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March 2025

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

**Student Trustee Report
For March 2025**

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events district-wide: 73 (reported)

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 40
- Community Event: 9
- Resource Event: 14
- Student-Family Events: 2
- Advocacy Event: 6
- Other:

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:
 - Survey all colleges on advocacy areas.
 - Have all City Colleges participate in Advocacy Day
- Completed:
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Highlights:

- Advocacy Day will have its City Colleges “take over” as we are planning to have representation from all 7 colleges on April 9th.

Section III: Announcements

ICCB – SAC UPDATE: Next meeting is to be held at Illinois Central College on Friday March 7th. We will be finalizing plans for Advocacy Day which is on April 9th.

DSGA UPDATE: The most recent DSGA meeting took place on February 21st. Where we engaged in a productive discussion about the needs of student's district-wide, potential topics for ICCB-SAC, and Advocacy Day. Additionally, we explored the transfer process and the efforts of our guest speakers (District Officers) in supporting a seamless transition for graduates. The next meeting is scheduled for March 14th.

I have had the most pleasant opportunity to continue my monthly Trustee visits and have visited Malcom X, Kennedy King and Wilbur Wright. I will continue next week by visiting Truman, Harold Washington, and Olive Harvey.

We are deeply grateful for the ongoing support that college presidents provide to their SGAs, recognizing the crucial role these organizations play in advocating for students and enriching campus life. Your commitment to empowering student leaders is more important than ever, especially in light of the challenges faced amid the shutdown of DEI initiatives. While some may attempt to undermine these efforts, your leadership remains a vital example of the importance of standing by students and fostering inclusivity. Together, you all are shaping an environment where all students can thrive, and we are excited to see the continued impact of your collective efforts. Thank you for your unwavering dedication to the success of your SGAs.

-Thank you-

David Aaron Ramirez

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RICHARD J. DALEY COLLEGE

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City Colleges of Chicago
Harold Washington College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For March 2025

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events: 8

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 5
 - Name of Event(s): Love Hub, Black History Month Brunch, Black Culture Renaissance, Movie Monday, Karaoke Lounge
- Community Event: 1
 - Name of Event(s): Blood Drive w/ Versity (Feb 5th)
- Resource Event: 1
 - Name of Event(s): "Black Entrepreneurs Panel" – panel discussion (Feb 12)
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

General Updates:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

For February, SGA partnered with Versity, a blood donation center in Illinois to promote individuals to donate blood.

Next Month: SGA Elections

- In progress: applications due March 12th and campaigning in April.

Highlights:

The Black Culture Renaissance has a great turn out and helped to recognize and highlight students who've submitted artwork that reflects their culture and identity.

Section III: Announcements

Announcements Section:

March:

- March Advocacy: Know Your Rights presentation following the ICE raids happening after the presidential election.
- Midterm Stress Management Lunch
- Movie Monday: Women's History Month
- Study Café
- Let's Get Uncomfortable: Real Talk on Women's Health
- Take Care Tuesday
- Karaoke Lounge: Diva Anthems
- Women's History Trivia
- Women Leading Innovation in Tech

City Colleges of Chicago
Harry S. Truman College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For March 2025

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events: 11

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 1
Name of Event(s): Truman Valentine's Day Party (2/13): Party in Student Activities Center for Valentine's Day. Decorations and candy funded through SGA.
- Community Event: 1
Name of Event(s): Black History Month event 2/20: Box lunches were provided through SGA funding. The group, led by Men of Color organization, went on a trip to the DuSable museum.
- Resource Event: 9
Name of Event(s): Black History Month events (2/5, 2/12, 2/20, 2/24): Black History Month events for all students to participate in! At three events there were snacks provided by funding from SGA. Meet the Dean (2/6, 2/19): SGA funded snack and pizzas at the Meet the Dean event to meet Dean Holly Jaye on 2/6 during a home-basketball game. Resource and Community Fair at the Cosmetology and Auto Tech building (2/18, 2/19): SGA sponsored, including nachos and drinks.
- Student-Family Events:
Name of Event(s):
- Advocacy Event:
Name of Event(s):
- Other:
Name of Event(s):

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

-Advocacy:

Academic Year: Student-Led events, financing organizations that center students of color, Adult Ed support, and bridging the gap between Truman CCC and the Uptown community (Sun

- Current Semester: Finance a Men of Color event – intending to communicate with Dean Wilson and Men of Color team during week of March 11th
- Next Semester: Election SGA Fall 2025-Spring 2026

-Goals:

- Next Month: Women's History Month events, finances for food and party supplies

- Completed:

Student-Led Event (Dine N Mic November 28, 2024)

Financing SOC orgs (contact with Dean Wilson)

Adult Ed support (attempted "Know Your Rights" event, open to event or organization suggestions.

