

# Student Trustee Campus Report

---

City Colleges of Chicago – February Campus Updates

## Wilbur Wright College

- Wright College reported strong student engagement throughout February with successful campus events including Spirit Week, Pack the Gym, and Engineering Week.
- These initiatives brought significant student participation and strengthened school pride, particularly during athletic and engineering programming.
- Students raised concerns regarding FOODA dining services, including issues related to vendor performance and reduced funding for food at student events.
- SGA leadership recommended that the district review the FOODA vendor to ensure quality standards and student needs are consistently met.

## Kennedy-King College

- Kennedy-King College hosted a wide range of Black History Month programming celebrating culture, resilience, and community history.
- The campus organized events such as the Black History Opening Ceremony, the 'Dear Ancestor' Letter Wall installation, and The Heritage Kitchen cultural cooking experience.
- A highlight was the Black in Tech event, which showcased Black innovators and inventors whose contributions have shaped the technology industry. The event encouraged students to explore opportunities in STEM fields and recognize the impact of Black professionals in technology.
- Kennedy-King also participated in the Black History Knowledge Bowl hosted by Olive-Harvey College, where the Kennedy-King team delivered an impressive performance and won the competition.

## Malcolm X College

- Malcolm X College hosted one of the most extensive series of Black History Month programs across the district, including leadership discussions, cultural events, and career development panels.
- A major highlight was the Greek + HBCU College Fair, which welcomed approximately 500 attendees including Chicago high school students exploring college pathways.
- Students shared concerns regarding campus dining accessibility, including cafeteria affordability, portion value, and limited operating hours for students with evening classes or clinical schedules.

- Additional feedback included suggestions for improvements in health sciences program admissions processes, particularly for Nursing and Radiography programs.

### **Richard J. Daley College**

- Daley College SGA reported successful academic collaborations with the Math and Engineering departments, strengthening connections between student leadership and academic programming.
- A major highlight was the Black History Month Closing Celebration featuring cultural performances including Ayodele Drum and Dance.
- On February 24th, I also had the opportunity to attend a press conference at Daley College's Manufacturing Technology & Engineering Center announcing a new workforce partnership in manufacturing. The initiative highlighted City Colleges of Chicago's continued commitment to expanding career pathways and strengthening connections between education and industry for students.
- Students also raised concerns regarding food insecurity and the rising cost of tuition, emphasizing the importance of continued student support and accessible resources.

### **Harold Washington College**

- Harold Washington College SGA hosted nine student engagement events throughout February, including student socials, community-centered programming, and resource-focused initiatives.
- Community events included Black History Month Trivia, Cinema & Chill featuring Dreamgirls, Karaoke Lounge, the Black Culture Renaissance Opening Reception, a Black Cinema screening of Harriet, and a Black History Month Brunch, all of which strengthened student engagement and cultural awareness.
- A wellness-focused resource event, Take Care Tuesday: Self-Love, highlighted the importance of student mental health and well-being.
- SGA leadership also continued advocating for improvements addressing food insecurity through a free lunch program for the spring semester and a snack program providing resources such as oatmeal, ramen, and cereal for students.
- The SGA additionally made progress on improving student spaces, including proposals to renovate the Student Activities Suite and improvements to commonly used student areas.

### **Harry S Truman College**

- Truman College hosted several cultural engagement events throughout Black History Month including an interactive gallery exhibit titled 'From Negro History Week to Black History Month – 100 Years of Remembering.'
- Additional events such as Paint the Culture and Culture, Joy, and Play encouraged students to celebrate culture through art, music, and community activities.

## **Olive-Harvey College**

- Olive-Harvey College hosted the Black History Knowledge Bowl, bringing together students from multiple campuses for a competitive and educational celebration of Black history.
- The event promoted school spirit, cultural awareness, and districtwide collaboration among City Colleges students.

## **District Student Leadership Engagement**

I, along with several student leaders from across the City Colleges of Chicago, had the opportunity to participate in a roundtable discussion with the Mayor of Chicago. During this conversation, we discussed important issues affecting students today, including inclusion, student retention rates, mental health support, and mentorship opportunities. The discussion highlighted the importance of student voices in shaping policies and initiatives that impact higher education and the broader educational system in Chicago.

## **Closing Remarks**

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the continued work and commitment of the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor's office, and the faculty and staff across our campuses. Throughout my time serving as Student Trustee, I have witnessed the dedication that goes into supporting students and strengthening our colleges. I sincerely appreciate the collaboration, transparency, and support that exist across this district. Thank you for your continued commitment to the students of City Colleges of Chicago.