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AN INFORMATIVE NEWSLETTER FOR THE TRANSFER
CENTER AT HAROLD WASHINGTON COLLEGE

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A note from the Transfer Center Director

Hello fabulous students, advisors, administrators, faculty, and staff of Harold Washington College. Welcome to Transfer-Mation, the Spring 2017 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.

We 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 1139
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 should be zero. (However, exceptions can be made.)
- Learn about scholarships and other funding opportunities after graduating from CCC.
- Attend workshops that help you in every step of your transfer process.



Alumni Updates



I am FINALLY graduating University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign with a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering after countless hours of studying, pulling all-nighters, and much more. Most people say it's a bittersweet feeling but I completely disagree; I'm ready to start making money! I have a job lined up with the company I've been interning for, Lendlease, they're one of the largest/best general contractors in the world! Aside from my job, I'll be taking a trip to Thailand early June with my girlfriend for 15 days. I have a few other projects in the making that I'm sure you'll hear of in the upcoming updates.

Stay Hungry.

-Marco Rodriguez, HWC, Fall 2014

I started at Harold Washington College in the Summer of 2014, hardly a month out of massage school. At that point, I wasn't sure what I would be doing and the idea of transferring to a four-year university was mostly just a what-if. Two years passed, and I got my Associate's in Science before transferring to University of Michigan, to which I was NOT expecting to be accepted. This is my second semester studying computer science as a Wolverine and it looks like I'm on track to graduate by the winter of 2018.

-Kevin Wang, HWC Spring 2016

I am now an engineering major with a concentrations in mathematics and computer science at Smith College. I will graduate from Smith in January of 2018. In Spring of 2016, I became a Barry Goldwater scholar for the state of Illinois. Last summer, I received a fellowship to design novel solar tracking technology. This coming summer, I hope to intern on Chicago's south side teaching physics. I am currently planning a 900 mile bicycle tour, MA --> CHI, to be ridden this coming May.

I hope the HWC community is safe and prosperous. I wouldn't be where I am today without you all!

-Sara Callahan

We ♥ our
Rock Star
Alumni!

Big news this month -- I'm graduating. I am graduating from San Francisco State in California with TWO degrees: visual anthropology and cinema. I'm going to take the next 6 months to a year to collect my thoughts and look for a job in California. I took 22 units this semester to complete the requirements for the cinema degree. I decided this semester I should just go for it. I'm using 35mm photography as a medium for my ethnographic research; which is focused on how humans interact with comic/film fandoms in particularly Star Wars. I've taken lot of photo classes at school and have fallen in love with the arts.

-Elaine Loarca, HWC Spring 2015

Alumni Updates continued

After finishing at HWC with an associate's degree (AA) in 2012, I transferred to Mount Holyoke College, where I studied Anthropology and Philosophy. I graduated with a BA in 2015. Recently, I finished my first year of a Master's Degree in Anthropology at the University of California, Berkeley. What a challenging program! Aside from course work, I was thrown into teaching several groups of undergraduates weekly, as a teaching assistant for courses in Anthropology and Cognitive Science. In Summer 2017, I will head to Peru for a period of fieldwork - interviewing and observing traditional healers and other practitioners in order to understand how traditional medicine is evolving in Amazonian regions. I am constantly thinking back to my philosophy courses at HWC, which shaped my current fascination with the various belief systems that inform medical practices.

-Tracy Brannstrom, Spring 2014

I am doing well. I am in the McNair Scholars Program at Northeastern Illinois University. I am still in the mentorship program for African/African-American students. Since I am almost a Senior, I'm just working on my senior project and I am also doing some research with some faculty members on the side. I am doing some volunteer work on the side as well, such as helping out in the on-campus food pantry and I'm volunteering with an organization called Chicago HOPES for kids and it is mentoring/tutoring program that helps literacy development in children. I only have a year left, and I am excited (and ready) to graduate!

-Stephanie Finne, HWC Spring 2016



Stephen Fadowole (pictured here with HWC Transfer Director Ellen Goldberg and his Advisor Anna Koomalsingh) has come a long way in a short time since moving to Chicago from Nigeria just six years ago. A 2014 Harold Washington College graduate, Stephen is currently a third year student in the nationally-ranked Doctor of Pharmacy program at the University of Illinois at Chicago. Many of his fellow classmates arrived to the program with bachelors and masters degrees already in hand. Stephen was able to shave 1.5+ years off the path to his Doctor of Pharmacy degree by transferring to UIC directly from City Colleges. Stephen said City Colleges prepared him well for the challenge, and his UIC classmates have been very supportive. Stephen looks forward to pursuing a career in retail pharmacy when he graduates at the end of next school year.

