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Student Trustee Report

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**City Colleges of Chicago
District Student Government Association**

**Student Trustee Report
For December 2024**

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events district-wide: 33 (reported)

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 19
- Community Event: 1
- Resource Event: 5
- Student-Family Events: 2
- Advocacy Event: 3
- Other: 3

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Goals:

- Academic Year:
 - Enhance student engagement and awareness around academic and mental health resources.
 - Boost awareness of DSGA and the student trustee position.
 - Continue to encourage collaboration and engagement between City College campuses.
 - Continue monthly Trustee visits to each of the City College Campuses, fostering friendships, connections, and networking.
- Current / Next Semester:
 - To have City College SGAs host the DSGA meetings.
 - Survey all colleges on advocacy areas.
- Completed:
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Highlights:

- ICCB - SAC met at Richard J. Daley for the next in person meeting on Nov 8th, ICCB-SAC loved Daley's campus as well as different facilities and departments.
 - We continued to discuss topics to advocate for on Advocacy Day (who's date is still to be determined). The main topic of choice continues to be access to mental health resources and state budgeting.

Section III: Announcements

As we conclude this semester, I would like to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to our college presidents for dedicating time each month to meet with their respective Student Government Associations (SGAs). This commitment is invaluable, and I believe it is essential that we continue to demonstrate consistent support for our SGAs. Considering the challenges many SGAs face with student engagement, it is encouraging to know that they receive strong support from their college leadership as they strive to foster inclusive, engaging, and welcoming environments for all students. Thank you once again for your dedication and support.

I had the privilege of completing my first Student Trustee visit to Wilbur Wright College on November 14th. Upon arrival, I was warmly welcomed by the Wilbur Wright Student Government Association (SGA). Although my initial purpose was to attend their general meeting, I was graciously invited to remain for their Senator Bonding session. I ended up staying for a total of nine hours, and I do not regret the time spent, as it provided me with the opportunity to engage with the Wilbur Wright SGA.

President Oroz, I hope you are aware of the exceptional talent within the Wilbur Wright SGA. Wilbur Wright is one of the few institutions with impressive levels of student engagement, particularly in Student Government, and their dedication is truly commendable.

I am elated to announce that I have also been elected to take on the role of President of Phi Theta Kappa: Pi Rho Chapter, at my home campus, Richard J. Daley College. I have been a member of Phi Theta Kappa since the Fall of 2023 and was inducted into the organization this past April.

Chancellor, Board Members, College Presidents, and others, thank you for the opportunity of allowing me to serve this semester as the Student Trustee. Your warmth, support, and guidance throughout this amazing experience have been invaluable, and I am grateful for the welcoming environment you have all provided. I look forward to continuing to work together next semester and to furthering our shared commitment to the success and well-being of our students.

Remember, just as we nurture the growth of our institutions, we must also care for the well-being of those who make it all possible. Mental health matters, make yours a priority not an afterthought.

- HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR! Thank You

* Due to the rescheduling of November's DSGA meeting and the proximity of Finals week, many SGAs did not submit a report for this meeting. *

City Colleges of Chicago
Harold Washington College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For December 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events:

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social:
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Open Forums:
- Other:

General Updates:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Section III: Announcements

City Colleges of Chicago
Harry S. Truman College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For December 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events: 13

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 4

Name of Event(s):

Veterans Day Celebration November 7 SAC

Event to honor heroes. Activities including food, movies, trivia, and military-styled stations. Hosted in the Student Activity Center (SAC). 35 participants

Native American Heritage Month (NAHM) Kickoff November 12 SAC

Students learned more about Land Acknowledgements, the history of Indigenous peoples, and participation in trivia.

Wellness Center Card Making Workshop November 13 SAC

Creative activities event for students to stop by, create a card with materials provided by the wellness center and grab a brownie. 9 participants

Thanksgiving Craft November 19 SAC

Creating art for the holiday season and students share what they are grateful for.

