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Transfer- Mation



AN INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER FOR THE TRANSFER
CENTER AT HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

SPRING 2015 NEWSLETTER

A note from the Transfer Center Director

Hello fabulous students, alumni, advisors, faculty administrators, and staff of Harold Washington College. Welcome to Transfer-Mation, the Spring 2015 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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Transfer Center Services

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 to get a packet about scholarships and/or how to fund your College Education.



Charles McSweeney (an HWC Advisor) with Tony Holloman, Maria Gonzalez, and Catherine-Alice Beauboeuf. Tony is at IIT. Maria is an IIT Grad. Catherine is at UIUC.

Alumni Updates

Students Share Their Success and Inspirational Stories

While I am very thankful for the full-tuition scholarship offered to me from Mount Holyoke College, I have also applied to University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. It is my sincerest desire that I will be offered a full scholarship that not only covers tuition, but housing as well. I have one more piece of the puzzle to complete which is my essay before my application can be submitted. Please wish me favor as I continue my pursuit of happiness on this journey of life by completing my educational goals.

-Lisa Hearon, HWC, Spring 2015

I have been accepted to Howard University for the Fall 2015 semester.

-Lataesha Peterson, HWC, Spring 2015

I'm going into my fourth semester here at Metropolitan State University here in the Twin Cities. Due to my demanding schedule, I've been able to take only two classes per semester as I attempt to finish my Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. Just a few more to go and I'll have my degree!

-Norm Kimball Jr., HWC, Spring 2012

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) Guaranteed Admission Transfer program last year. I start at UIC next year and I'm super excited. I'm going to miss Harold Washington College and my African Student Association team.

-Sandra Oyibo, HWC, Spring 2014

Since I transferred from Harold Washington College, I was accepted to my dream school, DePaul University, and I have decided to major in Business Administration with a focus in Entrepreneurship. A few weeks after my acceptance to DePaul, I found out about another amazing, life-changing acceptance into Future Founders Foundation's Founders Fellowship. Future Founders is a non-profit organization that inspires youth in Chicagoland to explore and practice entrepreneurship. While there is a lot going on right now, it was Future Founders that gave me the confidence to take the first leap into the entrepreneurial roller coaster.

Attending Harold Washington College, meeting you, Ellen Goldberg, meeting my wonderful advisor, Rachel Cabrynzki, having amazing professors who got me excited about learning again: Jeanette Gayle, Rashid Carter, Terry Bartolotta, David Richardson, Maria Teresa Bonfatti Sabbioni, Jean Garrison, and although he was not my professor, Charles Ansell, was also a great supportive person. He, along with everyone I just mentioned just really empowered me to keep moving forward and have fun, make mistakes and get back up. I am so grateful and thankful for every opportunity; there is still a lot I need to learn and improve on, but I'm excited for the journey.

-Liliana Leon

I received the e-mail from UIUC and I have been accepted to the College of Engineering! I am so excited for this new journey of my life!

-Marco Rodriguez, HWC, Spring 2014



I am excited to share with you that I graduated with honors, Magna Cum Laude, from NEIU this past December with a major in Sociology and a minor in Latino and Latin American Studies. I also served as the keynote speaker for the Latino/a Resource Center's

Fall Congratulatory Ceremony. While I was a student at NEIU, I was the Latino and Latin American Studies and Sociology tutor and President of a student organization called Undocumented, Resilient, and Organized. I tried my best to get the most out of the college experience and attended conferences such as the Midwest Sociological Society and multiple student research symposiums. I also assisted the chair of my department as a research assistant for the current eminent domain goal NEIU plans to execute. Not only was I an active student, I was also recognized for my academic achievements and joined Alpha Kappa Delta the International Sociology Honor Society and Alpha Chi National College Honor Scholarship Society. I applied to five different positions in a one week period. I am proud to say that I received 4 calls for interviews within eight days. After much thought, I decided to work for the Neighborhood Boys and Girls Club as an After School Assistant. I also continue to volunteer and help out undocumented students.

-Alba Orizaba, HWC, Spring 2012

NEW GRADS

Cydni Hinton graduated from Harold Washington College in the Spring of 2012 with an Associates in Arts degree. She later transferred to Northeastern Illinois University that following Fall to pursue a degree in Political Science, International Relations. At Northeastern Illinois, Cydni became a honors student, and graduated in December 2014 as Magna Cum Laude. During her stay at Northeastern Illinois she did several things:

- Vice President of the Inner City Studies Club at Northeastern Illinois
- Internship, Bronzeville Historical Society
- Attended National Young Feminist Leadership Conference (NYFLC)
-Location: Washington D.C
- Participated in LGBTQ Research Community
-Location, Washington D.C, Library of Congress (5 days)
- Worked as Women's Resource Center Event Coordinator and Orientation Leader

-Cydni Hinton, HWC, Spring 2012



After graduating from Harold Washington College, 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 College, 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, Spring 2010

I graduated from Mount Holyoke College in December, where I studied anthropology. I explored different systems of medicine and food production as my independent work. I also got to philosophize with elementary students as an educational project for my philosophy minor. It was a very gratifying two years, and I miss it already. I will be exploring South America for the winter, and will return to live on a farm in Vermont for the spring. I hope to continue studying in a graduate program in the near future, although a seven year old recently told me, "Just get a job already". Maybe I'll take her advice, but studying is just too much fun.

-Tracy Brannstrom, HWC, Spring 2014



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 Master's 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 introduction 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

I am in my senior year at NEIU majoring in Political Science.

-Marcela Alvidrez

I currently work/intern for Whit Wilson & Associates Accounting Services. Yes, My future is promising. I'm a Junior at DeVry University. On Thursday, January 15, 2015, I was inducted into the National Honor Society, Delta Mu Delta, grade point average 4.0.

