certificate, but with a new challenge...motherhood. The mere words of “high honors” etched on my degree proved that I had the skillset and mindset to achieve and conquer academia. Moreover, in addition to high honors, I was a Presidential Scholar and a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. With a newfound love for higher education and my determination to chart a different course for my life and my daughter’s, I was ready to pursue my true passion wholeheartedly – to place myself in a position to be an advocate for my community.

After graduating from Harold Washington College, I transferred to Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) in Fall 2016 majoring in Community Health and Wellness. Again, I had a new fear, the “university.” I thrived at my previous institution and hoped I would thrive here as well. As I continued to press forward with my studies at NEIU, I remained a positive influence among my peers and persistent in my academic

excellence by maintaining a 4.0 GPA and becoming a Writing Fellow for the Writing Intensive Program (WIP) course for my major, and was a student worker in the university’s Financial Aid office. I continued to stay motivated and persevered daily with a heavy workload and course load by remaining focused on my goals. As a senior, I was excited to have to have conducted my first research study as a Principal Investigator. My study was entitled, “*How the Social Determinants of Health Influence Contraceptive Decision Making of Young Mothers Who Are Youth in Care.*” Although it is not traditional for undergraduates to conduct their own studies, I decided that I wanted to garner more knowledge about the field of public health and thus, I pursued this research project with a faculty mentor. Although rather stressful, I was successful in completing the Institutional Review Board (IRB) process and received approval from NEIU and the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) IRB offices. With approval from both institutions, I was given the green light to proceed with my study. I am elated that I was able to add this experience to my academic journey. These combined experiences will be beneficial in my future research and it will prepare me for further advancement in my academic career and graduate studies.

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