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

**Student Trustee Report
For November 2024**

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events district-wide: 68 (reported)

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 35
- Community Event: 9
- Resource Event: 12
- Student-Family Events: 2
- Advocacy Event: 5
- Other: 7

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 Semester:
 - To have City College SGAs host the DSGA meetings.
 - Survey all colleges on advocacy areas.
 - Build sense of community and leadership skills within DSGA.
- Completed:
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Highlights:

- ICCB - SAC will meet for the second in person meeting at Richard J. Daley, tomorrow Nov. 8th.

Section III: Announcements

Today, let's take a moment to recognize our mental health (especially during this election season). Just like our physical health, our minds need care, attention, and support. Too often, we overlook our mental well-being, and sometimes we hide our struggles out of fear or shame. But we must remember, mental health is not a weakness -- it's a part of who we are, and taking care of us is a sign of strength.

It is completely ok to not be ok. It's ok to ask for help, to speak up, and to take the time you need to heal. Every step you take toward understanding your mental health is a step toward a stronger, more resilient you. We must break the silence, challenge the stigma, and create a world where mental health is treated with the same care and importance as physical health.

You are not alone. You are valuable. And no matter where you are on your journey, remember that it's always ok to reach out for support and to take it one day at a time. Together, we can make mental health a priority for all.

-Thank You

Due to the proximity of midterms week, many SGAs did not submit a report for this meeting.

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

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events: 15

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 1

- **Halloween Party!** Thursday October 31 – In the Student Activities center, students and staff of Truman college play Loteria, enjoy candy and mediterranean food and held a costume contest.

- Community Event: 6

- **Latinx Heritage Month: Sugar Skull Workshop** Thursday October 3 – Students gathered for the beginning of the heritage month to paint sugar skulls in honor of Latin Heritage Month.

- **I am Poetry + Wellness center** Tuesday October 8 – Students gather to write, speak and share poetry at a Wellness event to promote mental wellness.

- **Latinx Heritage Month: Tacos and Trivia** Tuesday October 15 – Students connected through tacos and Latinx trivia.

- **Thanksgiving Basket Marketing Flyers sent** Tuesday October 15 – Annual Truman Thanksgiving basket competition marketing step completed.

- **Thanksgiving Basket Sign Up** Friday October 18 – Annual Truman Thanksgiving basket competition staff sign-up list due.

- **Falcon BINGO** Thursday October 24 – Play BINGO with fellow students!

- Resource Event: 8

- **Falcon 101: Time Management** Wednesday October 2 – PowerPoint designed to inform students how to balance academic, personal, and work life in college.
- **TR.A.S.C. Tuesday** October 15 – The student activity center hosts academic support centers for students to learn about tutoring opportunities at Truman.
- **Falcon 101: DIY Flashcards** Thursday October 17 – Designed to help students succeed through a guided flash card creation to study for midterms.
- **Purple Thursday:** Thursday October 17 – Wear PURPLE to raise awareness of dating and domestic violence and show support and solidarity with survivors. 1600 Hallway tabling event!
- **De-Stress Week:** Monday October 21 – The student activities center designs the center with games, coloring, relaxing music and more to support students during Midterms.
- **Know Your Rights:** Tuesday October 22 – League of Women Voters virtually teach students about polling dates, locations, and voter rights in time for Vote Early Day.
- **Transfer Trivia:** Wednesday October 23 – Cindy Luk at the transfer center hosted jeopardy-style trivia for students at the student activities center.
- **Vote Early Day:** Tuesday October 29 – Student activities center posts flyers for Vote Early Day.

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

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

-2-3 events per week

-At least 2 events for each Cultural Heritage Months of Fall 2024 and Spring 2025

Student-led event including:

- **Dine N Mic** Wednesday November 20 – Students can gather at the student activity center to perform, listen to and think about poetry. A program to support students experiencing homelessness will be present and providing students with flyers and information. Led by student of Truman

At least 2 events for each Cultural Heritage Months of Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 including:

- Latinx Heritage Month

- **Latinx Heritage Month: Authors (Diego Baez)** Thursday September 19 – Students gathered to watch a documentary while creating a bookmark. This event also served to recognize Diego Baez for his published poetry book, “Yaguarete White.” Yay!

