

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

As we celebrate Community College Month, I am reminded of our responsibility to serve all our students and to prepare them to be agents of change in our community. I am very proud of all the good work that is happening on our campus in support of our students. I am equally excited about new initiatives we are planning for next fall such as Caring Campus and Achieving the Dream which will assist us in achieving our strategic goals.

In the meantime, let us celebrate the accomplishments of our students at our [graduation events](#) next week. I encourage you all to join us for the graduation reception on Thursday, May 4th at 5 pm and commencement on Saturday, May 6th at 9 am at the Wintrust Arena. I hope to see you all there.

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 - (April 28, 2023)**
 - **New student orientation sessions are in person in May. Please share with your [departments and networks](#).**

Summer 2023 Enrollment Data:				
Total Headcount to date		708		
Total Credit Hours taken by CCC students at HW		5,238		
Summer 2023 Applicants to Enrollments		1,572		
Application Conversion Yield Rate:				

- **CPS Enrollment Days**
 - In partnership with Chicago Public Schools, Harold Washington will be holding Enrollment Days from May 15th through May 19th.
- **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, [25Live](#). 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**
 - Tyshe'ana Jones, IT Computer Lab Assistant, will graduate from Chicago State University with her Bachelor's in Criminal Justice. She has been recognized with the Student Achievement Award, the Excellence in Criminal Justice Award, and the Criminal Justice Certificate of Merit. Additionally, she made the Provost's list for 2022-2023. Tyshe'ana graduated from Harold Washington College with her AA in 2020. Great job, Ty! From your OIT team.
 - 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**
 - 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. 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 28, 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 starts 6/5.
 - **College Advisor** - Position posted.
 - **College Clerical Assistant II- Admissions**- Candidate starts 6/5.
 - **College Clerical Assistant II- Center of Excellence** - Interviews in progress.
 - **College Clerical Assistant II- Mathematics**- Interviews in progress.
 - **College Recruiter**- Position posted.
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 - **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** – Candidate starts 5/8.
 - **Janitor- Projects**- Position posted.