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AN INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER FOR THE TRANSFER  
CENTER AT HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

## A Note from the Transfer Center Director

Hello fabulous students, advisors, administrators, faculty, and staff of the City Colleges of Chicago. Welcome to Transfer-Mation, the third edition of the Harold Washington College Transfer Center Newsletter. This publication offers tips for making a seamless transfer from HWC to four-year institutions and alumni updates about the success that your classmates have achieved after graduation from the City Colleges of Chicago.

I call the newsletter “Transfer-Mation” for two reasons. First, it provides you with transfer

information. Second, it celebrates each student’s personal “transformation” as they pursue their education. HWC students are continually growing and changing. This growth will continue beyond CCC as well. We in the City Colleges of Chicago are proud of our students, and this newsletter highlights their accomplishments personally, professionally, and academically. We look forward to our students earning degrees, jobs, and accolades throughout their entire lives! ☺ -Ellen Goldberg

### SAVE THE DATES:

**Transfer-Mation Leadership  
Conference: Friday, October 19,  
2012**

**Smith College & Mount Holyoke  
College Reception: Thursday,  
November 1, 2012**

**Fall 2012 Transfer Fair:  
Wednesday, November 14, 2012**

**CCC Partnerships Program:  
Wednesday, November 28, 2012**



## Services in the Transfer Center

The Transfer Center is located in room 101B of Harold Washington College. At the Transfer Center, students can do the following:

- \* Make an appointment to talk about transferring to four-year institutions
- \* Get up to three application fee waivers to apply to three schools. Students qualify for these waivers if their Estimated Family Contribution for Financial Aid is zero.
- \* Learn about scholarships and other funding opportunities after graduating from the City Colleges of Chicago.
- \* Email [egoldberg1@ccc.edu](mailto:egoldberg1@ccc.edu) to get a packet about scholarships or a packet about how to fund your College Education.

# HWC Alumni Updates

Students have found success at CCC and beyond! Read below as they share their inspirational stories.

My name is Cari Sandoval, and I graduated from Harold Washington College this past Spring 2012 with an Associate of Arts. I am currently a senior at DePaul University double majoring in Journalism and Public Relations & Advertising and will be graduating this school year in Spring 2013. -Cari Sandoval

I transferred to UIC, and my major is Psychology with a minor in Spanish. I graduated from Harold Washington with Honors with an Associate of Arts, and I am now a senior at UIC. I am about to graduate with my Bachelors. In my time at HWC, I was involved in the Organization of Latin American students (OLAS) and I was also a member of Phi Theta Kappa. - Maria (Lupita) Gonzalez

I transferred in Fall 2012 to Columbia College Chicago. My major is Marketing Communications. I graduated from HWC with my Associate in General Studies. -Kenneth Gibson



**Dimar Vasquez is a true inspiration. He is a Veteran. He has his Associate in Applied Science in Criminal Justice from HWC, and he is now working on his AAS in Child Development. He is also working on his Bachelors in Criminology from UIC. He is a distinguished member of Phi Theta Kappa! We are so proud of you!**

I transferred to Northeastern Illinois University, and am glad to be here. I am majoring in Elementary Education and minoring in Math & Science to teach middle school students. While at HWC, I focused on academics but wished I had got involved in some clubs. Now that I am at NEIU, I am a part of TRIO, I am applying to the McNair Group, and I am also applying for the Honors College because HWC prepared me so well that my GPA is still a 4.0. -Cornelia Twilley

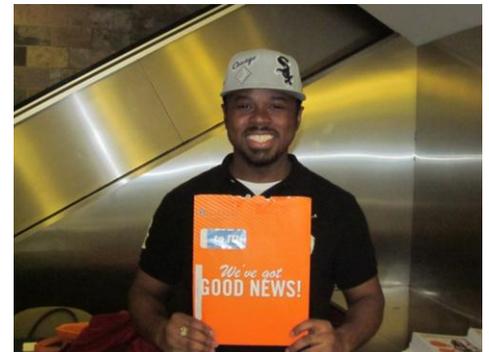


**Distinguished alum, Chanel Turner, is studying at Chicago State University. She received the Noyce Scholarship which is paying for her to study Secondary Education-Biology.**

