

HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE  
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# OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

This has been a productive and amazing week at the college with lots to celebrate. First, we end this week with census day numbers and the good news about our significant enrollment and retention gains this semester. Many thanks to all of you for your contributions to surpassing our enrollment and retention goals.

This week the college also celebrated having been selected as the inaugural cohort for the [Achieving the Dream](#) Accelerating Equitable Outcomes initiative. The program is aimed at supporting students, especially Black, Latinx, Indigenous and students of color earn credentials and strengthen pathways for sustainable careers and social mobility. I want to thank Vice President Theresa Carlton, Dean of Instruction Aimee Krall-Lanoué, and Veronica Villanueva, First Year Experience Director for completing the application and for leading this initiative. The official announcement took place during the Achieving the Dream conference at McCormick Place earlier this week. Congratulations to our sister colleges: Olive-Harvey, Kennedy-King, Malcolm X and Wright College who also were selected to serve on this cohort.

This week we also held a very successful career fair. It was awesome seeing so many students in Washington Hall meeting with potential employers and exploring job and career opportunities. I enjoyed learning about our student's career aspirations and greeting our employer partners. Thank you to everyone for supporting this event, especially Associate Dean Joe Hinton and his team for their leadership.

Lastly, HWC hosted a Be the Match bone marrow registry drive. The event was featured on [Good Morning America](#) and [ABC-7 Midday news](#). Many students participated in the drive, and several were interviewed for the local and national news. Thank you to our Be the Match partners and Aja Humphreys, Director of Student Activities, for coordinating the event.

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. On Thursdays from 1 pm – 3 pm office hours students, faculty and staff will be held via [Zoom](#) with Theresa Carlton, Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs.

Have a great weekend!

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

- **Credit Enrollment Update (February 17, 2023)**
  - Registration continues tomorrow from 9am-1pm for in person and virtual.
  - Registration for Spring 2023 classes started this week. To learn more about our registration process, click [here](#).

<b>Spring 2023 Enrollment Data:</b>		<b>YOY</b>	
Total Headcount to Date:	5,557	+6%	
Total Credit Hours taken by CCC students at HW:	54,156	+7%	
Spring 2023 Applicants to Enrollments:	3,016	1,229	
Application Conversion Yield Rate:		40.7%	
	<b>Spring Enrollment Goal</b>	<b>Actual</b>	<b>% Towards Goal</b>
New enrollment	881	1,229	140%
Retention	4,367	4,328	99%
Total Credit Enrollment	5,248	5,557	106%
Continuing Education	152	137	90%
Total Credit and CE	5,400	5,694	105%

- **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**
  - February 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 can 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](mailto:bhopkins19@ccc.edu).
- **Faculty and Staff Accomplishments**
  - Shanina M. Thomas, Adjunct Professor from the Department of Social and Applied Sciences was selected for AACC's Dale P. Parnell Distinguished Faculty Recognition. Professor Thomas is recognized for making a difference inside and outside the classroom. Congratulations!

- Todd Heldt, Librarian, poem “Why” is forthcoming in *Clockhouse Review* this Spring. Congratulations!
- 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](mailto:mwest28@ccc.edu).
- **Facilities Update**
  - **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 and the Wabash Street side is expected in February.
  - **High Voltage Signage**
    - We have attached signage to the windows where the anti-bird wires are installed (on the outside of the window). Please be assured there is no danger of shock from the window or window trim on the building's inside. The warning is meant for window washers and is required by law. The signage is on the Southwest side of the building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor up to the 11<sup>th</sup> floor and the South side of the building – 2<sup>nd</sup> floor up to the 7<sup>th</sup> floor.
  - **State/Lake CTA Train Station Project - Utility Work Update**
    - Telecoms will start work on State St in early March, and work will continue onto Lake Street thereafter. Telecom work will last 6-8 weeks.
    - ComEd work on Lake Street, Wabash Ave, and State Street will start sometime in March; the exact schedule is still being determined.
  - **Lane Closure Impacts**
    - During construction of utility relocations, at least 1 lane will remain open on Lake Street and Wabash Ave and 1 lane in each direction on State Street.
  - **Work Hours**
    - Telecoms will be working during the daytime and CenTrio will be working at night. ComEd will work daytime hours, and it is not yet known if work will occur at night. Daytime hours are 9-4 M-F, and 8-8 Sat. Utility companies are aware of and required to abide by the Chicago noise ordinance, which limits noisy work during overnight hours.

### **Featured Upcoming Events:**

- **Black History Month Events**
  - Learn to Line Dance
    - Thursday, February 23<sup>rd</sup> | 12 pm – 1 pm | Room 1115
  - Black Culture Renaissance: A showcase of art and poetry from HWC students.
    - Tuesday, February 28<sup>th</sup> | 2 pm – 3:30 pm | Room 1115
- **Kindness Campaign 2023**
  - The Public Events and Accessibility Subcommittee, a part of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Committee, is inviting the Harold Washington College Community to participate in a Month of Kindness this February 2023! Check out [the flyer](#) with information regarding Month of Kindness events! If you have questions, concerns, or need accommodation for any event please contact us at [hwc-studentaffairs@ccc.edu](mailto:hwc-studentaffairs@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](mailto: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 (February 17, 2023)**

- **Assistant Business Manager** - Candidate starts 3/20/2023.
- **Associate Dean of Student Services and Undocumented Student Liaison**- Candidate starts 2/21/23.
- **Business Advisor**- Position posted.
- **Ceramic Art Instructor- Continuing Education**- Position posted.
- **Clinical Counselor- Wellness Center**- Position posted.
- **College Clerical Assistant II- Admissions**- Interviews in progress.
- **College Recruiter**- Interviews in progress.
- **Dean- Enrollment**- Candidate started 2/13/2023.
- **Director of Strategic Initiatives**- Position posted.
- **Faculty- Tenure Track- Geology**- Position posted.
- **Info Tech Services Associate**- Interviews in progress.
- **Janitor**- Interviews in progress.
- **Janitor- Projects**- Candidate starts 2/27/2023.

- **Media Specialist**- Interviews in progress.
- **Testing Specialist**- Interviews in progress.
- **TRIO Clinical Counselor- Wellness Center**- Candidate selected.
- **Workforce Success Coach - Child Development**- Candidate selected.