

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

Welcome to the Spring 2023 semester! This week, faculty and staff from across the institution greeted our students as part of our "radical welcome" initiative, which aims to support students with inquiries during their first time on campus, and ensure they start the semester off right.

I want to thank our Enrollment Management Team, Testing Center, Academic Advising Team, and Financial Aid Department for working tirelessly to enroll students! I'd also like to thank HWC faculty, staff, and our District Office colleagues for volunteering their time to help meet the needs of all prospective and current students looking to enroll in 16-week courses this semester. Thanks to all those who volunteered!

Our student-facing services also provided welcome-back events, which will continue through next week, to engage our students in co-curricular activities.

As a reminder, we will continue this semester with Phoenix Friday! You are encouraged to wear your Phoenix wear. Please visit my office for assistance if you have not picked up your college apparel.

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 or in person.

Have a great weekend!

Here are the College Updates for this week:

- **Credit Enrollment Update (January 20, 2023)**
 - Registration continues tomorrow from 9am-1pm for in person and virtual.

Spring 2023 Enrollment Data:			YOY
Total Headcount to date		5,121	23%
Total Credit Hours taken by CCC students at HW		49,895	12%
Spring 2023 Applicants to Enrollments		2,488	948

Application Conversion Yield Rate:			38.1%
	Spring Enrollment Goal	Actual	% Towards Goal
New enrollment	881	948	108%
Retention	4,367	4,173	96%
Total Enrollment	5,248	5,121	98%

- Registration for Spring 2023 classes started this week. To learn more about our registration process, click [here](#).

- **At Home Testing Kits**

- At-home iHealth over-the-counter COVID-19 Antigen Rapid Tests is available for free, for your personal use, while supplies last. You can obtain your tests by visiting the Security Office (Room 206). Safety and security will pass out tests to faculty and staff in the coming weeks. Students can obtain their tests from student services.

- **Library Announcements**

- January 2023 Library Newsletter is [now available](#).

- **Zoom Stations**

- To assist faculty and students with hybrid schedules we have designated zoom stations throughout the campus. Faculty will be able to submit a request through our classroom scheduling platform, [Astra Scheduling](#). Faculty can also request a laptop to teach their remote classes through our One-Day Laptop Check-out program by emailing Brandon Hopkins at bhopkins19@ccc.edu.

- **Faculty and Staff Accomplishments**

- Director of Transfer Center, Ellen Goldberg, recently released her new book, ***Transfer Like a Rockstar! Tips on Transferring from Community College to Your New Four-year Dream School.*** Please [click here](#) to read her book. Congratulations Director Goldberg!
- Art Professor Paul Wandless, was recently included in the published book, ***Contemporary Black American Ceramic Artists***, by Donald Clark and Chotsani Elaine Dean. The book is specifically focused on black artists who work in clay and their contributions to contemporary ceramics. Please [click here](#) to learn more about the book and publisher. Congratulations Professor Wandless!
 - 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**

- Signage for the front of the building is delayed due to re-design issues. However, the final product was approved today, so fabrication and installation are coming soon. Please be advised that on installation day we will direct egress traffic to the Wabash door (more to come soon). The remaining building signage for the upper Lake Street side as well as the Wabash Street side is expected in February.

Featured Upcoming Events:

- **Supporting Immigrant Survivors of Gender-Based Violence** - Professional development opportunity presented by Life Span | Project S.A.F.E. | CCC Undocumented Student Services
 - On Monday, January 30th, 2023, from 11 am – 12:30 pm, all faculty and staff are welcome to join this training and learn about the unique challenges facing immigrant

communities that create vulnerabilities to violence and barriers, how to support types of immigration relief that exist for survivors, rights and protections for undocumented and immigrant students, as well as systems of support at CCC and in Chicago.

Please feel free to forward and share with your networks.

- Join virtually at <https://cccedu.zoom.us/j/4114456964> - Meeting ID: 411 445 6964.
- For more information or questions, please contact Luvia Moreno, Associate Dean of Student Services and Undocumented Student Services Coordinator at lmoreno113@ccc.edu.
- We are excited to share college events and programs. Please send **detailed** event programming to HWC Events and Programming, hwc-events@ccc.edu. Kindly allow **ample time** for promotion.
- **For a complete list of announcements please visit the [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 (January 20, 2023)

- **Assistant Business Manager** - Interviews in progress.
- **Associate Dean of Student Services and Undocumented Student Liaison-** Candidate starts 2/20/23.
- **Business Advisor-** Candidate starts 1/30/23.
- **College Administrative Assistant I- Vice President-** Position posted.
- **College Recruiter-** Position posted.
- **Dean- Enrollment-** Interviews in progress.
- **Dean-COEB-** Candidate starts 1/30/23.
- **Director of Strategic Initiatives-** Position posted.
- **Faculty- Tenure Track- Geology-** Position posted.
- **Janitor-** Interviews in progress.
- **Janitor- Projects-** Interviews in progress.
- **Media Specialist-** Position posted.
- **Project Coordinator, 10SKB-** Candidate starts 1/23/23.
- **Testing Specialist-** Interviews in progress.
- **Workforce Success Coach - Child Development-** Position posted.