



Dear Harold Washington College Community,

I hope everyone had a wonderful week. It is my third week here and I am learning so much. While I am still in the process of meeting all of you, I am feeling more and more at home. I am truly honored to be here. Starting next week, I will begin weekly office hours that will rotate between students, faculty and staff. On Monday, February 17, from 5-6pm, faculty are welcome to stop by my office in 1101 on the 11th floor.

Here are the College Updates for this week:

- Our current FY20 Fall-to-Spring retention rate is 70.6%, a 4.2 percentage point increase from last year's rate of 66.4%. Congratulations!
- HWC's Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society was recognized as a Five Star Chapter, the highest designation the chapter can achieve, for addressing real-world challenges and getting involved internationally.
- Year Up Chicago awarded HWC and Chadra Lang, Dean of Careers and Continuing Education, College Partner of the Year, for demonstrating exceptional support and partnership to close the opportunity divide.
- The first Spring 2020 Evening Transfer Fair was held this week with record-breaking attendance of over 150 students!
- HWC and [Enlace Chicago](#) signed a formal agreement to better align supports for La Villita (Little Village), one of the college's largest feeder communities.
- The college participated in a lock-down drill and will continue to provide in-house training to improve this process and ensure safety.

I invite you to share program and department highlights for inclusion in the College Updates at hwcinfo@ccc.edu.

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