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# Transfer- Mation



AN INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER FOR THE TRANSFER  
CENTER AT HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

## FALL 2014 NEWSLETTER

### *A note from the Transfer Center Director*

Hello fabulous students, advisors, administrators, faculty, and staff of Harold Washington College. Welcome to **Transfer-Mation**, the fourth 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 at 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,**  
**Transfer Center Director**  
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### *Services in the Transfer Center*

Located at Harold Washington College in Room 101B

#### *Students can do the following:*

- Make an appointment to talk about transferring to four-year institutions.
- Get an unlimited number of application fee waivers for your transfer destinations. To qualify for waivers the Estimated Family Contribution for Financial Aid is zero.
- Learn about scholarships and other funding opportunities after graduating from CCC.
- E-mail [egoldberg1@ccc.edu](mailto:egoldberg1@ccc.edu) to get a packet about scholarships and/or how to fund your College Education.



# *Alumni Updates*

## *Students Share Their Success and Inspirational Stories*

Well, I'm very excited to share with you that I accepted a Software Engineer position with Nokia here in Chicago. Their company is actually called HERE, and is the only remaining part of Nokia since the Microsoft purchase. HERE is focused on creating maps, just like Google, except HERE's biggest customers are automotive companies.

*-Henri Idrovo, HWC, May 2010*

This is Cornelia Twilley, Class of 2011. I am graduating in SP2015. I will be graduating with five (5) huge endorsements in Education. TESL, Social Studies, Language Arts, Science and Math both Elementary Education and Middle school Education! Woohoo! It took a little longer because I wanted these endorsement making me highly marketable. If this can happen for me, it can happen for anyone!

*-Cornelia Twilley, HWC, May 2011*

I graduated with my MSW from Loyola in spring of 2013 and took a job as an Assessment Specialist at Alexian Brother's Mental Health Hospital in Hoffman Estates. I am now back at Haymarket Center as a Counselor in the CABHI (Cooperative Agreement to Benefit Homeless Individuals) program. This is a new grant at Haymarket based on the Housing First and Harm Reduction models. Individuals who have a history of chronic homelessness and are new to permanent supportive housing programs are referred to us by the agency they are working with.

We're off to a slow start, but I am very much looking forward to working on this grant. Also, I am ironing out the final details on interning at "Modern Wellness," a private practice which, although we see all populations, specializes in LGBTQ mental health and substance abuse issues. I believe I will begin taking individual clients at some point in May, accepting all insurance and Medicare.

*-Jim Belanger, HWC, May 2011*

My name is Ilan Saadia. I am in my second semester at UIC working on my chemical engineering degree while working part time. It's hard, but going smoothly.

*-Ilan Saadia, HWC, May 2013*

I am currently a LPN at a nursing home and Home health Agency!

*-Eugenia C Ward*

I've secured my position on the Dean's list for the Fall '13 quarter at Northwestern University. Yippie! Everything is going well.

*-Felicia Richardson, HWC, May 2013*

## **Alumni Advice**

If I can leave you with a parting tip for future transfer students, it would be to let them know that my process has been difficult, and if I could, I would have loaded up my schedule while at Harold. I could get an idea of how my life would be at my current school. Granted, this is my situation and I'm at a school, Case Western Reserve University. I am continuously told has one of the most rigorous workloads for student, some say only second to MIT.

*-Kyle Nelson*

Let me first start off by saying that my first term at Robert Morris University was a success! I was nervous in the beginning at Robert Morris University, but I am not anymore. I met some really great people who I see every day, and I'm happy that I passed all four of my classes with a GPA of 3.25 last term. I really worked so hard last term at Robert Morris University, and I'm really working harder on my current classes.

I have so many people watching over me at Robert Morris University, and checking on me to see how I am doing in my classes. I recently applied for a scholarship in which I will be working with others students on a group project. I'm very excited for that opportunity, and I'm happy being a student at Robert Morris University. My parents are very happy about my success at RMU as well!

*-John Jimenez, HWC, June 2006*

This is Adam Rose, former HWC student who transferred to Hampshire College in Spring 2013. I'm doing very well here. I filed my Division II (Hampshire-speak for declaring one's major) recently. I'm studying Political Theory, Rhetoric, and Geography. All my classes from HWC transferred over, and everything is going well!

*-Adam Rose, MXC, May 2011*

I was a student at the school between fall 2008 and fall 2010. I'm writing to inform you that I am now attending the University of California Berkeley's School of Engineering under a Fung Fellowship. I am doing a Masters of Engineering in Industrial and Operations Research.

