

Chancellor Board Remarks November 2, 2009

Thank you, Mr. Chairman.

This has been a busy month. I did visit with faculty and staff from one of the Colleges this month, OH, and the Q & A session was the most lively to date. I hope to visit the remaining two colleges within the next couple of weeks.

I attended the kick-off of this year's Leadership Academy on October 9th, and gleaned two mentees who happen to be involved in two capstone projects that I am very excited about.

I also had the pleasure of attending the Kathy Osterman Awards Breakfast on October 22nd, where Thomas Mikula, College Advisor, from Truman College was the winner in the Outstanding Professional Employee Category; Dr. Lynette Stokes-Wilson, Dean of Adult Education at Malcolm X College, was a Finalist in the Outstanding Supervisory Employee Category; and Carrie Nepstad, Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Development at Harold Washington College was a finalist in the Outstanding Educational Employee Category. Congratulations to all of our awardees.

I also had the opportunity to kick-off the presidential search committees for both Daley College and Kennedy-King College.

Along with Presidents Lynn Walker, Chuck Guengerich, Jose Aybar, and Vice Chancellor Angela Henderson, I had the pleasure of speaking at the American Association of Women in Community Colleges Regional Conference here in Chicago.

Congratulations to Malcolm X College on its successful Red & Black Tie 40th Anniversary Presidents Scholarship Gala and to Wright Colleges' Humboldt Park Scholarship Gala.

From a non-ceremonial perspective, we are looking to assess VISION 2011 and to begin a strategic planning process that will take us to 2020. We hope to bring you our thinking at December's meeting, much of which, we believe, will tie into the next steps in our discussions with the Chicago Workforce Investment Council (CWIC). We are also identifying signature programs at each of our colleges to determine programs that we may want to increase in volume as well as programs (green initiative programs, in particular) that we may wish to add to our offerings.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and Trustees for your support.

Trustee Newman

I congratulate you on the anniversary of 20 years of service as a member of the Board of Trustees of the City Colleges of Chicago.

It is rare that a system like this is able to sustain the interest of a trustee to serve in such a memorable way. You are surpassed only by your fellow trustee, James Dyson.

Trustee Newman, you've made us sharper. You've made us better prepared. Because of your training, as we prepare our board reports, we now ask, "What would Trustee Newman say?"

Institutional history is very important for any organization. The frame of reference that a long serving trustee brings to the discussion is invaluable, it prevents us from repeating past missteps.

On behalf of the Officers of the District, WYCC, and the Office of Marketing and Public Relations, I wish you continued service and our best wishes.

On October 12th, it was my pleasure to introduce our Chairman as the keynote speaker at the National Association of Community College Entrepreneurship Conference here in Chicago. Sixteen of our City Colleges students presented at the conference showcasing their business ideas and competing for cash awards. Keiona Stewart of Malcolm X College won the first place award of \$500.00. Robert Prouty of Harold Washington College won the second place award of \$300.00. Miles Kinslow of Harold Washington College won the third place award of \$200.00. President Chuck Guengerich of Wright College, and Eli's Cheesecake Owner, Marc Schuman spoke on their partnership and how the community has and can promote entrepreneurship. The City Colleges of Chicago is definitely making its mark both in promoting and supporting entrepreneurship.