

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

PANTHER TRACKS
FIRST YEAR EXPERIENCE (FYE) PROGRAM KICK-OFF
OLIVE-HARVEY COLLEGE

THE CHANCELLOR

REPORTS

that Olive-Harvey College piloted a First-Year Experience (FYE) program, called Panther Tracks, with a kick-off event on Thursday, September 24, 2009. Panther Tracks is the college's innovative FYE Program, which is designed to help new students successfully navigate through their first year of college by exposing them to necessary resources and services as well as every facet of the college. To date there are over 300 first-year students who have participated in the program by completing a pre-assessment and obtaining a free Panther Tracks Passport to maintain a log of all of the tracks they have completed. Inside the passport there are a number of tracks (criteria) each student is encouraged to complete in order to finish the program and potentially win a grand prize at the end of the academic year in May. On November 18, 2009 there will be a monthly meeting to discuss how well the students are doing in completing their tracks, which will lead to an end of the semester celebration on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 to recognize the student(s) who has completed the most tracks at that point.

Respectfully submitted,

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Interim Chancellor

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