

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

This week the college celebrated Phi Theta Kappa Awareness week. As a proud PTK Mu Pi chapter member, I was delighted to partake in these events. This celebration reminded me of my involvement with PTK and its contribution to the success of many Mu Pi students like me. Thank you to Professor and PTK Advisor, Rosie Banks for your continued support to Mu Pi and all of our students. I look forward to attending the national convention in April.

This week I had the privilege to attend a Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) roundtable discussion led by the Secretary of Homeland Security Alejandro Mayorkas in Washington, D.C. The event organized by the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU), brought college/university leaders to discuss DHS initiatives in support of students. I was delighted to advocate on behalf of DACA recipients and other undocumented students in higher education.

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

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 24, 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](#).

Spring 2023 Enrollment Data:		YOY
Total Headcount to Date:	5,544	+6%
Total Credit Hours taken by CCC students at HW:	53,594	+7%

Spring 2023 Applicants to Enrollments:		3,008	1,221
Application Conversion Yield Rate:			40.6%
	Spring Enrollment Goal	Actual	% Towards Goal
New enrollment	881	1,221	+39%
Retention	4,367	4,323	99%
Total Credit Enrollment	5,248	5,544	+6%
Continuing Education	152	140	92%
Total Credit and CE	5,400	5,694	+5%

- **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.
- **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.
- **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 – 2nd floor up to the 11th floor and the South side of the building – 2nd floor up to the 7th 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:

- **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.



- 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 (February 24, 2023)

- **Assistant Business Manager** - Candidate starts 3/20/2023.
- **Assistant Director- Financial Aid**- Position posted.
- **Business Advisor**- Interviews in progress.
- **Ceramic Art Instructor- Continuing Education**- Position posted.
- **Clinical Counselor- Wellness Center**- Position posted.
- **College Clerical Assistant II- Admissions**- Position posted.
- **College Recruiter**- Position posted.
- **Director of Strategic Initiatives**- Position posted.
- **Director- ARCOS**- Position posted.
- **Faculty- Tenure Track- Geology**- Position posted.
- **Info Tech Services Associate**- Candidate starts 3/20/2023.
- **Janitor**- Candidate starts 3/6/2023.
- **Janitor- Projects**- Candidate starts 2/27/2023.
- **Media Specialist**- Candidate starts 2/27/2023.
- **Testing Specialist**- Interviews in progress.
- **TRIO Clinical Counselor- Wellness Center**- Candidate starts 4/10/23.
- **Workforce Success Coach - Child Development**- Candidate selected.