



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

Welcome back from Spring Break. I hope you enjoyed your few days off.

This week the College celebrated the 100th birthday of our namesake, Harold Washington. It was an honor to celebrate Chicago's first Black Mayor with many of you, students, elected officials and community members. I enjoyed every second of it, especially the participation of our students from the music department and those who participated in the Centennial Class Project.

I want to thank and congratulate Maggie West and Linh Williams for their work on the Centennial celebrations, Professor Uddin for coordinating the student class projects, and Dr. Asif Wilson and Raymond Lambert for their presentation on the life and contributions of Harold Washington in Chicago. I am very honored to serve this institution named after such an extraordinary man. The celebration was featured in the [Chicago Sun-Times](#) and ABC7.

Congratulations are also in order for our [HWC 2022 Luminary Award Winners](#). Our student recipient, Oriana Laurentin and faculty recipient, Vanessa Hamilton inspire us to continue to serve our college with integrity, humility and passion.

As always, I am open to talking about your ideas. Feel free to join me during my office hours on Wednesdays from 3:30 pm – 4:30 pm for faculty, staff, and students via [Zoom](#) and Thursdays from 5 pm – 6 pm for HWC students via [Zoom](#).

Have a great weekend!

Here are the College Updates for this week:

- **Credit Enrollment Update (updated April 22nd)**
 - o Spring 2022 – 16, 12, and 8-week sessions - Headcount: 5,279; Credit Hour: 50,967*
Registration for Summer and Fall 2022 classes are now open on To learn more about our registration process, click [here](#).
 - o Summer 2022 – Headcount: 491; Credit Hour: 3,929*
 - o Fall 2022 – 16, 12, and 8-week sessions - Headcount: 189; Credit Hour: 2,040*

- *Counting credit hours for all CCC students registered for courses held at HWC.
- **Credit Retention Update**
 - o Our Fall '21-to-Spring '22 retention percentage is 72%.
- **More N95 Masks!**
 - o All in-person employees can now receive a total of 16 N95 masks (An initial allocation of 10 masks *plus an added 6 masks*). You can obtain your masks by visiting the Security Office (Room 206). As always, disposable surgical masks will remain available at the lobby security desk.
- **Employee Directory**
 - o Spring 2022 updates have been made to the [Employee Directory](#).
- **Library Announcement**
 - o Summer is an excellent time for the library to create and/or curate library content for your fall classes, so please reach out to Marcus Heldt, theldt@ccc.edu, about the research projects you will be assigning.
 - If your department offers courses with identical research projects, we can build [a page encompassing all of them](#).
 - If your department has many kinds of research projects, we can build [a page with more general information](#).
 - If you are looking for OER for your class, please review the [local guide](#) and email Marcus Heldt for further assistance.
 - If your class is doing its own thing, let's talk about making a custom page.
- **Faculty and Staff Accomplishments**
 - o **English Professor Elisabeth Heard Greer, PhD.** helped lead a campaign to save her children's CPS school, National Teachers Academy, from closure. A documentary was made about their struggle, and it will be shown at the prestigious Doc10 Film Festival on May 21st. Please visit the [festival's website](#) for more information.
 - The documentary has been shown at festivals around the country and has received exceedingly positive reviews. Please [visit the film's](#) website for more information.
 - o **Child Development Professor Carrie Nepstad** is co-presenting a paper at the American Educational Research Association (AERA), *Making the Invisible Visible: Who are Teacher Educators and What can be Seen in our Work?* [AERA Annual Meeting 2022](#) (April 21-27): "Cultivating Equitable Education Systems for the 21st Century". Please [read the paper summary](#) for more information.
 - o We are excited to [share](#) recent accomplishments from our faculty, staff members, and students. Please send accomplishments to Maggie West, Community Relations Strategist at mwest28@ccc.edu.
- **Building Façade Update**

- o The façade work is progressing, interrupted only by rainy days. To see a sample of the new façade, a small test area on the east side of the building (Wabash side) was done.
- o Additionally, the city is replacing gas lines on Lake and Wabash Streets. This work will include Harold Washington College. There should be minimal impact on the community.

Highlighted Upcoming Events:

- Grad Fest: We are hosting our GradFest next week, April 25-27. All students participating in the in-person ceremony must pick up their cap, gown, tassel, and tickets during GradFest. For more information, click [here](#)
- Harold Washington College is proud to recognize National Arab American Heritage Month. Celebrate the contributions of Arab Americans with us throughout the month of April.
- The first introductory session of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) for faculty and adjuncts started April 1st via Zoom. It covers the basics of Universal design in the learning environment as well as employing Universal design in programming. There will be 4 other intro sessions offered throughout the month of April with academic discipline-specific UDL sessions for English and STEM.
 - o UDL is a philosophical and applicable design for learning that promotes multiple means of engagement, representation, action and expression, and accessibility. The remaining modules will be offered during FDW in Fall 2022. For more information click [here](#).
- The Financial Aid Department will be hosting the FAFSA and Alternative Application (RISE Act) Workshops in Room 405 and [virtually](#) from 1 pm – 3 pm on April 29th; May 13th and 27th.
- The World Languages & English Language Learning Department is the proud sponsor of our 2022 Film Festival. For more information on the 5-movie feature festival, please see the [flyer](#).
- **For a complete list of announcements please visit [HWC Announcements page](#). The [HWC Events Calendar](#) lists all upcoming events for students, faculty, staff, and the public.**

Full-Time Permanent Personnel Updates and Searches (updated April 22nd):

- **Director, Continuing Education:** Position posted.
- **Assistant Dean, Early College:** Position posted.
- **Assistant Director, Research and Planning:** Position reposted.
- **Faculty, Software Development:** Position posted.
- **Clinical Counselor, Wellness Center (2):** Positions posted and finalist submitted to May board.
- **Vice President for Academic and Student Affairs:** Position posted.
- **College Financial Aid Advisor I:** Position Posted
- **Clerical Assistant II, Admissions:** Interviews in progress

- **Testing Specialist:** Position Posted
- **Project Director-** Position Posted
- **Director, Access Center-** Position Posted
- **Director, Research & Planning-** Position Posted
- **Academic Support Coordinator-** Position Posted
- **College Clerical Assistant (Art)-** Position Posted
- **Human Resources Specialist-** Position Posted
- **Janitor-** Finalist submitted to the May board
- **College Advisor (2):** Finalists submitted to May board
- **Janitor Projects:** Finalist submitted to May board
- **Assistant Director of Wellness:** Congrats on your promotion Yurianna Reyes.
- **College Financial Aid Advisor II:** Congrats on your promotion Patricia Becerra.
- **Director, Auxiliary Services:** Welcome Anthony Rankin.
- **Director, First Year Experience:** Congrats on your promotion Veronica Villanueva.