**-Yvan Naoussi**

I got an internship at Mercy Hospital this summer!

*-Marina Uribe, HWC, May 2009*

I'm at NEIU majoring in Music Education. I also just graduated from HWC with an AFA in Music Performance with the highest honors!

*-D'Angelo Hampton, HWC, May 2014*

I graduated from Mount Holyoke College on Sunday, May 18, 2014!

*-Shirley Doty Lewis, HWC, May 2014*

I had a great spring semester; straight A's and I made the Dean's List as well. I also got a summer job at Northeastern as a Peer Tutor where I'll be tutoring a writing-intensive practice course in art practices and I'm really excited about that!

*-Eric Cortez, HWC, May 2011*

### **Fall 2014 Transfer Fair**

October 13, 2014

Monday, 10:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Rooms 102 and 103

### **Fisk University Information Session**

October 16, 2014

Thursday, 3:00 - 4:30 p.m.

Room 203D/E

### **Smith College & Mount Holyoke College Reception**

October 30, 2014

Thursday, 3-4:30 p.m.

Room 102

– Great news! I've finished on the Presidential List again this semester and my application for graduation for the Associate of Science was accepted. I'm grateful to the University of Illinois at Chicago G.A.T program last year. I start at UIC next year and I'm super excited. Although, I'm going to miss Harold Washington and my African Student Association team.

*-Sandra Oyibo, HWC, July 2014*

I transferred to Mount Holyoke College in Spring 2013 and have just one semester before graduation. I will be sad to leave! This summer I received a grant from Mount Holyoke, which has funded my travel to Canada, where I work in a philosophy camp for children at the University of Alberta. This has allowed me to explore applications for philosophy outside of the academic world.

*-Tracy Brannstrom, HWC, May 2014*

After graduating from Harold Washington, I transferred to Robert Morris University. I graduated from there in 2011 with a degree in Business Management. I took a year off after graduating from Robert Morris and prepared to take the LSAT and apply to law school. I am currently in 2L at John Marshall Law School in Chicago and this summer I am doing an internship with the Chicago Legal Clinic with a professor and an attorney from Harold Washington, Caroline Shoenberger. Furthermore, one of my HWC professors, Mr. Brian Nix, not only encouraged me to attend law school, he also wrote letters of recommendation for me and we also keep in regular contact with each other. I am very fortunate to have attended HWC and I am grateful for all of the amazing people that I have met.

*-Vanessa Guevara, HWC, July 2010*

I am starting my Master's of Arts in Middle Eastern Studies in the Fall at UIC. I've been awarded two Foreign Languages and Art Studies (FLAS) fellowships. One of them is for intensive

Arabic training at UIUC this summer and the other one is a year-long fellowship to study Arabic and to take classes relevant to my MA concentration. Both fellowships essentially cover my tuition and fees for the next year (Yay! Half of my Masters for free). I also get a monthly stipend for the next year which will allow me to quit my current job and just focus on school full-time. On the more academic side of things, I am very excited because my thesis advisor at UIC formally introduced me to a professor down here who is a big, big name in the field of Middle Eastern studies. I'm trying to convince him to sponsor and supervise my graduate research since it would be huge for my Ph.D. prospects to have him as an advisor for my MA thesis. I was invited to have lunch with a professor who came to Urbana to give a lecture on Egyptian politics. I didn't know that this guy is the current president of the Middle Eastern Studies Association. So when I heard his title in the intro to his lecture I was like "Crap, the president of MESA asked me about my research during lunch." Even though I miss Chicago and I wish I was there, things are going well down here.

*-Eduardo Alvarez*



*Students from Harold Washington received the prestigious Presidential Scholarship which awarded them \$25,000 to attend Illinois Tech!*

# Upcoming Events

## Information Session for Columbia University School of General Studies in New York

Monday, October 13, 2014

3:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Room 102

## Chicago Architecture + Design College Day

Saturday, October 18, 2014

10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Rooms 102 and 103

RSVP at: <http://www.chicagocareerday.org>.

## Portfolio Review Day @ School of the Art Institute- Chicago (SAIC)

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

3:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

SAIC Campus (280 S Columbus Dr.)