Please recommend organizations CCC has worked with prior and has a positive track record with CCC)

-Goals Addressed:

Highlights:

- Food Pantry successful: implemented Chicago Food Depository cards to students who frequently attend the Food Pantry of Truman Community Colleges. Adult Ed students supported.

Section III: Announcements

-UPCOMING EVENTS / PLANNING:

Environmental Club in the works with a request for sustainable agricultural practices on Truman Campus.

- Volunteers at:

Women's Health Fair March 18 – Two senators, Grace Kast and Omorinsola Omoesbi have registered to volunteer.

Advocacy Day April 9th

– gathering interest from students, posting flyers, and purchasing the bus transportation and the meals provided to CCC students attending.

- Giveaway purchasing for Fall 2025-Spring 2026

- Volunteers at six Women's History Month events (3/6, 3/12, 3/13, 3/18, 3/18, 3/31)

- Cinco de Mayo student event, food purchased by SGA and hosted by SAC

City Colleges of Chicago
Kennedy-King College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For March 2025

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events: 8

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 4
 - Black History Opening Ceremony 2/3 (SGA SUPPORTED)
 - General Body Meeting 2/25 (SGA LEAD)
 - 3RD Annual Black History Knowledge Bowl 2/26 (SGA LEAD)
 - Development of BSU- Black Student Union

- Community Event: 2
 - Labor Legacy Fashion Show & Vendor Day 2/12 (SGA SUPPORTED)
 - Bringing Back AAWCC American Association for Women in Community Colleges to the KKC Campus
- Resource Event: 1
 - DTI: "Build It with Your Hands" Lego Challenge 2/26 (SGA SUPPORTED)
- Student-Family Events: 1
 - Built by Black Hands Campus Scavenger Hunt & T-shirt / Jewelry Making 2/5 (SGA SUPPORTED)
 - Valentines School Spirit Week 2/10-2/14 (SGA LEAD)
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- Advocacy Event:
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Goals: achieving retention, engagement, and outreach will require intentional strategies leading up to Advocacy Day on April 9th.

- Communicated about Advocacy Day to members, emphasizing its importance and connecting the event to shared goals.
- Included "Save the Date" invites and communicate about support and SGA commitment.
- Engagement: Launch an Advocacy Challenge that encourages members to share why they're attending Advocacy Day using a branded hashtag (e.g., #AdvocacyDay2025).
- Use countdown posts to build excitement and momentum.

Completed: Goal(s) Addressed: Retention, engagement, and outreach

Highlights: SGA General Body Meeting 1/28

- Retention Goals: Students stayed engaged through meaningful interactions and incentives, with the SGA raffle table boosting excitement and involvement via swag giveaways.

- Engagement Goals: Resources for Student Services, Financial Aid, Career, Transfer, Advising, and more were shared, fostering discussions, and encouraging students to utilize campus services.
- Outreach Goals: Clubs showcased their initiatives to raise awareness and build community, while access to campus resources empowered students' academic and personal growth.

Section III: Announcements

- EmpowerHER: Paint and Pose 3/5
- Jump Rope Celebration "We jump because they leapt, together we move forward!" 3/14
- For Colored Girls Live Read and Production 3/19
- Women In Construction Lunch and Convo 3/20
- Her-Story in Every Cup: Tea and Togetherness Social 3/21
- Professional Headshots Day in connection with Transfer and Career Center - Pending

Issues / Concerns: Student government leaders are concerned about potential budget cuts to Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) funding and the national financial aid challenges. Scrutiny of DEI initiatives may limit access for underrepresented students, while issues like rising education costs, student loan debt, and funding accessibility for marginalized groups demand stronger advocacy to ensure inclusivity and affordability in higher education.

Moving Forward: "At KKC SGA, we are committed to fostering a vibrant, inclusive community where every student feels supported and empowered. Together with our stakeholders, we aim to build pathways for success, inspire growth, and create lasting opportunities that transform lives and strengthen our campus."

City Colleges of Chicago
Malcolm X College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For March 2025

Section I: Events and General Updates

Total number of events: 14

Types of events & number of events per category:

- Student Social: 8
 - Name of Event(s):
 - o Black History Month Opening Day ceremony (02/03)
 - o Fashion show (02/04)
 - o Game-fest: For the culture (02/05)
 - o Black Women in Health (02/06)
 - o The Black Experience: Story Hour (02/10)
 - o Spread the love event (02/13)
 - o Black voices, Diverse cultures event (02/18)
 - o Black history month closing ceremony – Gospel concert (02/27)

- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
 - Name of Event(s): 4
 - o SGA Orientation (02/07)
 - o Labor panel – With city leaders (02/11)
 - o Career panel (02/19)
 - o HBCU Greek Step Show and College Fair (02/26)

- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event: 2
 - o Black women appreciation (02/12)
 - o Black Men Appreciation (02/25)

- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Academic Year Goal:

Goal: Increased advocacy and support for undocumented students

Current End - Semester Goal: Advocacy Day (04/09)

