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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

The start of the Fall semester is quickly approaching. Please know that we are prepared to serve students as they continue to register virtually and on-campus for one more week. While many, including myself, continue to adjust to new norms, I hope you know that Harold Washington College remains steadfast in serving and preparing students for the future. I am genuinely looking forward to welcoming students, faculty, and staff back to a safe and productive semester.

This week I welcomed the faculty who are back from summer break. We had a full agenda of professional learning opportunities at this year's Faculty Development Week (FDW). I am looking forward to hearing your feedback and ideas on how we can continue to offer professional sessions throughout the year.

Lastly, I wanted to share the incredible news that we received this week. I am proud to say that Harold Washington College has been granted a TRiO Student Support Services award totaling \$1.3 million from the U.S. Department of Education to expand our support services for students. The College will receive the funds over five years, with \$261,888 set for the 2020-21 academic year. A special thanks to Jacquelyn Warner, Associate Dean of Advising and Transition Services, and Alisa Allkins, English Faculty, and district staff, especially Dr. Krah, for leading the application process for this national competitive grant! We also want to thank the following colleagues for their support: Bernadette Limos, Eric Crabtree-Nelson, Nicolette Radford, Sandy Vue, and Veronica Villanueva.

The College also received a grant for \$100,000 from the Education Equity Fund. HWC will build an Online Academic Support Center to support and engage our students who are learning remotely. Thank you to our grant contributors: Chadra Lang, Gabriela Cambiasso, Jamila Anderson, and Sandy Vue!

Here are the College Updates for this week:

- The Board approved the appointment of Harold Washington College's new Vice President and Dean of Academic Affairs, Shiang Kwei Wang. Dr. Wang brings nearly 20 years of teaching and over a decade of higher education leadership experience. I am very excited for her to join our community on Monday, August 17.
- The Illinois Council of Community College Administrators (ICCCA) shared a comprehensive [list of active commissions](#) that meet regularly during the pandemic to share best practices and lessons learned. As higher education institutions face the same challenges, I encourage our faculty and staff to collaborate with others and use this list as a resource for our work.
- Our virtual college and on-campus hours have been updated to serve students. Please see College Registration and College Accessibility Hours [here](#).

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