- **Latinx Heritage Month: Loteria** Tuesday September 24 – A game of loteria for students, winners win Truman swag.

- **Latinx Heritage Month: Sugar Skull Workshop** Thursday October 3 – Students gathered to paint sugar skulls in honor of Latin Heritage Month.

- **Latinx Heritage Month: Tacos and Trivia** Tuesday October 15 – Students connected through tacos and Latinx trivia.

Section III: Announcements

Next Semester Planning:

- **Gradfest/Gradweek** ~ April 28, 2025 – Week-long events to celebrate the graduates; includes cap and gown pickup, Grad photoshoots, nachos and other fun activities at the student activities center.

- **Cultural Programing** – At least 2 events per cultural heritage month

Black History Month

- **Involvement Fair** Hallway event for students of the tech and cosmetology building to get connected with service offices and other students. Snacks served.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Indigenous Peoples Month

(This November, City Colleges recognizes Native American Heritage Month. In 1990, Congress passed, and President George H. W. Bush signed into law a joint resolution designating the month of November as the first National American Indian Heritage Month (also known as Native American Indian Month)).

Indigenous Peoples Month: Kick-Off Tuesday November 12 – Students can learn more about

Land Acknowledgements, Three Sisters Planting, and participate in trivia!

Indigenous Peoples Month: Documentary Screening Wednesday November 13 – Students can enjoy popcorn and watch the documentary “Gather” about indigenous traditions and tribes

Indigenous Peoples Month: Closing with Jacob Morales-Makescoldweather Tuesday November 19 – Students can learn more about Indigenous culture from a member of the Blackfeet Nation (and CCC student!).

Thanksgiving Baskets Voting and Winner Announcements by Thursday November 21

Falcon 101: DIY Flashcards Wednesday December 4

Finals De-Stress Week Monday December 9

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Kennedy-King College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
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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 November 2024

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events: 16

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 6
 - 10/08: **Taco Tuesday & Loteria**
 - 10/15: **Latin Heritage Month Closing Day** – Celebration of Hispanic Heritage month
 - 10/28: **Wear Your MXC Attire** – Show your mxc spirit!!!
 - 10/29: **Spooky crafts and trivia**
 - 10/30: **Student vs staff volleyball game**
 - 10/31: **Basketball pep rally & costume contest**
- Community Event: 2
 - 10/10: **Latinos Progresando MEX Talks** – An event to celebrate Mexican voices, community, and culture!
 - 10/09: **The African Diaspora Throughout Latin America** – Exploring the shared history and cultural ties between Afro and Latin communities
- Resource Event: 3
 - 10/07 & 10/28: **Financial Literacy workshop** – Teaching people about money and learning essential tips on budgeting and credit
 - 10/08: **Citizenship Info Session**
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event: 2
 - 10/19: **Enchanted Garden Benefit Dinner** – An event to honor breast cancer survivors, community leaders, medical professionals, and students for outstanding service and accomplishments.
 - 10/10: **World Mental Health Day** – An event including activities like, creating your version of selfcare, writing yourself a love letter, Mindfulness and reflection, and Destressing activities.
- Other: 3
 - 10/05: **Ballet – La Llorona**
 - 10/03 and 10/10: **Latin Movie Takeover** – Streaming of the movies El Norte and El Guardian de las Monarcas.

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Academic Year Goal:

Serving and building a connected student body to resources that will help them to succeed.

Current Semester Goal:

- Improve the student experience and foster a better sense of community.
- Have at least 50 members of SGA

Next Semester Planning:

- Black History month
- Women's History month
- Pride month

Section III: Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 1-3: National Student Leadership Diversity Conference
- November 2: Home coming.

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

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. Total of events: 10

- Student Social: 1
 - Oktoberfest (31st)
- Community Event: 1
 - Fall Festival (31st)- SGA partnered with project Evolve to sponsor festive activities
- Resource Event: 1
 - CPS spotlight day (22nd)- student leadership assisted CPS students with navigating the school and introducing them to student activities and learning more about what we have to offer.
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event: 1
 - Voter Education week (Oct 7-10th)
- Other: 4
 - Paint and Sip (15th)- students painted with vibrant colors with latin American themes
 - Haunted trails trip (25th)- a trip for 40 students in observance of Halloween
 - Throwback Thursday (31st)- streamed Halloween movies
 - Collected donations for thanksgiving baskets

