Year End Summary

December 2017

Dear Community Partners

Dean Ken Santiago and the staff at Wright College Humboldt Park would like to thank you for your partnership as we continue to bring quality education and training to the Humboldt Park community. With this in mind, we would like to inform you of all the progress we’ve been making as an institution.

CNC Summer Camp

Our CNC Summer camp ran June 26th-July 20th. We welcomed 43 students, giving them the opportunity to learn STEM skills using LEGO robotics technology who walked away with knowledge on how to design and program robots with motor sensors, gears, wheels and other technical components, use mathematical concepts to estimate distance, time, speed and communicate with each other using scientific and technical language.

Advanced Manufacturing Advisory Board

The Advanced Manufacturing Board met at Humboldt Park, forming a cooperative to increase exposure to careers and opportunities in manufacturing. Efforts include hosting Manufacturing Days where students can visit sites, creating internships, directing people to job training/on-the-job training programs, education and scholarships.
Billy McFarland, our CNC Manufacturing Coordinator has worked diligently to increase our visibility and outreach in the urban community. Wright College Humboldt Park is the newest member of the Manufacturing Institute’s M-List designation, acknowledging our outstanding advanced manufacturing courses and teaching industry standards, receiving accreditation renewal through 2022. Our program received $15,000 from the Gene Haas foundation (pictured right) to provide scholarships for CNC pursuing students and also received just over $5,000 from the Illinois Manufacturers Association to support the ongoing Young Manufacturers camp. McFarland worked with Cook County Bureau of Economic Development and Chicago STEM Pathways Cooperative to develop the first annual Chicago S.T.E.A.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) Expo, planned for Spring 2018, which will be held at the Chicago Center for Arts & Technology (CHICAT).

Community Day
For our first Community Day we welcomed the neighborhood for information and a walk-in tour of our building about our courses and programs. This includes our brand new professional development courses; urban gardening, first-time home buyer courses and working with Truman College and the Logan Square Neighborhood Association (LSNA) to bring child development courses to our campus. As we continue to expand our course offerings, for the Spring 2018 semester, offering new college-credit courses including: English 96, Machining Processes I. The campus is also offering some new professional development courses: CPR and Financial Survival for Retirement.
GOVERNOR RAUNER VISIT

Governor Bruce Rauner visited the Humboldt Park campus for “Manufacturing Day,” encouraging over 150 high school student to pursue career opportunities in manufacturing. “Investing in our young people and giving them the resources they need to pursue careers in manufacturing is one of our top priorities. We must continue to make Illinois a more business friendly environment to create more high-quality and high-paying jobs for these bright students who will take over this critical industry,” Rauner said.

DACA Mentors

With the recent rescission of DACA, Wright College hosted “DACA days” led by our DACA student mentors, Maria Trujillo, Amanda Jiang and Linda Rodriguez. These sessions inform and connect undocumented students to resources and legal assistance. Also through our partnerships with the National Immigration Justice Center (NIJC), we were able to host free DACA renewal clinics for students who need help with their documentation.

Humboldt Park Latino Cultural & Academic Center

The blueprint for the new Latino Cultural & Academic center is complete, (pictured below) and will create space for students to engage and connect through events, conversation and technology.
Humboldt Park campus joins Hurricane relief efforts

The City of Chicago and Mayor Rahm Emanuel set up a welcome center for Hurricane evacuees at the Humboldt Park field house located at 1400 North Sacramento Avenue. The relief effort supports residents of Puerto Rico who have self-evacuated, relocated to Chicago’s Humboldt Park area, and are in need of resources. Wright College Humboldt Park attended with City Colleges of Chicago district office, supplying educational resources, along other organizations such as FEMA, Greater Chicago Food Depository, Salvation Army, Puerto Rican Cultural Center, Chicago Department of Family and Support Services, Chicago Housing Authority, Chicago Public Schools, Doctor without Borders, and many others. Each organization contributed by providing food shelter, clothing, health care and a host of other services to ensure people are able to sustain themselves while here in Chicago.

For more information visit: https://www.cityofchicago.org/city/en/depts/mayor/supp_info/harvey-disaster-relief.html
Serving Puerto Rico

Following the impact of Hurricanes Irma and Maria, many college hopefuls from Puerto Rico have found applying to college a challenge due to limited internet access and outages. However, AutopistaAMERICAS holds Puerto Rico’s largest and most well-known college fair on the island, running for over 20 years.

Through their App STRONG initiative, application centers are set up in The Sheraton Old San Juan for students who want to apply to college online. Thanks to our partnership with University of Illinois of at Chicago (UIC), Ken Santiago, Dean of Humboldt Park and Ramon Cabrales, College Advisor, were able to attend the fair the week of December 11th-15th. Students who attended were able to apply for college, learn about programs and file FAFSA applications.

For more information on this initiative, visit:
http://www.autopistaamericas.com