DePaul-Harold Washington Academy

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Purpose

• Provide accessible and affordable higher education for students through the intentional partnership between two Chicago academic institutions, one public and one private.

• Facilitate the seamless articulation of students from Chicago Public High Schools to Harold Washington College and, subsequently, to DePaul University.

• Leverage our common missions and highly collaborative working relationships in support of students reaching their academic goals.
More than transfer…

• Creation of a blended college experience for students in the DPU/HWC Academy.

• Almost all cohort classes will be taken in classrooms on-site at DePaul University.

• Harold Washington College faculty will be teaching at DePaul, delivering HWC’s curriculum.

• Students in the cohort will have access to many DePaul student services.

• Students in the cohort will still have advising, financial aid, registrar and business services at Harold Washington.
Who are the students?

- CPS Star Scholars who are interested in pursuing a degree at DePaul, but who might find – for a variety or reasons – that starting at Harold Washington is a better path to a degree.

- Through their admissions process DePaul will identify eligible students and facilitate their admission at Harold Washington College.

- Students who complete their Associate’s degree at Harold Washington College are guaranteed admission to DePaul University.
The Work…

- Approved by the Higher Learning Commission
- Faculty at both institutions working together on academics and curriculum
- Specialized HWC advisors will be assigned to support the cohort students and will intermittently be available on-site at DePaul
- Student Services teams at both institutions working together on orientations and supports
- Cohort 1 begins Fall 2019
- 100 students across four groups
- 2 of the groups focused on business
- 2 of the groups focused on liberal arts
- Options for students