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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

This year, Thanksgiving will be different for many of us. Coming from a large family that normally gathers for special occasions, I am a bit saddened because we will not be together this year. I hope all of you can safely celebrate the holiday.

It is a Thanksgiving tradition in my family to share what we are grateful for in our lives. Today and every day, I am grateful for you. This pandemic has tested all of us this year. I am so proud and thankful that all of you have continued to serve our students despite uncertainty, challenge, and change. Thank you, HWC students, faculty, staff, and administration, for your continued dedication to the College and each other. I also want to give special, heartfelt thanks to all our essential workers. They have been working tirelessly every day to keep our facilities clean and safe.

Thanksgiving is also a time of reflection. Today is the anniversary of the passing of Mayor Harold Washington. I am thankful for him and the legacy he left behind. Mayor Washington once said, "Our concern is to heal. Our concern is to bring together." As we face unprecedented times, this quote resonated with me, and I believe it also resonates with our communities. I aim to live up to his charge, and I hope you do too.

Each of you contributes to our college community's richness and resilience, and I am deeply humbled to be your president.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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President