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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, administration, faculty, and staff of the City Colleges of Chicago. Welcome to Transfer-Mation, the second edition of the Harold Washington College Transfer Center Newsletter. This publication will offer 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:

**Spring 2012 Transfer Fair:**  
Wednesday, February 15, 2012

**Transfer Center & PTK Transfer Seminar: Business Majors:**  
Monday, March 26, 2012

**Transfer Center & PTK Transfer Seminar: Nursing, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Health Care**  
Monday, April 9, 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 transfer 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.

I am still at the University of Illinois at Chicago. I finished my Bachelor of Arts in Economics. I am now completing the math minor and doing some graduate work in economics to prepare for top-tier programs. I will apply to grad programs next Fall. I have a 3.89 GPA. I am getting occasional job offers filtered to me through recommendations from the Economics Department. I am the Research Assistant for Professor McCloskey's new book and am parlaying that into my undergraduate capstone.

I love what I do, and definitely landed on a career in research. Where I'll do that depends on where I can get jobs, funded graduate study, etc. I love what I'm doing, though. I really found a calling. - *Graham Peterson*

I already transferred to the University of South Florida last semester. My major is chemical engineering (5 years Masters Program). I'm in my second year of school and am almost a Junior; I transferred 39 credits from HWC and learned a lot there! I think it will be a good motivation for other students that see their dreams so far away. Working hard we can get wherever we want in this life. -*Jorge Adrian Ortega*

I graduated from HWC in the spring of 2011, and I transferred to Loyola where I am about to begin my 2nd semester. I am in the School of Communication and my major is Advocacy and Social Justice with a minor in Psychology. -*Rita Cardenas*

I graduated from HWC with an Associate of Science with a concentration in math. I am currently going to school at DePaul University where I am working on a Bachelors of Science and Masters of Science in Applied Statistics. I hope to be done sometime next year. -*Ryan Riley*

I graduated with my AA in Elementary Education last Spring, and got hooked up with Northeastern connections. I finished my first semester at Northeastern and am rocking a 4.0 GPA, I am a part of their TRIO Teach program, and I am on my way. I am grateful to Harold Washington for all that everyone did to help me get my degree and just wanted to say thanks to Ellen because I was stuck and she guided me in the RIGHT direction! -*Cornelia Twilley*



**Distinguished alum, Arica Muhammad, is studying Sociology at Columbia University in New York!**

I transferred to Roosevelt University in Fall 2011 after receiving my Associate in Applied Science in Accounting from HWC. My major at RU is accounting. -*Terry Hibbler*

My name is Joselin Cisneros and I just recently transferred to the Illinois Institute of Technology for this Spring semester with the Presidential Scholarship. I'm currently working to obtain a degree in Psychology and possibly a minor in Business. I'm hoping to graduate from IIT by spring of 2014. -*Joselin Cisneros*

My major was technically sociology, but it was a self-designed major titled "Negotiations of Power within Structures of Inequality." My minor was Political Science. In regards to graduate school, I just finished applying; I'll be hearing back in March. [Congrats to Yunuen who just graduated with her Bachelors from Beloit University. She participated last summer in a program at Princeton University. We are all proud of her ongoing success! ☺ -EG] -*Yunuen Rodriguez*



**Distinguished alum, Tony Holloman poses for a picture with his mentor, HWC Advisor and Advisor to Phi Theta Kappa, Charles McSweeney. Tony is studying Computer Engineering at the Illinois Institute of Technology and is a Presidential Scholar.**

My last semester at HWC was last Spring 2011. I have since transferred to DePaul University, and begun the rest of my educational journey in the School for New Learning. I'm currently working on creating a focus area for my degree, but I'm leaning towards Business Development, and looking to get into the music/entertainment industry.

*-Robert Mendez*



**Distinguished alum, Ryan Patwell, transferred to the University of Illinois at Chicago to major in Biology in Spring 2012. He has been doing science research with Professor Farah.**

I'm now at the Illinois Institute of Technology. I was a recipient of the Presidential Scholarship for a major in Psychology.

*- Tim Carsel*

I transferred to the UIC Honor's College for the Spring semester and am majoring in Psychology and Criminal Justice. I now will graduate Fall 2013. I plan to attend graduate school to focus on Forensic Psychology and Biopsychology and obtain my Ph.D. *-Karen V. Ramirez*

I transferred to National Louis University. I got an AA in December 2010 from HWC and am trying to earn a BA from NLU and in Elementary Education and English is my minor. *-Geraldine Urbanczyk*

Make sure you tell your students to go for a technical degree if they are at all inclined. The Illinois Institute of Technology gives tons of money to go there from HWC, and although it's brutal to get through, in the end the Engineering degree is worth it. [Congrats to Joel who was just promoted to Associate Engineer at Com Ed!☺ -EG] *-Joel Plunkett*

I am in my second semester at Northeastern Illinois University. I have declared a major in History and Secondary Education (K-12).

I still draw and paint and participate in gallery showings. I am committed as a future history teacher to the idea of social justice and integrating that as part of my curriculum.

