

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT NO. 508
County of Cook and State of Illinois

Biology Department Grant
Harold Washington College

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS that Harold Washington College Biology Department received a grant of \$147,000 from the National Science Foundation under the Advanced Technological Education program, which is a two-year project entitled, “Biotechnology Program and Research: the Road to Career Development in Two Year Colleges,” in which students completing this program receive an Advanced Certificate in Biotechnology, and;

that HWC has built a strong partnership with iBIO Institute to ensure students have opportunities for both internships and future employment, and faculty members who worked on the project include Dr. Farrokh Asadi (PI, Professor and Chair of the Department of Biology), Dr. Sangha Saha (Co-PI and Assistant Professor of Biology) and Dr. Farah Movahedzadeh, (Co-PI, Instructor of Biology), and;

that Governor Pat Quinn came to HWC and held a press conference announcing iBIO’s new website and iBIO Institute as an initiative designed to make Illinois a national leader in the Biotechnology Industry, and;

that along with Abbott and Baxter, there are literally hundreds of small start-up scientific companies conducting biotech research and designing and marketing biotech products in Illinois and;

that iBIO has set up a truly innovative website in order to acquaint community college students at HWC and other colleges with the career possibilities in biotechnology and chose to use HWC students to interact with the new website and critique it.

Respectfully submitted,

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Interim Chancellor

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