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April Student Trustee Report

Good afternoon Trustees, Chancellor, College Presidents, and Board Members,

Here is a brief overview of student engagement and key activities across our City Colleges for the month of March.

At Wilbur Wright College, student engagement was driven through consistent weekly programming such as Wright Around the World, where students gathered for food, activities, and community-building experiences. These events maintained steady participation and created a welcoming environment on campus. However, students expressed that while engagement is strong, there is still a need to better promote SGA and increase awareness around student elections and leadership opportunities.

At Daley College, students showed strong interest in interactive and technology-based programming, highlighted by events like the VR Game Day, which provided an immersive and engaging experience. This type of event not only increased participation but also sparked interest in technology and innovation. At the same time, students raised important concerns regarding the rising cost of tuition and essential needs, as well as underemployment after graduation.

Malcolm X College had one of the most impactful months, with a full series of Women's History Month events including Her Voice Her Power Open Mic, The Art of Sisterhood Luncheon, Women's History Career Panel, Health Equity Summit, and Building Wealth Together Fireside Chat. These events brought in strong attendance, in some cases over 200 participants, and created opportunities for students to engage with professionals, explore career paths, and participate in meaningful discussions around identity, leadership, and financial literacy. Students responded very positively to these initiatives, especially appreciating spaces that combined creativity, storytelling, and professional development.

At Olive-Harvey College, programming focused on empowerment, creativity, and wellness through events such as Love Notes, Paint & Chat, Women's History Bingo, Healing Wellness Circle, and Her Seat at the Table Empowerment Lunch. These activities encouraged reflection, community connection, and student voice, while also promoting mental and emotional well-being. Participation remained strong and contributed to a stronger sense of belonging on campus.

At Kennedy-King College, there was a wide range of programming including EmpowerHer: Paint and Pose, I Am Not My Hair, Pages & Plates Book Swap, 99 Problems but Advising Ain't One, and Women in the Workforce Lunch and Conversation. These events combined creativity, academic support, and career discussions, leading to high levels of student engagement. However, students also expressed a strong concern about not being able to

graduate from their home campus, emphasizing how important that experience is to their sense of accomplishment and connection.

At Harold Washington College, students engaged in programming focused on career readiness, networking, and professional development. Workshops and events centered around internships, resume building, and career preparation were particularly valuable for students balancing work and academics, especially in a downtown environment where many students are already connected to the workforce.

At Truman College, efforts were centered around student support, wellness, and inclusive programming. Events promoting mental health awareness, cultural engagement, and campus resources helped increase student participation and awareness, reinforcing the importance of supporting students beyond academics.

As we move forward, we are now gearing up across the City Colleges for the upcoming graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 2nd, as campuses continue to prepare to celebrate and recognize the achievements of our graduating students.

Before I conclude, as this is my last board meeting, I just want to take a moment to sincerely thank all of you.

Serving as Student Trustee has truly been one of the most meaningful experiences of my journey. This role has opened doors for me, allowed me to grow, and exposed me to opportunities and conversations that I will carry with me for the rest of my life.

One thing that has stood out to me is the level of inclusion across City Colleges of Chicago. I've seen firsthand how this environment brings people from different backgrounds together, changes lives, and gives students a real chance to grow and succeed. Being part of that has not only impacted those around me, but it has also expanded my own perspective and pushed me to think bigger.

I'm truly grateful for the guidance, the support, and the trust that was given to me throughout this experience. I will always be proud to tell anybody that I am part of this beautiful City Colleges of Chicago family.

Thank you.