I chose Northeastern because like HWC, I will graduate virtually debt free, something that is difficult to do in today's environment. The courses at HWC were at the same level as at NEIU, and I am grateful to the years I spent at HWC for crafting me into a concerned citizen who really wishes to engage with the world. There was hardly a dull day at HWC, and I was always learning from such a diverse student body.

*-Daniel Williams*

## Spotlight on Lizzette de la Mora

Since my transfer from Harold Washington, I have been involved in various organizations at DePaul. I am a current leader for a project created by the Women Involvement Organization. In addition, I will be traveling to Philadelphia during the Spring break as part of a school immersion trip. I also have plans to volunteer in Honduras during the summer break with DePaul students. I have applied for a study abroad program in Cuba that focuses on the historical, cultural and economical aspects of the country.

Finally, I was awarded a DePaul scholarship based on my commitment for social change through volunteer service. My days are filled with class assignments and various organization commitments, but I enjoy every part of it.

My transfer experience to DePaul has been great! I continue to find more organizations to be part of. I plan to continue my education at DePaul and earn a Master's degree in education. My goal is to become a teacher and a mentor to young students living in areas that lack proper resources for advancement and higher education. [Lizette is a Sociology Major at DePaul University. She graduated from HWC with her Associate of Arts and is slated to graduate from DePaul in June 2013. We at CCC are extremely proud of Lizette! ☺ -EG]

I transferred last year spring to Chamberlain College of Nursing. I graduated with my Associate in Arts from HWC. *-Nana Yaa Sasu-Mari*

# Transfer Tips 101

Many students who come to my office have rock-star grades such as a 3.5 or higher. Having good grades is important for two reasons: access and money.

Grades equal access. You cannot get into your dream school if you don't have the grades. Students from Harold Washington College have earned acceptance to schools all over the nation. We have students at Columbia University in New York, UC-Berkeley, the University of Southern California, Spellman University, the University of Chicago, Northwestern, and Vanderbilt. These are all selective enrollment institutions which means that they require impeccable grades. But they *are* within the reach of CCC students. You may wonder how a student can transfer to these elite schools. Well, it has to do with their GPA, their extracurricular activities, their letters of recommendation, and most importantly, their stories.

I had a professor at Loyola University in the Higher Education Program who said that "Every face has a story." This is especially true in the City Colleges of Chicago. Everyone is unique. Everyone has a story that would inspire, motivate, and cause one to laugh, cry, or smile. Selective enrollment institutions are looking for students who have an inspirational story. What are

your dreams? What makes you unique? What are the things that make you who you are today? Did you overcome obstacles? Did you learn and grow in the face of adversity? These questions are all important and can be answered in one's admissions essays.

Going back to grades, you may wonder the second reason that they are so important. Well, it's simple. Grades equal money. It is important to try to avoid a lot of debt for one's undergraduate studies. At the undergraduate level, students can get merit-based transfer scholarships for stellar grades. Think of every "A" as being 1000 dollars. Once you have one semester of straight A's, you will want to maintain it. If you are getting nothing but C's, you can do better. You can do it. You just have to believe that it is possible. If you have a 3.0 or higher, join Phi Theta Kappa; you will be glad you did. - *Ellen Goldberg*



**Distinguished Alum, Olatanye Aluko, graduated from HWC with her AS in Fall 2011. She transferred to Roosevelt University for Pre-Med.**

# Upcoming Events

**Spring 2012 Transfer Fair**  
Wednesday, February 15, 2012  
10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m., Room 102, 103

**\*\*On-the-Spot Admissions for Northern Illinois University (NIU)**  
Thursday, February 16, 2012  
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m., Room TBA

**College 101 Workshops: Tips on Transfer to the School of Your Dreams**  
Tuesday, February 21, 2012 Two Workshops: 11-12:20 and 12:30-1:50pm., Room 102

**College 101 Workshops: Tips on Transfer to the School of Your Dreams**  
Wednesday, February 22, 2012 Two Workshops: 11-12:20 and 12:30-1:50pm., Room 102

**\*\*Information Session for the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT), Room 102**  
Thursday, February 23, 2012, 4:30-5:30 p.m.

**\*\*Discover IIT Day: Campus Visit to the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT)**  
Saturday, February 25, 2012, Time TBA

**\*\*Discovering your Major: A Workshop for Prospective Students who want to transfer to DePaul University, Room TBA**  
Tuesday, March 13, 2012, 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.

**Transfer Center & PTK Transfer Seminar ALL Business Majors, Room 102**  
Monday, March 26, 2012, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**\*\*Diversity Day at Northern Illinois University featuring a Step Show, Guest Speakers, and a tour of NIU, Saturday, March 31, 2012, Bus Leaving from Malcolm X, Time TBA**

**Transfer Center & PTK Transfer Seminar Nursing, Medicine, Pharmacy, and Health Care, Room 102**  
Monday, April 9, 2012, 2:00-4:00 p.m.

**\*\*DePaul Visit Day: Campus Visit to DePaul University, Saturday, April 28, 2012, Lincoln Park Campus, Time TBA**

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



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