



# COLLEGE UPDATES

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Dear Harold Washington College Community,

I am excited to share a new milestone with you regarding our 8-week mini term, which starts on Monday. Over 500 students enrolled in 8-week course offerings, a new record for HWC! I am excited about this momentum because not only does it represent growth, it also demonstrates our ability to offer flexible and diverse course options for students. Anything that leads to more access and opportunity for students is a big win for our community!

Next week, I will have office hours on Tuesday, March 10, from 5-6pm. Students are welcome to stop by my office in room on the 11th floor.

Please continue to share any college-wide updates and announcements with us by emailing [hwcinfo@ccc.edu](mailto:hwcinfo@ccc.edu).

Here are the College Updates for this week:

- Our college's 5-year Strategic Plan is underway. Please view the latest draft version [here](#). The college will be hosting Strategic Plan pop-up events in the next few weeks in hopes to engage more individuals in the plan as it develops. Please join in!
  - The Phoenix Project, a faculty-to-student mentoring program, is now available to students. Contact Prof. [Juana Del Toro](#) for more information.
  - Professor Richard Powers successfully completed the Quality Matters (QM) Master Reviewer Recertification, a new online credentialing process offered at HWC. This certification is an important step to ensuring quality for all online course offerings!
  - The recruitment for a new College Recruiter has begun and we are looking to approve a candidate at this month's board meeting.
  - It is Women's History Month. Please participate in the many [events](#) happening on campus in honor of this month.
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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

As we close out the month of February, I want to give a special thanks to HWC's African American History Committee. The committee hosted various discussions, specials guests, film screenings and lectures dedicated to African American history and culture. It takes a lot of planning and coordination to make important work like this happen and it truly came together nicely. Thank you all!

Next week, I will have office hours on Wednesday, March 4, from 4-5pm. Faculty are welcome to stop by my office in room 1101 on the 11th floor. To accommodate all visitors, please plan to meet in a group setting. If you'd like to meet one on one, it is best to schedule an appointment by emailing [atsang1@ccc.edu](mailto:atsang1@ccc.edu).

Here are the College Updates for this week:

- The Department of Education's Office of Postsecondary Education has provided us with an official notice recognizing Harold Washington College as a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) and our eligibility to apply for Title V funding. This is an incredible acknowledgement and opportunity to help further support our students. We look forward to maintaining this designation annually.
- Please consider submitting a nomination for this year's Luminary Awards. This award recognizes members of our community who make CCC/HWC an exceptional place to study and to work. Nominate someone [here](#). Deadline is Friday, March 6.
- The Online Learning and Operations team launched a new program called Student Success System (S3). S3 will help monitor students who are at-risk, at-potential risk, or succeeding in their courses. Thank you to the faculty involved in the pilot: Ellen Eason-Montgomery (Harold Washington), John Metoyer (Harold Washington) Jeff Swigart (Harold Washington), Daniel Forbes (Kennedy-King) and Jennifer Asimow (Truman).
- Our Student and Academic Services team hosted its annual Phoenix Palooza event. It featured an Advisor Meet and Greet and Club Day. Students were able to meet with their advisor on-the-spot or join a club such as SGA, OLAS, Transfer Club, or the Pride Alliance, to name a few. Over 150 students participated. What a fun way to engage one another and promote school spirit!
- Univision's Amor 106.7 FM Entre Cafe y Cafe segment hosted an interview with current HWC student, Lizette Perez, and myself. From talking about college-life to careers, we had a fun conversation. Check it out [here](#) (in Spanish).

- In partnership with Chicago Votes, Foundation Community and Leadership Corps, HWC's SGA hosted a Census Letter Writing Party on campus last weekend. The event aimed to promote voter registration and census outreach. Together, they were able to send 3,200 letters. This was a great civic engagement opportunity! Kudos to all involved.
- All hand dryer settings on floors 1-11 have been adjusted to lessen the noise they emit. Paper towel dispensers have also been reinstalled. We appreciate SGA's support in supplying our campus with additional hand dryers. Everyone is encouraged to be eco-conscious and reduce waste as much as possible.

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