My name is Emilia Szewiola. I graduated from Harold Washington College with my Associate in Applied Science and Advanced Certificate in Accounting with High Honors. My after graduation plans are to move to London and study at the Business School of London. My major is in accounting and minor in auditing. I really like school and love to study and HWC was a great start to a new career. -Emilia Szewiola

I am at Shimer College. At HWC, I was studying Philosophy and Literature whereas Shimer is Interdisciplinary, and my concentration is in the Humanities. I am on my way to getting a Bachelors Degree. I received an awesome scholarship from Shimer that pays half my tuition. I also just finished the Shimer Internship / Mentorship (SIM) Program with the Chicago Honey Cooperative, and I have been working as the Registrar's Assistant since May. You can read about the SIM participants' experiences here: <http://blog.shimer.edu/shimer/jobinternships/> I'd like to let those people know that the money is not as big an issue as it seems, and that transferring to Shimer is a real possibility. -Ed Vlcek

I just graduated from Shimer College this spring with a Bachelors in Social Sciences and Humanities. I graduated with Great Distinction. This Fall, I'm starting on a Masters in Social Sciences at the University of Chicago. - Kieran Kelley



**Distinguished alum, Jvon Howard, is transferring to the University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign in Fall 2012 to study Political Science.**

I have transferred to Northeastern Illinois University for Political Science. At HWC, I graduated with the Associate of Arts in May 2012, and I also have the Associate in General Studies. I am a proud active member of Phi Theta Kappa.  
 –Cydni Hinton



**Distinguished alum, Shirley Doty Lewis, graduated from HWC in Fall 2012 with her Associates and transferred to Mount Holyoke College in Fall 2012. We at HWC are extremely proud of Shirley!**

I graduated from Harold Washington College in May 2012 with High Honors, and I received the Associates of Arts. I have transferred to Northeastern Illinois University, and I am working on getting a minor in Spanish and a major in psychology. Life is great!  
 -Mirka Majernikova

This is Victoria Allen. I just graduated this Spring 2012 from National Louis University with a Bachelors degree in Social and Behavioral Science. -Victoria Allen

I have made my transition to Roosevelt University. I will be starting classes in Fall 2012 working on my major in Sociology and my minor in Psychology. – Valerie Shelton

I just moved back from Denver to attend law school at DePaul where I am receiving an academic scholarship. I recently graduated from the University of Denver. While I was there I received an award for excellence in the political science major. HWC made a big difference in my life, and I would be happy to share my story. – Jim Boland

I received an Associate in General Studies from Harold Washington College. I currently attend Northeastern Illinois University and study Social Work. My projected NEIU graduation date is Spring 2014! I currently work three jobs and volunteer with two organizations and go to school taking one class at a time. I am proud to say that I just got an "A" last semester in my Cultural Anthropology Class! –Andrea Jennings



**Justin Hinton (left) and James Barnett (right) are both Harold Washington College Graduates. They are also members of Phi Theta Kappa. Justin Hinton transferred to UIC a few semesters ago, and James transferred in Fall 2012 through the Guaranteed Admission Transfer (GAT) Program.**

I am a City Year Chicago Corps Member for the 2012-2013 school year. I got a certificate in Geographic Information Systems from Harold Washington College. - Genesis Jelkes

I transferred to UIC in fall 2010. My major is finance. I transferred without getting my Associates Degree from HWC. I didn't graduate yet. I have one more semester to go! I believe I will graduate with the highest honor at UIC because my GPA looks good right now (3.9/4.0). I also got into two honors societies after I got into UIC - Beta Gamma Psi and Beta Alpha Psi, both are Business Honors Societies. –Jasmine Liang

I was a student at Harold Washington College in 2010. I graduated with my Associate of Arts. I am presently a second semester junior at UIC majoring in Psychology, minoring in Philosophy with an educational goal of Pre-Law. I am very grateful that the instructors at HWC gave me the tools to achieve success at UIC, and I am currently rigorously self-studying for the LSAT in December.  
 -Daniel Zambrano

Hello all! My name is Olurotimi Akindele but everyone calls me Timi. I was the President of the Student Government Association at Harold Washington College last year. I am happy to announce that I was accepted to the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) in Fall 2012 and was given scholarships to attend. I graduated last May 2012 with my Associates Degree from HWC and am a proud Alum. –Timi Akindele



**Timi Akindele with Trinidad Gonzalez, who transferred to UIC for Biology.**

# Scholarships 101

When students come to my office in the Transfer Center asking about scholarships, I always tell them the same thing. I say, "Finding scholarships is like finding a full-time job; it takes a lot of hard work."

