



COLLEGE UPDATES

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Harold Washington College Community,

Thank you for the warm welcome and good wishes. It is truly an honor and privilege to serve as your President.

During the last two weeks, I have had the opportunity to meet many of you and learn about your specific areas. I plan to continue meeting the rest of the college community and will soon hold office hours for students, faculty and staff. So far, I have learned that we need to strengthen our communications. To that end, beginning this week, I will provide college highlights that recognize our ongoing work in support of our student success and retention goals.

Thank you for your continued commitment and support of our Harold Washington College students. Here are the College Updates for this week:

- Our current FY20 Fall-to-Spring retention rate is 68.0%, a **1.6 percentage point increase** from last year's rate of 66.4%... let's celebrate and continue the momentum!
- In an effort to strengthen our enrollment management practices, effective February 2, 2020, Carla Rubalcava, Director of Enrollment Management will report directly to the Office of the President.
- Under the leadership of Associate Dean Jackie Werner, HWC submitted a TRIO Student Support Services grant application.
- Strategic planning is moving along to align with the new District framework.
- We have begun the recruitment process for an additional Clinical Counselor in the Wellness Center.
- Nearly 2,000 students have actively enrolled in a payment plan for SP2020 and 60 students have received the Chancellor's Retention Grant.
- The Dean of Student Services position is currently vacant. A search will be conducted later this semester.
- Student Services submitted a 2020 Census Outreach Grant proposal for \$25,000.

- Registration for 12 and 8-week mini terms is ongoing. 12-week registration ends on February 6, 2020 and 8-week registration ends on March 5, 2020.

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