-Shavonna Allen, HWC, Spring 2014

Hi Ellen,

I hope you are doing great! I wanted to talk to you for a very long time. But honestly, this last year was crazy! I was just counting, and since February 2014 to February 2015 I lived in 4 different states. Can you believe that? I traveled all over the US having a chance to see both the West Coast, Midwest, and East Coast.

As you might recall, I graduated in May 2013 from IIT. I decided to stay one more semester (Fall) to obtain my minor in Psychology. I spent most of the Spring of 2014 looking for job opportunities until I found an opportunity in New Jersey. Although things didn't work out as I expected, that experience was a stepping stone. Not only did I have a chance to travel to Washington, Connecticut, and Las Vegas (purely work related I swear), I was able to get a foothold in the information technology industry. I was able to link that experience to many of my classes both at Harold and IIT.



Of course I keep traveling. I am in the rhythm already; so I decided to try an opportunity in Cambridge, MA for a job interview with The Brattle Group. I was very fortunate to obtain a position as a Database Analyst (a role where you need to apply a business mind to technology). It was both fun and scary, oh and definitely challenging, but it opened my mind to how through hard work and resilience, anything can be achieved. I worked with them until early January, when my contract ended due to expiration of my work permit.

This was a good time to slow down a bit, so I decided it is time to go back to school and pursue my goal of advancing my education. Now, I am looking for graduate programs and I enrolled in Kaplan University/Kaplan International to prepare for the GRE. I am happy to say that I am living in New York. It is not as nice as Chicago but... it will suffice (hehehe). I am exploring opportunities here and in other parts of the USA, and as soon as I have more news, I will be happy to share it with you.

Please share with your students that engineering, business, and technology are careers that are needed today more than ever. And they keep mutating. They are closer than ever to each other and being flexible is key. The most important thing to keep in mind is that you need to keep learning and keep studying hard because it does pay off.

Big hugs,

Santiago Rodriguez Guitierrez, HWC, Spring 2010

They're On Their Way!



Marco Rodriguez is a true inspiration! He graduated this Fall 2014 with his Associate in General Studies and is transferring to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign to study Civil Engineering! Marco has a drive for education and innovation and hopes to explore Aerospace Engineering as well at UIUC. His biggest influences in the City Colleges of Chicago were his rock star advisor, Ainka Clepper, and his professors, Nedjla Ougouag, Phillip Vargas, and Allan Wilson from HWC and Andrew Kruger from Wright College!



Liliana Leon ROCKS! She is the President and one of the founders of the Business Club. She is in Phi Theta Kappa. She is graduating this semester from Harold Washington College with her Associate in General Studies! The good news is that not only was Liliana a total rock star at HWC, but now she is taking her awesomeness to DePaul University to major in International Business! Her biggest inspirations at HWC are her advisor, Rachel Cabrzynski, the advisor of the Business Club, Michael Meyers, the Transfer Director, Ellen Goldberg, and a rock star from the Registrar's Office, Maria Gatica! Go Liliana! You have left your mark at HWC, and you make us all extremely proud!

Congratulations to HWC Rock Stars and Transfer Success Stories

Spring 2015 City Colleges Transfer-Mation Leadership Conference



The Amazing Keynote Speaker at the City Colleges Transfer-Mation Leadership Conference was Maria Kim, President and CEO of The Cara Program. She totally wowed the crowd!



One of the breakout sessions at the conference was called “The Historically Black College and University (HBCU) Experience” and was taught by the awesome Transfer Director from Olive-Harvey College, Tyanna McCann.

TRANSFER-MATION
Leadership Conference

Harold Washington College
Friday, February 13, 2015
9 am - 4 pm

[Click here to RSVP](#)



The rock star Harold Washington College Student Ambassadors were there to work the entire day of the conference and to serve the pizza that was sponsored by three of our four-year school partners, Illinois Tech (IIT), the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC), and National Louis University (NLU).



Antonio Villaseñor is a true transfer success story and rock star! He transferred to Northeastern Illinois University to study Anthropology and Biology. He became a McNair Scholar and joined the NEIU Honors Program. He graduated from NEIU with his bachelor's degree, and drum-roll please....He just got word that he was accepted into a fully funded Ph.D. Program at Vanderbilt University for Biological Anthropology with a focus on Genetics and Latin America. He won the first National Science Foundation Fellowship from NEIU in ten years! He explains that it was at Harold Washington College where he became a scientist doing research in Biology working with Dr. Farah Movahedzadeh and taking classes with Alan Wilson. He developed his love for being Latino and for studying Latin America with Marite Fregoso. Others that influenced Antonio were Mary Levenson, Kristin Bivins, Morna Brothers, Rosie Banks, Ellen Goldberg, and Leslie Villaseñor. Antonio, you ROCK and INSPIRE!



Ryan Patwell had a 2.6 GPA but big dreams about how he wanted to use science to make prosthetic skin or to be able to regenerate lungs for people who smoked. His advisor at the time, Ellen Goldberg, told him that if he wanted to transfer to the University of Illinois at Chicago for Biology, he would need to bring up his grades and get straight A's. Ellen introduced Ryan to the life-changing Biology Professor, Dr. Farah Movahedzadeh, Farah took Ryan under her wing and he started to do scientific research. The rest is history! Now, Ryan was just accepted into the Ph.D. Program at UIC in Neuroscience with full funding. It just goes to show you, it's never too late to pursue your dreams! Thanks Ryan for teaching us that! If you are reading this, we hope to share all of YOUR rock star success stories too!

From HWC to Ph.D.



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