## Coffee Talk with UIUC:

*Meet with the admissions rep from University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign and she will answer your questions!*

Wednesday, October 29, 2014

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Plum Cafe in Basement of HWC

E-mail April Ponte to make an appointment. You can also stop by! [aaponte2@illinois.edu](mailto:aaponte2@illinois.edu)

## Arts Transfer Fair

Monday, November 10, 2014

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Room 1115

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



Britiny Cook graduated with her Associate of Science in Spring 2014 from [Harold Washington College](#). She got into UPenn, Cornell, and Stanford and will be transferring to Stanford University this Fall to study Public Policy. Stanford is giving her a full ride! Britiny is featured here with her awesome advisor, Rachel Cabrzynski, who helped her get to the finish line!



Paul Mahoney is a total rock star! He got into DePaul University for Economics, has his Associate of Arts from Harold Washington College, and he is about to graduate this summer with his Associates in Science thanks to collaboration with his advisor, Charles McSweeney! Paul is proud to be a Veteran.



The amazing James Barnett graduated from Harold Washington College with his Associates Degree, transferred to UIC in Fall 2012 through the Guaranteed Admission Transfer (GAT) Program, and graduated from UIC in Spring 2014 with his Bachelors in Sociology. He is now working for the Graduate School of Social Work at UIC and will be applying to the Masters in Social Work Program at UIC to start in Fall 2015. Go James! You are a true rock star! You inspire all who know you that it's important to follow your dreams!



Olayinka Fadowole, Harold Washington College alumni, was accepted to a Pharm.D Program at the University of Illinois at Chicago! Here, Olayinka is featured after the UIC Pharmacy White Coat Ceremony where he was given his lab coat. The photo includes from left to right, Olayinka's uncle, his two mentors, him, and his awesome college advisor, Anna Koomalsingh! Way to go, Olayinka!



We are sending a huge shout out to Shaunea Brown, Harold Washington College's Spring 2014 Valedictorian who transferred to UIC for Fall 2014! Thanks to her inspirational work with the Career Center, Shaunea spent her summer interning at a top accounting firm, KPMG, in Portland, Oregon. She is studying Business at UIC after graduating with her AA Degree at HWC. Go Shaunea! You rock and inspire!



We are all super proud and inspired by the amazing Dulce Mora Flores! She not only won the very prestigious Jack Kent Cooke Scholarship that is only given to about 85 Community College Students in the United States every year, but she is also living the dream as a student and as an Ada Comstock Scholar at Smith College in North Hampton, Massachusetts. Dulce, you are a true rock star and inspiration! Congrats to you!



Hello Amazing all of YOU! Check out this picture of Janelle Thorson, an HWC Alumna that got a full ride to Mount Holyoke College as a Frances Perkins Scholar! This program provides scholarships for non-traditional students to study at this amazing all women's liberal arts institution! Janelle is studying Biology. We are so proud of you, Janelle!



Latifat Momson is a Harold Washington College Alumna and graduate who transferred to VanderCook College of Music this Fall 2014. She is studying Music Education and is also a Golden Apple Scholar and proud graduate of the Noble Network Schools! This is a photo of Latifat at her first concert at VanderCook with her former high school music teacher, Steven Sanders. Nice work Latifat! You make all of us at CCC extremely proud!

# Transfer Tales from Kyle Nelson:

*Tales from a Civil Engineering Student at Case Western Reserve University*

My semester has been pretty rough. I loaded up 19 hours of technical electives, most of which only apply to mechanical or aerospace engineers. If you don't recall, or I haven't said it before, I'm working toward a Civil Engineering Degree. I am about 100% sure that I will never need any of the information from these classes in my future collegiate days. However, they are required, and I'm not the only one plowing through this tough semester. I am also pretty confident in my thinking that all the professors at Case Western got together and decided to make this one extremely tough semester (the weather hasn't helped).

Luckily for me, things have been hard, but the resources are available to ensure I succeed. So from a schedule with Modern Physics, Chemistry for Engineers, Dynamics, Analytic Processes for Mechanical Engineers, and a composition/discussion course, I might be able to walk away with 2 A's, maybe a high B that will probably change to an A (in a perfect world!), another B, and a C.

If I do succeed in getting 3 A's, 1 B, and a C my GPA will be right where I need it since at the end of next semester I need to apply for the BS/MS program (where I just transition straight to the Master's program during my last semester of my senior year). Really, my only concern is getting the GPA. My student advisor has been really great with getting me set up for my future here and has me working in the lab with a doctoral candidate. So getting into the MS program here will be great since I will already have 2 years working toward my Masters' project.

*-Kyle Nelson*



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