

Transfer- Mation

▶ A NOTE FROM THE HWC
DIRECTOR OF THE
TRANSFER CENTER..... 1

▶ HAROLD WASHINGTON
COLLEGE ALUMNI
UPDATES.....2-3

▶ TRANSFER TIPS
101.....4



AN INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER FOR THE TRANSFER
CENTER AT HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

A Note from the Transfer Center Director

Hello fabulous students, advisors, administrators, faculty, and staff of Harold Washington College. Welcome to *Transfer-Mation*, the third 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. I 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 in 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

Save the Date

Transfer-Mation Leadership Conference

October 11, 2013
Friday, 9-4 p.m.
Room 102

Fall 2013 Transfer Fair

October 14, 2013
Monday, 10:30-2 p.m.
Room 102

Smith College & Mount Holyoke College Reception

October 31, 2013
Thursday, 3-4:30 p.m.
Room 102



Services in the Transfer Center

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 the CCC.
- Email egoldberg1@ccc.edu to get a packet about scholarships and/or how to fund your College Education.

ALUMNI UPDATES

Students share their success and inspirational stories

I am a happy Harold Washington College and Beloit College alumna. My self-designed major was sociological in nature. Upon moving back to Chicago after graduation last year, I found a welcoming home at Northwestern University. Currently, I work with a couple of sociology professors where I examine housing segregation processes and illuminate the tremendous, yet unacknowledged, influences of black scholars in the field of sociology. I hope to gain more research experience within the next year before applying to graduate sociology programs! I am also happy to report that I just came back from the first retreat for undocumented writers, UndocuWriting. The pieces I produced will be published along with others in an anthology and performed in a tour. I am excited to receive mentoring from Junot Diaz, Sandra Cisneros, Alice Walker, and more authors. - ***Yunuen Rodriguez***

I was accepted into the Contemplative Psychotherapy program at Naropa University in Boulder, Colorado. I went there for the admission interview and fell in love with Boulder! The University's philosophy fits mine perfectly, and the program has daily meditation practices! I am very excited! - ***Reina Fujita***

I transferred to NEIU and majored in political science/women and

gender studies. I am sending my thanks to Ellen, Charles, Devon, Mrs. Williams (Donyel), Ms.Chavez, Rosa (Janitor) and Annie Sergie; they were great motivators and gave great real-life advice that helped me prosper as a student. My advisors were Devon, Charles and Ellen. I finished my first semester with a 3.5GPA and got a job on campus as an orientation leader☺!! Currently I am a member of The Black Caucus and Politics Club. - ***Cyndi Hinton***

I attended HWC from spring 2009 to Summer 2010; then, in Fall 2010, I started at UIC. The biggest update about me is that I graduated Summa Cum Laude this last December with my Bachelor's degree in finance and minor in economics. -***Jasmine Liang***

I'm a senior at Chicago State University. My double major is biology and secondary education and my minor is microbiology. I received a *full* scholarship from Noyce (the National Science Foundation) and a scholarship from the City of Chicago. I interned at Field Museum (Cimby and Mighty Acorns project), and SETF (South East Environmental Task Force). I have received an award from Noyce for outstanding student. Currently, my GPA is 3.22. I have been doing observations at various elementary schools. I went to

Alumni Advice

From time to time you might have heard people say that courses at a four-year college are much harder and you will have a lot more to do, but you are learning more in the City Colleges of Chicago and becoming a better person. You can continuously improve yourself. I had a 3.84 overall GPA when I transferred from HWC which moved up to an overall GPA of 3.91 and a 4.0 GPA in my major when I graduated from UIC. To those who are about to transfer to a four-year school, you are heading to a place with more challenges so you need to put more effort into it. No matter where you are and what you are doing, try your best and get the best out of it. Education is the last thing you want to procrastinate on. I wish you all the best in your field of study. -***Jasmine Liang***

Texas for the National Science Teachers Association. I met Bill Nye the Science Guy!!! Best of all, my daughter turns 1 next week. I'm still a Noyce Scholar funded by National Science Foundation. I have applied for a scholarship from DuSable Museum and also a chance to travel to Florida for a program for pre-service teachers at NASA. I would like to give a shout out to Sanghamitra Saha my favorite science professor and Ellen the best transfer advisor ever. -***Chanel Turner***

