

HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE
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OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

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Dear Harold Washington College Community,

This week our campus celebrated our students in various ways as commencement approaches. I had a wonderful time attending the grad reception with our students and their families. Listening to the students' testimonies touched my heart as they spoke about the supportive impact HWC made on them. It brings me such joy to see that despite the hardships our students have endured they have remained focused and determined to accomplish their goals.

I encourage you all to listen to our graduating student, Frank Logan, and Veronica Herrero, Chief of Strategy and Staff, [speak with WBEZ](#), about going back to school as an adult student. Stories like his remind me how important it is to continue the hard work that our college community needs.

I look forward to attending commencement and seeing faculty and staff participate and assist in making this event memorable for our students and their families. I encourage you to visit the [CCC Commencement page](#) to watch the ceremony and cheer our graduates on.

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 - (May 5, 2023)**
 - **New student orientation sessions are in person in May. Please share with your [departments and networks](#).**

Summer 2023 Enrollment Data:			YOY
Total Headcount to date		866	20%
Total Credit Hours taken by CCC students at HW		6,542	14%
Summer 2023 Applicants to Enrollments		1,762	268
Application Conversion Yield Rate:			15.2%
	Summer Enrollment Goal	Actual	% towards goal
New Enrollment	967	268	40%
Retention	1,319	598	0.8%
Total Credit Enrollment	2,286	866	6%
Continuing Education	119	41	3%
Total Credit and CE	2,405	907	6%

- **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**
 - May 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**
 - Joy Bassett, Business College Clerical, graduated from Chicago State University with her Master of Business Administration program. Congratulations to you for all your hard work in the program and thank you for all that you do at Harold Washington College!
 - 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 (May 5, 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.
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 - **Clinical Counselor**- Candidate starts 6/5.
 - **College Advisor** - Position posted.
 - **College Clerical Assistant II- Admissions**- Candidate starts 5/8/23.
 - **College Clerical Assistant II- Center of Excellence** - Interviews in progress.
 - **College Clerical Assistant II- Mathematics**- Candidate starts 5/30/23.
 - **College Recruiter**- Candidate starts 5/30/23.
 - **College Recruiter**- Candidate starts 5/22/23.
 - **Coordinator- Academic Support**- Position posted.
 - **Coordinator- Wellness**- Position posted.
 - **Director- ARCOS (Grant Funded)**- Interviews in progress.
 - **Faculty 30 Hrs.- Geology** - Interviews in progress.
 - **HR Specialist** – Candidate starts 5/15.
 - **Janitor- Projects**- Position posted.