- Community Event: 1
Name of Event(s):

Dine & Mic Chicago Coalition to End Homelessness November 20 SAC

Student led event, open mic opportunity that turned into a performance by an unnamed local music student and theatre arts performer. Chicago coalition to end homelessness informs student and staff audience on Streetlight, a mobile app and website to connect anybody to up-to-date resources, news and events. Number of participants 47

- Resource Event: 3
Name of Event(s):

Tech Building Info Fair November 7 TECH

Tech building event for tech students to connect with student-services offices, learn more about how to get involved on campus and meet other students. Snow cones, nachos, drinks and giveaways were provided for student involvement.

Auto Tech Resume Workshop November 12 SAC

Workshop for auto tech students to evolve in resume-building skills.

Tutor Me Tuesday November 19 SAC

Academic support center sets up tables at SAC to chat with students about academic support services on campus. Snacks and open space for tutoring provided.

- Student-Family Events: 2
Name of Event(s):

Thanksgiving BASKET Voting Opens November 18 SAC

Annual Thanksgiving basket giveaway

Thanksgiving TURKEY Giveaways November 21 SAC

SGA and Falcon Food Pantry teamed up to distribute frozen turkeys, frozen chickens and other holiday dinner food items to students who sign up.

- Advocacy Event: 2
Name of Event(s):

NAHM Documentary Screening November 13 SAC

Enjoy popcorn and learn a new thing or two while watching the documentary "Gather" about indigenous traditions and customs. 1 participant.

NAHM Discussion w/Student Leader November 19 SAC

Learn more about Indigenous Culture and life in the Americas before colonization from Jacob MoralesMakescoldweather, member of the Blackfeet Nation and a CCC student.

- Other: 1
Name of Event(s):

Adult Education Transition Specialist Event November 14 SAC

Event scheduled to share and inform adult ed students about the Bridge program (industry certificate that can lead to entry-level job opportunities).

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

-Advocacy:

-Goals: Continue to support student mental health at the ground level of meeting students where they are. The Wellness Center takes the forefront of this initiative at Harry S Truman. They plan monthly events for students to participate in at the Student Activities Center and around campus.

-Goals Addressed:

Student-led Events: Successful. November 20 Dine & Mic led by Harry S Truman student Brooklyn Silas. 47 Participants, staff and students.

Section III: Announcements

-UPCOMING EVENTS / PLANNING:

-Weeks of welcome – breakfast provided for students First week of Spring semester

- Adult Ed

- Compliment day January 24, 2025

- Women and girls in science day February 11, 2025

- World water day March 22, 2025

- Shakespeare's birthday April 23, 2025

- Graduation celebration Spring 2025

City Colleges of Chicago
Kennedy-King College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For December 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events:

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social:
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Section III: Announcements

City Colleges of Chicago
Malcolm X College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For December 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events: 4

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 3
Name of Event(s):
 - Homecoming (11/02),
 - Art Gallery by Art 131 students (11/21 – 11/25),
 - Fall Bingo (11/19)

- Community Event:
- Resource Event: 1
Name of Event(s):
 - National Student Leadership Diversity Conference (11/01- 11/03)

- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Academic Year Goal:

Current End - Semester Goal:

As the semester comes to an end and finals are right around the corner, events to help students de-stress would be implemented.

Next Semester Planning:

- Black History Month Planning Committee is being formed. Starting on November 22nd, the committee will meet weekly at 10 am on Fridays to brainstorm and develop event ideas and activities for an exciting calendar of events celebrating Black History Month in February.

Completed:

-Set a goal of getting at least 50 SGA members, it's safe to say they about halfway there!

Highlights:

- At the National Student Leadership Diversity Convention, Malcom X SGA had the incredible opportunity to join the largest national gathering of student leaders and campus advisors focused on addressing critical topics of diversity and social justice on our campuses, joined by KKC and Daley SGA's. The event was packed with experiential workshops, inspiring keynote sessions, and thought-provoking roundtable discussions.

