



OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Harold Washington Community,

Last Sunday I had the honor to personally congratulate our graduates as they crossed the stage at our first in-person commencement ceremony since 2019. I was delighted to see graduates from 2020, 2021 and 2022 take part in the celebration. It brings me such joy to see that despite the hardships our students have endured they have remained focused and determined to accomplish their goals.

I want to thank the faculty and staff for their participation and help to make this event memorable for our students and their families. The graduation ceremony was featured in the Chicago Tribune and Chicago Sun-Times. I encourage you to visit our CCC News Blog and social media posts to view images of the celebration and watch the ceremony at www.ccc.edu/graduation.

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:

[City Colleges of Chicago Foundation Seven Strong Speaker Series](#) kicks off Monday, May 9th. The first session “Honoring the Essential Worker” features two HWC alumni! There is no limit on tickets, and thanks to our generous sponsors, tickets are free! We do ask that everyone RSVP so they can receive the link to the session.

Honoring the Essential Worker

Monday, May 9th

11:45 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

[RSVP HERE](#)

Join panel moderator **Clarisol Duque, State Director of the Office of Senator Richard Durbin**, as we pay tribute to essential workers and their critical role in society and the economy. We'll also discuss the way City Colleges of Chicago is helping students to take advantage of opportunities in high-demand fields such as healthcare, technology, food service, and agriculture.

You'll hear from:

- **Senator Richard Durbin**, United States Senate
- **Tammy Scott-Brand**, Dean, School of Nursing, Malcolm X College
 - o **City Colleges of Chicago alumni:**
 - **Olurotimi (Timi) Akindele**, Emergency Management Specialist for FEMA and Administrative Support for the Executive Office of the President of the United States, **HWC alum**
 - **Dr. Olayinka Stephen (Steve) Fadowole**, Walgreens Pharmacy Manager and Co-Founder of healthenME, **HWC alum**
 - **Victoria Gonzalez**, Malcolm X College Class of 2022
- **Credit Enrollment Update (May 6th)**
 - o Spring 2022 – 16, 12, and 8-week sessions - Headcount: 5,280; Credit Hour: 50,970*
 - o Registration for Summer and Fall 2022 classes are now open. To learn more about our registration process, click [here](#).
 - o Summer 2022 – Headcount: 732; Credit Hour: 5,714*
 - o Fall 2022 – 16, 12, and 8-week sessions - Headcount: 290; Credit Hour: 3,061*
 - *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 Announcements**
 - o Visit May 2022 [Library Newsletter](#) for library updates and events.
 - 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 (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**
 - 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 with some delay due to the weather. 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:

- Harold Washington College is proud to recognize Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Celebrate the contributions of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders with us throughout May.
- 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](#).
- 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 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 (May 6th)

- **Assistant Dean - Early College & Matriculation-** Presentations Scheduled
- **Assistant Director - Research & Planning-** Position Posted
- **Associate Dean – Instruction-** Presentations Scheduled
- **Building Coordinator-** Position Posted
- **College Administrative Assistant I (Vice President)-** Position posted

- **College Clerical Assistant II (Admissions)**- Position Posted
- **College Financial Aid Advisor I (2)**- Position Posted
- **Director - Continuing Education**- Interviews in Progress
- **Director-ARCOS (Grant Funded)**- Position posted
- **Vice President - Academic and Student Affairs**- Position posted
- **Project Director**- Position Posted
- **Director of Research and Planning**- Position Posted
- **Reprographic Technician**- Position Posted
- **Clinical Counselor**- Position Posted
- **College Clerical Assistant II (Art)**- Position posted
- **College Lab Assistant II**- Position posted
- **Coordinator- Tutor Support Services**- Position Posted
- **Director Access Center**- Interview Scheduled
- **Human Resources Specialist**- Position Posted
- **Testing Specialist**- Position Posted
- **College Clerical Assistant II (2) (Registrar)**- Position Posted
- **College Advisor**- Position Posted