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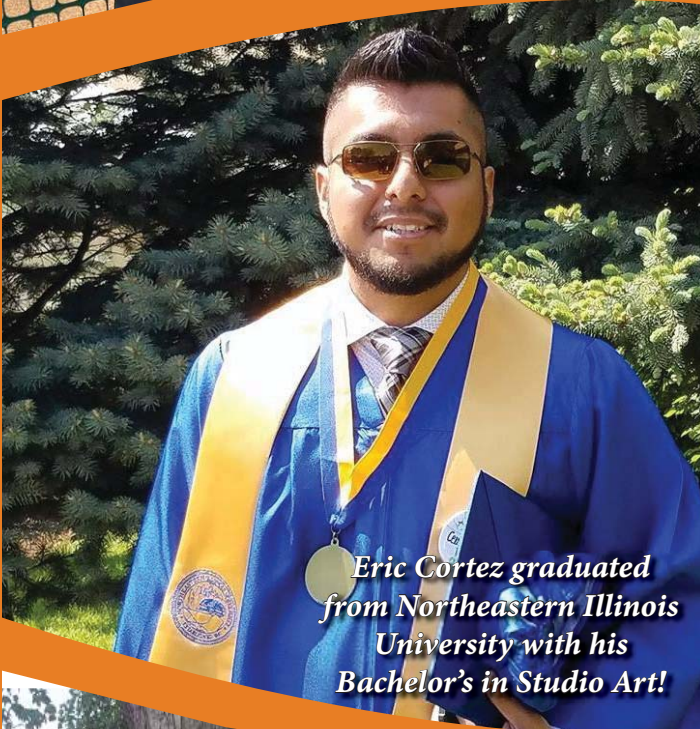
Recent Alumni Who Graduated W



Adam Bass graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) in Spring 2017 with his Bachelor's Degree in Aerospace Engineering!



Mehak Hafeez graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology with her Bachelor's in Psychology!



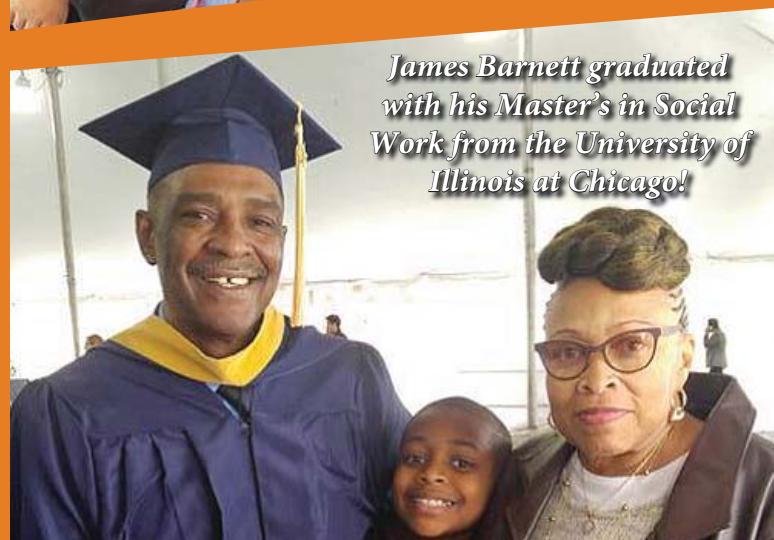
Eric Cortez graduated from Northeastern Illinois University with his Bachelor's in Studio Art!



Fernando Marin graduated from the Illinois Institute of Technology (IIT) with his Bachelors as a Math Major!



Sasha Neri-Dufour graduated from Mount Holyoke College in Spring 2017 with her Bachelor's Degree in Creative Writing!



James Barnett graduated with his Master's in Social Work from the University of Illinois at Chicago!

With Bachelor's or Master's Degrees



Addisu Mesquitta graduated from the University of Illinois at Chicago with a Bachelor's in Electrical Engineering and a minor in Math!



Leonetta Clark graduated from Roosevelt University with a Master's Degree! Pictured with Hedy Cohen who runs the Roger Bardwell Scholarship!