I transferred to Illinois Institute of Technology in the fall of 2012. My major is psychology with a minor in arts. I like to tell my colleagues how fabulous they are! Mr. Deher-Lesaint, Tonya Hill, Steve (in the computer lab), David Rozell (from security), Mr. McSweeney, Mrs. Goldberg, Dr. Leslie White, Courtney Gardner and Dr. Susan Colon. I just finished my first semester, and I got on the Dean's List, and believe me, it was hard work. -**Bobbie Bowman**

I transferred to Illinois Institute of Technology with a double major in electrical & computer engineering. Shout out to Mr. McSweeney for being such a cool guy and, of course, Ellen for helping me so much with my transfer! I've moved to focus on software engineering since I changed to a dual major and was offered a summer internship with Nokia. The Location and Commerce branch of Nokia is located in Chicago and they're responsible for their maps services. I'll be graduating in December of 2013. -**Henri Idrovo**

I transferred from HWC to Mount Holyoke College where I am majoring in anthropology and minoring in philosophy. My first semester was incredibly challenging but went really well. I got a job for this upcoming year as a Resident Assistant in my house of twelve Frances Perkins Students. I will go back to campus a few weeks early to be trained in

conflict resolution, which I am oddly looking forward to. It's a great place to study and I look forward to going back! My expected graduation is set for Spring 2014. -**Tracy Brannstrom**

I transferred to UIC in the Guaranteed Admission Transfer (GAT) Program in fall 2012. I'm happy to say that I am still at UIC and will be graduating in the summer of 2014. I'm also working as a research assistant in the Jane Addams College of Social Work at the university. I hope to get a chance to drop by to see you soon! -**James Barnett**

I graduated from UIC this month. My major was criminology, law and justice with minors in sociology and history. My GPA was 3.8 and I was a member of Tau Sigma. -**Katie Shorr**

I transferred to Northeastern Illinois University in the summer of 2011. Since then, I have quickly become involved in both academic and extracurricular communities that exist on campus and beyond. In 2012, I was accepted into both the University Honors Program and the McNair Scholars Program. Both programs opened a multitude of different opportunities for me. Scientific research has always been foremost in my academic interests, so I was overjoyed that these programs allowed me to conduct not only my own original research in anthropology but to also work alongside my mentor (Dr. Siobhán Cooke). For

example, this summer, I was able to travel with my mentor to the Dominican Republic in order to assist her with her research on the evolution of fauna, in particular primates, in this area. This fall marks the beginning of my senior year at NEIU; however, it does not mark the end of my educational career. During this semester I will be applying for multiple doctoral programs in the field of biological anthropology. I will also continue to collect data for my honors thesis at the Field Museum. This thesis will be submitted for publication, and will be presented at the annual American Association of Physical Anthropology in the spring of 2014.

-**Antonio Villaseñor**



Catherine-Alice Beauboeuf is a transfer rock star! She graduated in spring 2013 with her Associates in Engineering Science and got into the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign for Civil Engineering. Catherine has a truly inspirational story, and due to her hard work, she won four scholarships to continue her education. Catherine-Alice is now a distinguished Alumna of the City Colleges of Chicago!

UPCOMING EVENTS

Information Session for Columbia University School of General Studies in New York

Monday, October 14, 2013

3:30-5:00 p.m.

Room 102

Chicago Architecture + Design College Day

Saturday, October 19, 2013

10:30-2:00 p.m.

Room 102

Portfolio Review Day @ School of the Art Institute- Chicago (SAIC)

Sunday, October 20, 2013

10-2:00 p.m.

SAIC Campus (280 S Columbus Dr.)

Information Session for Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)

Tuesday, October 22, 2013

11-12:30 p.m.

Room 809 @ HWC

Coffee Talk with UIUC:

Meet with the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and they will answer your questions!

Tuesday, October 29, 2013

10-2:00 p.m.

Cafe in Basement of HWC

Email April Ponte to make an appointment.

