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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

I am proud to announce that Bank of America has awarded the College with a \$1 million grant this week! This grant is part of the bank's \$25 million commitment to increase job opportunities, close the wealth gap, and enhance professional career tracks for black and Latinx communities across the nation. We are proud to be selected as the first educational institution in Illinois to receive a grant through this program.

As part of the grant, the College will partner with Catalyte, a local tech firm, to provide students with computer programming training. The program will also develop students' skills and enhance other industry partnerships for the College's cybersecurity, software development, and business curriculum. Moreover, the program hopes to expand student participation in existing workforce pathways and placement services offered through our Center of Excellence in Business.

I want to thank our district Colleagues and Vice President and Dean Shang-Kwei Wang and her team for leading this work and developing a strong program that fulfilled the expectations of the grant and our college mission to empower our students academically and professionally. This is truly a fantastic opportunity for our students.

As a reminder, students can register for spring credit classes by logging in to the student portal at [my.ccc.edu](#). The earlier you register, the better the chances that the courses you need are still available – don't wait!

Finally, the College will be closed for Thanksgiving on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, next week. With the surge of COVID-19 cases, I hope everyone continues to follow health and safety guidelines. Please protect yourself and those around you during this critical time.

As always, I have office hours via [Zoom](#) every Wednesday, from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm. Please feel free to connect with me.

**Here are the College Updates for this week:**

- General HWC Announcements are updated weekly and can be found [here](#).
- Enrollment Update: Two weeks into registration, our Spring 21 headcount is 769, which is 11% of our target of 7,262, as of 11/19. We encourage everyone to assist with our enrollment efforts. Please see updated registration flyers and guides for

students that can be found on our [Admissions landing page](#).

- Starting December 7 through December 30, 2020, the College will have new hours of operations: Monday-Friday from 9:00 am – 6:00 pm.
- It is National American Indian Heritage Month! On Wednesday, November 25, at 12:30 pm, English Professor Judy Rivera Van Schagen will discuss the Native American Experience via [Zoom](#). PW: humIASg
- Students: Navigate provides a personalized Care Team to each credit student made up of your advisor, faculty, and other specifically assigned staff from the Transfer Center, Financial Aid Office, Career Services, and Student Activities. Download the Navigate app to make it easier to communicate with their Care Team and to see a personalized calendar of appointments and milestones. Learn more at [www.ccc.edu/Navigate](http://www.ccc.edu/Navigate).
- Faculty and staff: Zoom cloud meeting recordings made before August 1, 2020 will be deleted on November 23, 2020. Going forward, Zoom cloud meeting recordings will be kept for 30 days after the end of each term. If you wish to preserve Zoom cloud meeting recordings on a long-term basis, you can do so using the CCC OneDrive.
- LAST DAY: Eligible employees can make changes to their benefits through [HR Self-Service](#) but must do so by 5:30 pm today, Friday, November 20, 2020. Visit [2021 Open Enrollment](#) to review benefit options and learn more.

#### **Personnel Updates:**

- No new updates.

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