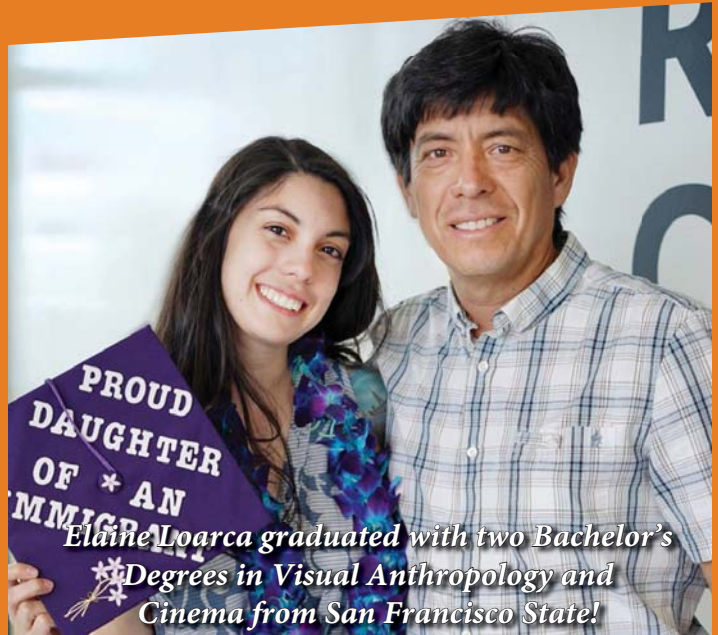
Britiny Cook graduated with her Bachelor's Degree from Stanford University!



Aaron Mix graduated from DePaul University with his Bachelor's in Music Composition!



Illan Saadia graduated from University of Illinois at Chicago with a Bachelor's in Chemical Engineering!



Elaine Loarca graduated with two Bachelor's Degrees in Visual Anthropology and Cinema from San Francisco State!

Counselor's Day on Friday, February 17, 2017



Above is Ellen Goldberg, Transfer Director, with rockstar Alumnus, Francisco Peralta, who transferred to Concordia University Chicago to study Secondary Education, English.

On Friday February 17, 2017, Harold Washington College hosted a Counselor's Day for Counselors in high schools from the Chicago Public Schools and all over the Chicagoland Region. It was well-attended and several Alumni volunteered to work at the inspirational event!



Above is the amazing rockstar, Cydni Hinton, Harold Washington College Alumna, who graduated from NEIU and is now working in the Chicago Public Schools. She is pictured with Samone Jordan (right) who is a Student Assistant at HWC to Asif Wilson in the Office of Instruction!



Above are the awesome Rockstar Harold Washington College Student Ambassadors, Christian Ferriera and Jasmine Angel. They work for Associate Dean of Student Service, Patricia Cuevas, and Admissions Specialist, Veronica Barrios, in the Office of Admissions!



Jennifer Vogel and Alysandra Cruz-Bond, two rockstar Advisors working the event!

Art & Architecture Transfer Fair, February 8, 2017

Tuesday, February 8, 2017 was the Art & Architecture Transfer Fair. It was hosted on the 8th Floor where all of the Art & Architecture classes are located. Over 100 students attended this awesome event thanks to the encouragement of their professors!!



Here's a Recruiter from UIC telling students about studying Art at UIC!



IIT talking about Architecture with a prospective student!



A Rep from Chicago State University giving out information!



Recruiters/Professors from Northeastern Illinois University (NEIU) and the School of the Art Institute of Chicago (SAIC) were included!



Illinois Institute of Art (AI) chatting with students!

Lessons Learned by Francisco Peralta, An Alumnus of Harold Washington College



My name is Francisco Peralta, and as a first-generation college student, I'd like to start

off by saying that I never thought college would be possible for me given the fact that nobody else in my family had done so. As a result, the idea of attending a four-year institution seemed unlikely, and I chose the community college experience because it was more affordable given my situation; I thought that a community college degree would be as far as I could go. That, however, all changed after my first semester at Harold Washington College. My original plan was to graduate with my A.A. degree and be done with my undergrad career. Attending the Spring 2013 City Colleges Transfer-Mation Conference hosted at Harold Washington College changed all of that thanks to the stories shared by former HWC students who also thought that they wouldn't be able to attend a four-year institution but were currently about to graduate with their B.A. degree from their respective universities.

After hearing these stories and seeing the people sharing them face-to-face, I began to work harder in my classes and began to figure out what institution would be a good fit for me. Thanks to Harold Washington College, I learned that my true calling was to the field of education and that when it comes to the undergrad experience, the important thing to remember is that we are not in a race and therefore we should be proud that we're working towards

a bigger goal even if reaching it doesn't happen within a four-year plan.

I became the first one in my family to graduate from college last spring during the Class of 2016 graduation, and I am currently getting ready for another year of university at Concordia University



Chicago. The community college experience was a great way for me to prepare for the challenges that would come with a four-year university. Unfortunately, due to my schedule, I wasn't able to participate in activities while at HWC. As a result, I am working towards participating in more campus activities while at Concordia. This year, I was able to participate in Concordia's cheerleading team, and gain educational experience by working as teacher assistant for a freshman seminar course.

Harold Washington College taught me the that failing is ok as long as learning takes place, and the importance of using the resources that we have at our disposal as well as reaching out to professors and asking for extra help when needed. The phrase "It takes a village" can be exemplified by the mission that HWC follows in assuring that students transfer to the schools that best fit them, as well as helping the students along the way.



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