Next Semester Planning:

Completed:

Highlights: Black History Month Opening Day ceremony (02/03)

Section III: Announcements

Announcements Section:

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Women's appreciation Luncheon

City Colleges of Chicago
Olive-Harvey College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For March 2025

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. Total of events: 3

- Student Social: 1
 - BHM opening
- Community Event: 2
 - BHM opening, Love & Marriage panel Discussion
- Resource Event: 1
 - Knowledge Bowl
- Student-Family Events: 1
 - Love & Marriage panel Discussion
- Advocacy Event: 1
 - Love & Marriage panel Discussion
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Goals:

- Academic Year: increase amount of SGA members and student engagement
- Current Semester: Increase student engagement by adequate promotion and inclusion
- Next Semester: acquire new members
- Next Month: host events efficiently along with adequate promotion
- Completed: recruitment of members, increased engagement across campus

o Goal(s) Addressed:
increase amount of SGA members and student engagement

Highlights:

- [Event Title]: Ayodele performance (BHM opening)

Next Semester Planning:

Upcoming events / Planning

- Study jam, lunch w/ president, and woman-focused poetry night

Section III: Announcements

- Announcements Section:
Most of our Exec board are soon to be graduates!

City Colleges of Chicago
Richard J. Daley College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For March 2025

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. Total of events: 13

- Student Social: 6
Name of Event(s): Back to Black: Icon Looks of the Past 1970's-2000's, Book Club: Beloved, Movie Showing: Butler, BSU: Just Mercy, BSU Sip and Paint, Black History Month Trivia
- Community Event: 3
Name of Event(s): Ayodele Drum and Dance: Opening Dance Class, Community Service/Daley Greek, Ayodele Drum and Dance: Closing
- Resource Event: 2
Protect Yourself: Mind, Body and Soul & Unmuted: Networking Beyond Your Comfort Zone
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event: 2
Know Your Rights Campaign & Sickle Cell Awareness Campaign
- Other:

Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Academic Year Goal:

Everyone Is One – Making sure that we are making events that everyone in Daley's communities feel warm and welcome.

Current Semester Goal:

SGA will be working with space management to help students that requested an art studio in L422 (student activities).

Next Semester Planning:

Completed Goals:

Highlight:

Ayodele Drum and Dance: Opening Dance Class: Students and children from the Child Development Center were present and enjoying themselves full heartedly. It was a successful dance class.

Section III: Announcements

- Upcoming Events:

- Gradfest – Carnival Day
- Elections Tabling
- Great America Take-Over
- Daley 65: Beyond the Years Dance

Daley's Quote of the month: "Education is transformational. It changes lives. That is why people work so hard to become educated and why education has always been the key to the American Dream, the force that erases arbitrary divisions of race and class and culture and unlocks every person's God-given potential." – Condoleezza Rice, former US Secretary of State

City Colleges of Chicago
Wilbur Wright College
Student Government Association
Campus Report
For March 2025

Section I: Events and General Updates

No. Total of events: 16

- Student Social: 15
Name of Event(s): Soul Food Taco Tuesday, Taco Tuesday: Trivia, Valentine's Day Activity Fair, Valentine's Poetry, Squidbot Showdown, Taco Tuesday: Game Day, SHPE Escape Room, The Wright Side: Open Mic, SWE Robotics Competition, BSU: Squid Game, SASE Food Drive, Packzi Day, GBSS BHM Celebration, BSU BHM Celebration, Soul Food Tuesday.
- Community Event:
- Resource Event:
Name of Event(s):
- Student-Family Events:
- Advocacy Event: 1
Name of Event(s): Tabling for Student Concerns form, Advocacy Day, SGA E-board Applications
- Other:
Name of Event(s):
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Section II: Advocacy, Goals, and Highlights

Goal:

- Academic Year: Create and maintain a robust senate, make club resources more accessible and comprehensive, Grow SGA presence, maintain and further develop our business pilot.
- Current Semester: Advocate for student concerns, get students to participate in ICCB's annual Advocacy Day. Continue growing our senate and SGA presence. Continue helping clubs be more active and accessible.
- Next Month: Honoring Women's History Month
- Completed: We are tabling for the rest of the semester to continue growing SGA presence and giving the students a voice with our Student Concerns Form and Advocacy Day. SGA's PR teams is developing more and more ideas to have students hear about SGA while also coming up with more social media ideas to have students interact with SGA

Highlights:

Valentine's Day Activity Fair: SGA collaborated with Project S.A.F.E to help empower many people during Valentine's Day and bring awareness to abuse in relationships and how to combat that.

- We collaborated with BSU to celebrate Black History Month during two of our Taco Tuesdays.

Section III: Announcements

- SGA's E-Board will be participating in the ASACC Conference in Washington D.C in March!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- International Women's History Month Club Day
- Women's History Month Movie Night