When it comes to finding scholarships, there are many things that are important to keep in mind. The first thing is to start early. By the time you need a scholarship, it's too late to find one. Scholarships usually require a lot of time to secure. Many scholarships have a GPA requirement so you may need several semesters to bring up your GPA. Scholarships may also require several letters of recommendation from people who know you well. It takes time to cultivate relationships with professors, work supervisors, or agencies where you volunteer. I always tell students to be strategic about their letters and to get them from the people who know them best. Also, think about what the scholarship is for when you are thinking about whom to ask to write a letter. If the scholarship deals with women in the sciences, think about asking one of your science or math professors.

A lot of students have questions about where to find scholarships. I always say that "Google" is your best friend. There are scholarships out there for every possible group of people. Are you left handed?

There are scholarships. Are you of Hispanic, Arabic, African American, or Polish decent? There are scholarships for all of those groups. Are you a single mom? Yes, there are scholarships.

Always check with your advisor or someone you trust to make sure that a scholarship is legitimate. Typically, steer clear of scholarships that ask you to pay money up front.

Finally, stop by the Transfer Center in room 101B of HWC or email me at [egoldberg1@ccc.edu](mailto:egoldberg1@ccc.edu), and I can send you lists of scholarships that I have compiled. Don't lose heart; it may take time to win scholarships, but it's worth all of the work involved. You can do it! ☺



**Distinguished Alums, Siblings, and Bardwell Scholars Hugo and Yunuen Rodriguez have been extremely successful at CCC and beyond. Hugo transferred to Shimer College in Fall 2012 and Yunuen graduated from Beloit College in May 2012. Both are HWC Graduates!**

# Upcoming Events

**\*Campus Visit School of the Art Institute (SAIC)**

Friday, September 21, 2012

9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m., 36 S. Wabash Ave. 12<sup>th</sup> Fl.

**District-Wide Transfer Fair @ Daley College**

Wednesday, October 3, 2012

1:00-3:00 p.m., Room TBA

**\*Transfer Preview Day Campus Visit to UIC**

Saturday, October 6, 2012

9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., UIC Campus

**\*Health Care 101**

Wednesday, October 10, 2012

2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., Room 102

**\*Information Session for the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT),**

Thursday, October 18, 2012

4:30 p.m.-5:30 p.m., Room 102

**\*Transfer-Mation Leadership Conference**

Room 102, 203 D/E

Friday, October 19, 2012, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

**\*Discover IIT Day: Campus Visit to the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT)**

Saturday, October 20, 2012, Room TBA

**\*Rhode Island School of Design (RISD)**

**Information Session & Portfolio Review**

Room TBA, 8<sup>th</sup> Floor

Wednesday, October 24, 2012, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

**\*Coffee Talk with Illinois (Email Kristin**

**Smigielski at [ksmigiel@illinois.edu](mailto:ksmigiel@illinois.edu) to make appt.), Plum Café in Basement, 11:00-2:00 p.m.**

**\*Smith College & Mount Holyoke College**

**Reception, Room 102**

Thursday, November 1, 2012, 2:30-4:00 p.m.

**\*DePaul Visit Day: Campus Visit to DePaul**

**University, Sunday, November 4, 2012, Time TBA**

**Fall 2012 Transfer Fair: Room 102/103**

Wednesday, November 14, 2012, 10:00-1:00 p.m.

**\*Partnerships Program: CCC Partnerships with**

**Four-Year Schools: Wednesday, November 28, 2012, 2:00-4:00 p.m.**

**(\*Please RSVP to Ellen Goldberg, the Director of the Transfer Center, at [egoldberg1@ccc.edu](mailto:egoldberg1@ccc.edu).)**



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