



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

This week I had the opportunity to attend Grad Fest and the Graduation reception for our 2022 graduates. It brings me joy to see our students beaming with pride and excitement as they prepare to participate in the in-person commencement ceremony this Sunday. It will be an honor to share such an important day.

Congratulations to our Valedictorian, Nathan Vogler and Salutatorian, Kam Tim Kwan! I look forward to celebrating with you at the Commencement Ceremony on Sunday. I want to thank the faculty and staff for helping our students achieve one of their many dreams. Without you, their journey would not be possible. Thank you for all you do for our Harold Washington College students.

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 (Harold Washington College) students via [Zoom](#).

Have a great weekend!

Here are the College Updates for this week:

- **Friends of Harold Announcement**
 - Congratulations to our Friends of Harold Washington College Scholarship winners: Kimberly Andrade; Sherry Chen; Wing Lam Cheung; Salvador Delgado; Marnee Ostoa-Garcia; Danae E Watson; and Raine Kam Yung. Thank you to the Friends of Harold Washington for your annual fundraising scholarship efforts and your continued support of our students.
- **Jack Kent Cooke Transfer Scholarship Announcement**
 - This year, City Colleges of Chicago had 26 [semi-finalists](#) for the Jack Kent Cooke Transfer Scholarship, of which nine were from Harold Washington College. The semi-finalists are Shazya Akthar, Nancy Barrera, Sherry Chen, Justyce Harris, Zachary Hebert, Marnee Ostoa-Garcia, Mary Randall, Samantha Roberts, and Ashanti Thurman.
 - This prestigious scholarship gives up to \$55,000 per year for up to three years when a student transfers to their new dream schools. Stay tuned for more information in May as to which of the nine semi-finalists receive the scholarship!

- A big shout out to Maria Fregoso, who is the faculty liaison for Jack Kent Cooke for playing a huge role in the success of our students. Also, a shout out to all faculty and staff who supported this group of rock star students!
- **Credit Enrollment Update (April 29th)**
 - Spring 2022 – 16, 12, and 8-week sessions - Headcount: 5,280; Credit Hour: 50,970*
 - Registration for Summer and Fall 2022 classes is now open on. To learn more about our registration process, click [here](#).
 - Summer 2022 – Headcount: 585; Credit Hour: 4,722*
 - Fall 2022 – 16, 12, and 8-week sessions - Headcount: 225; Credit Hour: 2,425*
 - *Counting credit hours for all CCC students registered for courses held at HWC.
- **Credit Retention Update**
 - Our Fall '21-to-Spring '22 retention percentage is 72%.
- **More N95 Masks!**
 - 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**
 - Spring 2022 updates have been made to the [Employee Directory](#).
- **Library Announcements**
 - Visit May 2022 [Library Newsletter](#) for library updates and events.
 - 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 (Open Educational Resources) 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**
 - 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**
 - The façade work is progressing. To see a sample of the new façade, a small test area on the east side of the building (Wabash side) was done.
 - 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:

- Harold Washington College is proud to recognize National Arab American Heritage Month. Celebrate the contributions of Arab Americans with us throughout April.
- Come observe live demonstrations of the Harold Washington dance program including student performances of ballet, hip hop, and Latin dance! The live demonstrations will be next Thursday, May 5 at 11:30am in Room 103. Please contact Diane Cheeseman for more information at dcheeseman1@ccc.edu
- Proud Harold Washington College Alumnus, Pedro Castillo will be hosting an exhibition entitled, The Enzo Exhibition: Where Two Worlds Meet, for his artwork at Marwen from May 14th – June 14th. For more information click [here](#).
- Professors, Michal Eskayo and Dana Cole are hosting an LGBTQ+ Ally Training next Friday, May 6th from 10 am – 11:30 am for all interested faculty and staff. Click [here](#) for more details.
- The first introductory session of Universal Design for Learning (UDL) for faculty and adjuncts started on 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 April with academic discipline specific UDL sessions for English and STEM.
- 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 (Faculty Development Week) in Fall 2022. For more information click [here](#).
- The Financial Aid Department will be hosting the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) and Alternative Application (RISE Act) Workshops in Room 405 and [virtually](#) from 1 pm – 3 pm on April 29th; May 13th and 27th.
- **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 (April 29th):

- **Director, Continuing Education:** Interview Scheduled
- **Assistant Dean, Early College:** Interviews Scheduled
- **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

- **Clerical Assistant I -VP Office-** Position Posted
- **Director, Research & Planning-** Position Posted
- **Reproduction Technician-** 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