They explored various aspects of diversity and how they impact people individually and collectively within campus communities. One of the most valuable parts of the convention was working together as teams to create a Campus Action Plan—a tangible program or event inspired by what was learned at the convention, designed to bring a piece of the NSLDC experience back to their schools. It was an empowering and transformative experience.

Section III: Announcements

Announcements Section: MXC now has their own bus!!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

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City Colleges of Chicago
Olive-Harvey College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For December 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. Total of events:

- Student Social:
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Next Semester Planning:

Completed Goals:

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Section III: Announcements

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City Colleges of Chicago
Richard J. Daley College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For December 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. Total of events: 3

- Student Social: 3
Name of Event(s):
 - **Monopoly day** – Early registration + monopoly board game fest.
 - **World kindness day** – Students wrote notes of kindness to themselves and each other using artistic expression in words and drawings.
 - **Homecoming day** - 1st home basketball game of the season. Walking tacos and karaoke, 4 on 4 in the gym.

- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Academic Year Goal:

Fostering a culture of inclusivity among students.

Current Semester Goal:

Student engagement

Next Semester Planning:

Completed Goals:

Highlight:

- Homecoming Game events, well attended and great student engagement.

Section III: Announcements

- Upcoming Events:

- 2-3 clubs with event requisitions in progress for December event

City Colleges of Chicago
Wilbur Wright College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For December 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. Total of events: 11

- Student Social: 9
Name of Event(s):
 - SWExNSBE Halloween Bash,
 - Wrights Polling Party,
 - The Rocky Horror Picture Screening,
 - Experiencing South Asia,
 - National First Gen Student Day,
 - GBSS Great Idea Event,
 - Native American Heritage Month Celebration Day,
 - Wrights Friendsgiving, Turkey Bowl: Dodge Ball Game,
 - SWE: Professional LinkedIn Headshots.

- Community Event:
- Resource Event: 1
Name of Event(s):
 - National First Gen Student Day Celebration

- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event: 1
Name of Event(s):
 - Tabling for Connectivity Issues.

- Other: 1
Name of Event(s):
 - Senator Bonding: Game Night

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Academic Year Goal:

- Create and maintain a robust senate, make club resources more accessible and comprehensive, Grow SGA presence, Maintain and further develop business pilot.

Current Semester Goal:

- Advocate for course Modality
- Advocate for better school Wi-Fi for our students.
- Grow our attendance at our Taco Tuesdays,

-Grow our Instagram following.

Completed Goals:

- tabled with a course modality survey; got a little over 250 responses.
- just recently found out that because of the survey results, Wright is working to get the ratio of in-person classes to online classes to rise, with in-person classes now accounting for 70% of the total.
- reached 763 followers on Instagram hoping to reach 800 by the end of the semester.
- have reached a total of 20 senators and plan to maintain them.
- have advocated for both WIFI and course modality issues,
- have bettered Instagram activity overall growing following and taken certain measures to try and grow attendance in taco Tuesday.

Highlights:

- Wilburpalooza : This event is the highlight event of the semester. It is one of the biggest events that helps students get to know about the clubs that are up and running in school, while also they are given food and are welcome to participate in many activities.
- Friendsgiving: This event is the highlight of November; this was the last ever Taco Tuesday. offered the students some yummy thanksgiving food. And an activity was painting pumpkins. It was thier way to celebrate thanksgiving with students and faculty.

Section III: Announcements

- Happy Holidays.
- Voices were heard and just recently found out that because of the survey results, Wright is working to get the ratio of in-person classes to online classes to rise, with in-person classes now accounting for 70% of the total.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Fuel For Finals: Offering the students snacks every day to help motivate them for the last 2 weeks of this semester.
- Pack The Gym: SGA helps pack the gym for both Women's and Men's basketball team as their season comes to an end.
- Wrights Eras Tour: a back-to-school club day for next semester