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Next Semester Planning:

- Welcome week
- Womens history month
- Black history month
- Establishing event dates for new clubs

Completed Goals:

- Black history month is over halfway planned

Section III: Announcements

- Dancers to perform during BHM
- Vendors for womens history month

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

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. district-wide events: 0

No. Total of events: 7

- Student Social: 7
 - October 9th – Collaboration w/ college career development – Pop up job fair attire table
 - October 10th – Collaboration w/ wellness – Mental health screening day
 - October 15th – Collaboration Hispanic Heritage Month – live music, dancing, and food
 - October 22nd – SGA civic Tuesday - forum called “know before you go to the polls – how to cast your vote Q & A”
 - October 29th - CCC workforce handshake app – District representatives handshake app demonstration
 - October 31st - Breakfast club movie and pizza Halloween party
- 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:

- Women’s history month
- Black history month

Completed Goals: N/A

Highlight:

-Daley SGA was in attendance to the National Student Leadership Diversity Convention hosted by the sister college, Malcom X

-Daley SGA also attended the Homecoming Dance hosted by Malcom X SGA with Trustee Ramirez winning and being crowned Homecoming Royalty.

-Daley has been recognized by the US Department of Education as one of the 200 institutions eligible for the new post, secondary success recognition program. This program highlights colleges that enroll high percentages of students from underserved communities and students of color, with impressive graduation and transfer outcomes.

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- Homecoming day – 1st basketball game of the season event in collaboration with committees and clubs, day full of interactive events for students.

“Nothing is impossible, the word itself says ‘I’m possible’!” - Audrey Hepburn

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

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. Total of events: 20

- Student Social: 20
 - Taco Tuesdays: SGA's main event held weekly to give students a day where they can meet with other students while participating in different activities and also getting complimentary food and drinks. Each Tuesday has a different theme and for this month we celebrated the end of Hispanic heritage month, international pronoun day, and Halloween.
 - We held a meeting called Let's Play chess, this event was to help chess club get started. We had tables in our campus center with chess boards so that students could come and play and hear about the club
 - We also held a Meet & Greet Trick or Treat club day where clubs tabled in our campus center so that different students could hear about Wright's different clubs and get candy!
 - Each club also individually held their own events, many were Halloween themed while some clubs also had internship preparation events, we also had one of our chem-engineering clubs have a chem week with a different event each day of the week
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
 - SGA made it a priority to let students express their opinions on Wrights course modalities, and to make sure students were heard SGA tabled for a week. Senators spent the week asking students to fill out the survey if they felt it was important while also making sure to get a poster signed for Wrights Veterans. During this tabling we also made sure to fuel the students for midterms and offered midterm munchie snacks. For this survey we got 254 responses.
 - Partnered with the League of women voters to help students be more aware of this election year and to help students register to vote. While also strongly promoting the "All In to Vote" campaign to encourage students to pledge to vote.
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Academic Year Goal:

- Our year goals included:
- Educating and helping clubs be more self-sufficient
- To create and maintain a robust senate
- Growing SGA presence on campus through social media and our Wright life page.

- And maintain and further developing our business pilot

Current Semester Goal:

Our current semester goals included

- Getting a bigger space for our Taco Tuesdays
- Getting their club buddy system up and running.
- Growing their Instagram presence
- Advocating for voting in this election year

Completed Goals:

- In this semester they have successfully received a bigger space for their Taco Tuesdays, they have successfully gained 140 followers on our Instagram, launched their club buddy system between clubs and senators, and heavily advocated for All in to Vote to get students to pledge to vote for this election year.

Highlights:

- Some highlights would be our Wilburpalooza at the beginning of the semester, an event made so that students are introduced to different clubs on campus while also participating in different southern themed activities and getting food and drinks.
- Tabling for the course modality survey was super successful; we passed last year's total number of responses which was really great to see.
- There were two Pack the Gyms organized for our new women's volleyball team. We essentially get people together and have them make posters and grab boom sticks to help hype up the team. We give away snacks and Wright merchandise.

Section III: Announcements

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- For the rest of this semester, we have Friendsgiving planned which is part of one of our Tacos Tuesdays, pack the gym for the basketball teams, we also have our annual Turkey Bowl which a volleyball game between faculty/staff and students!