

# OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

This week, I had the opportunity to participate and advocate for higher education funding at the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU's) Capitol Forum in Washington DC. It was a pleasure to personally thank U.S. Senators Richard J. Durbin and Tammy Duckworth and U.S. House Representative, Delia Ramirez for their support of community colleges.

Also, this week, I was honored with the Phi Theta Kappa Paragon President Award at the Annual PTK Catalyst Convention held in Columbus, Ohio. This award recognizes new college presidents for their outstanding support of student success and for providing high-quality learning environments both inside and outside the classroom. This award is special to me not only because I am a Mu Pi alumnus but because I was nominated by our own PTK student leaders and their advisor Professor Rosie Banks.

I am very grateful to all of you for your support and your commitment to serving our students.

As a reminder, we will continue this semester with Phoenix Days! You are encouraged to wear your Phoenix wear any day of the week to show off your Phoenix Pride. 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.

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

- **Enrollment Management Update**
  - Summer and Fall Registration Kick off is Wednesday April 12<sup>th</sup> in Room 101 for new and returning students will be able to meet with an advisor and enroll on spot. Please [share](#) with your students.
  - CPS Spotlight Days
    - In partnership with Chicago Public Schools, Harold Washington will be holding Spotlight Days on April 28<sup>th</sup> for CPS middle school students.
  - CPS Enrollment Days
    - In partnership with Chicago Public Schools, Harold Washington will be holding Enrollment Days from May 15<sup>th</sup> through May 19<sup>th</sup>.

- **At Home Testing Kits**
  - Binax NOW 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**
  - April 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**
  - Paul Wandless, Art Department Professor, is featured in *Experience Clay* by Maureen Mackey. The book is geared towards K-12 students and teachers. To view his work artist career profile, please visit the [publication's website](#) to learn more. Professor Wandless's prints and clay prints are featured in Keith Luebke's article, The Threads That Tie Ideas Together, for Studio Potter. 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](mailto:mwest28@ccc.edu).
- **Facilities Update**
  - **Building Façade Update**
    - New signage is up in front of the college under the awning. The sign is lit from 6pm to 5am each day. Additional back lighting is due for installation shortly. The unique feature of the new backlight is that the college can control the color. Construction for the Wabash Street sign has begun with an expected installation date sometime in late May.
  - **Security**
    - There will be a significant presence of both uniformed and undercover officers this weekend, in addition to private security and additional technology resources. Several tactics are being discussed to act as a deterrent to large crowds, including drones and police vans. Additionally, CPD officers will be posted at Loop theaters and the Chicago Riverwalk for the safety of Loop visitors and venue patrons.
    - CTA 'L' platform checks will be conducted throughout the weekend with CPD foot patrols. CPD is monitoring ridership data every hour and uses the data to analyze if any large groups may potentially be heading to the Loop. You may note an increased police presence at the Red Line stops and at the State and Lake station, Dearborn and Wabash stations.

### **Featured Upcoming Events:**

- 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 (April 21, 2023)

- Updates:
  - HWC would like to welcome new, transfer and returning employees to the college. Please visit [Harold Washington College- HR](#) to learn more.
- Searches:
  - **Assistant Director- Financial Aid** - Position posted.
  - **Associate Dean- Instruction** - Position posted.
  - **Associate Dean- Instruction**- Interviews in progress.
  - **Clinical Counselor**- Candidate identified.
  - **College Advisor** - Position posted.
  - **College Clerical Assistant II- Admissions**- Candidate identified.
  - **College Clerical Assistant II- Center of Excellence** - Interviews in progress.
  - **College Clerical Assistant II- Mathematics**- Interviews in progress.
  - **College Recruiter**- Position posted.
  - **College Recruiter**- Interviews in progress.
  - **Coordinator- Academic Support**- Position posted.
  - **Coordinator- Wellness**- Position posted.
  - **Director- ARCOS (Grant Funded)**- Interviews in progress.
  - **Director of Strategic Initiatives** - Position posted.
  - **Faculty 30 Hrs.- Geology** - Interviews in progress.
  - **HR Specialist** - Interviews in progress.
  - **Janitor- Projects**- Position posted.