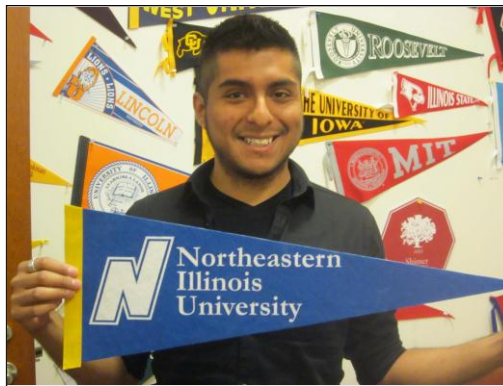
You can also stop by!

Arts Transfer Fair

Monday, November 4, 2013

11-2:00 p.m.

Room 1115



Eric Cortez is an amazing artist! He got into many schools due to his talent! He has chosen to study Studio Art with a Minor in Biology at Northeastern Illinois University. NEIU has given him \$4,600 in scholarships for his grades and art ability. Eric has his Associate in Fine Arts in Studio Art from HWC. He hopes to someday have a career in Biomedical Visualization combining his love for Art and Biology! Go Eric!



We are so proud of Jessica Stell! She graduated from Harold Washington College with her Associate of Arts and transferred to Northwestern University's School of Continuing Studies for Psychology! Her ultimate goal is to be a clinical psychologist! Jessica is a career changer who used to work for Boeing, and she is an inspiration to all! Congratulations to you, Jessica!

TRANSFER TIPS

Let your TRANSFER be a smooth TRANSITION

Transferring from one academic institution to the next shows so much growth and ambition; however, it can be a daunting process if you are unsure of what to expect or which direction you want to go in. But don't worry because I have great news for you! Many other transfer students have made smooth transitions to their school of choice and you can too. I'll help you with some tips!

Decide: One of the best things you can do is have a clear idea of what your academic goals are. The more specific your goals are, the better you can articulate your goals to people who can offer advice to point you in the right direction. Use the Transfer Center and speak with an adviser, so they can work on an academic plan with you. Be sure to keep your plan visible to help you stay on track and speak with your adviser each semester to review your progress.

Research: Once you've decided on an academic direction research, research, and research so that you can be aware of all your transfer options. Some of the things you want to research will be: What are the admission requirements for the school of your choice? How many of your credits are transferable? How much money will be granted to you through financial aid, other grants, scholarships and your personal payment options? You want to make sure that you're getting yourself prepared to target the best package from your degree down to your expenses.

Don't hesitate to create a list of colleges to physically visit and sit down with an admissions counselor to ask specific questions that will aid you in your transfer decision.

Network: I'm sure you've heard the saying "Who you know is everything." Well, that's true but it's even better if people know you and you've made them aware of what you are trying to accomplish. This can help you in so many ways, but ideally it will help you when looking for internships and landing your first full-time job post-graduation. Expand your network by not being shy to volunteer in what you think you are good at. Get your face in other people's faces and your work visible so that people can easily identify you if/when opportunities become available to someone with your skillset. Surround yourself with people who are interested in the same things as you. For example, if you are a writer, find people and/or join clubs with other writers. This is a great opportunity to become exposed to people who are diverse in background but interested in the same field of study.

Stay Connected: It is so easy to get lost coming from a smaller environment to a larger one. Don't let that intimidate you! You will have to work much harder to take full advantage of the opportunities to be visible and connected at your new learning institution. You can join a club, live on campus, volunteer,

and/or work on campus in addition to creating lasting relationships with professors who you admire. This will facilitate your inclusion, create solid relationships with your peers, and expand your network. While you're developing your base at your new institution, staying connected to your previous one is important as well. Keep track of your advisers, instructors, and peers at your community college. Connect with them on social media, particularly HWC's Facebook transfer page, and/or sporadically stop by and see them. They will love it!

About the Writer: Shamil C. Clay is a former City Colleges of Chicago Student Trustee, Phi Theta Kappa Member and an Alumna of HWC and DePaul University. Currently, Shamil is a communication freelancer and graduate student at DePaul University where she is studying digital communication and media arts.



CITY COLLEGES of CHICAGO

Harold Washington

Education that Works

Transfer Center

30 E Lake St. | Room
101B

Ellen Goldberg, Director
Egoldberg1@ccc.edu

312-553-5778



HWC Transfer



@HWCTransferCent