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MAYOR RAHM EMANUEL AND CITY COLLEGES CHANCELLOR HYMAN ANNOUNCE FOUR MORE UNIVERSITIES JOIN CHICAGO STAR PARTNERSHIP

16 colleges and universities have now committed to providing scholarships and transfer assistance for students in the Chicago Star Scholars Program seeking bachelor degrees.

CHICAGO — Mayor Rahm Emanuel and City Colleges of Chicago Chancellor today announced four additional colleges have joined the Chicago Star Partnership, a group of four-year colleges and universities who have committed to providing scholarships to Chicago Star Scholars following their graduation from City Colleges of Chicago.

Dominican University, St. Xavier University, Robert Morris University, and Northwestern University have joined twelve other Chicago colleges and universities signing on to offer Star Scholars, high-achieving Chicago Public Schools (CPS) graduates who complete at City Colleges, financial support to continue their education.

These institutions join DePaul University, Governors State University, Illinois Institute of Technology, Loyola University, National Louis University, Roosevelt University, Columbia College, Northeastern Illinois University, North Park University, the School of the Art Institute of Chicago, the University of Chicago, and the University of Illinois at Chicago in the Chicago Star Partnership.

“Chicago students need a vision to success. This expanded partnership helps show them that the progression from high school, to college, and then to a degree can be a clear, affordable path,” Mayor Emanuel said. “The better we can prepare our students today, the more prepared our city will be for the jobs of tomorrow.”

In its first year, the Chicago Star Scholarship has enabled nearly 1,000 CPS graduates to pursue their degree from City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) free-of-charge. This expansion of the Chicago Star Partnership ensures Star Scholars will have a better chance of pursuing their four-year degree after successfully completing at City Colleges of Chicago.

“It’s simply not possible to think of a college degree as a luxury. It’s all too often a requirement now,” said City Colleges of Chicago Chancellor Cheryl Hyman. “These commitments from our four-year university partners not only make a bachelor degree an affordable reality for these

high-achieving students, but it also gives them plenty of options to find the transfer destination that works best for them.”

Chicago Star Partnership awards will differ depending on the university, as outlined below:

- The Illinois Institute of Technology has pledged to provide awards of up to \$25,000 to all qualifying Star Scholars. Star Scholars will also receive an assigned advisor and invitation to college events while at CCC, and access to summer courses.
- The School of the Art Institute of Chicago will offer up to \$18,000 to qualifying students, for up to 100 students. Faculty will also work with students on their portfolios.
- Star Scholars accepted to the University of Chicago will be granted scholarships covering the full cost of tuition.
- DePaul University will offer a Star Award of \$5,000. Star Scholars will also receive an assigned advisor and invitation to college events while at CCC.
- Governors State will offer five Star Scholarships, with amount varying based on GPA and financial aid eligibility. Star Scholars will also receive guaranteed admission, advising while at CCC, and eligibility for merit scholarships.
- Loyola University will offer limited scholarships based on merit and an assigned advisor.
- National Louis University will offer scholarships ranging from \$3,600 to \$9,000. Star Scholars will also receive an assigned advisor while at CCC.
- Northeastern Illinois University will offer scholarships (amount TBD) and dual and guaranteed admission to Scholars.
- North Park University will offer financial supports of \$3000 per year to up to 20 students. Star Scholars will also be assigned an advisor and career mentor.
- Roosevelt University will offer \$9,000 scholarships for up to 200 students. Star Scholars will also receive an assigned advisor and invitation to college events while at CCC.
- University of Illinois at Chicago will offer \$2,500 per year for two years for 200 students. Star Scholars will also receive an assigned advisor, invitation to college events while at CCC, and guaranteed admission, if eligible.
- Columbia College will offer \$8000 in scholarship support per student, along with personal assistance from an assigned advisor.

CPS students must meet specific criteria to be chosen as Star Scholars at City Colleges of Chicago. These students must graduate with a GPA of 3.0 or higher, they must demonstrate “completion ready” ability with an ACT math and English score of 17, and the student must enroll in one of CCC’s structured, relevant pathways. Students meeting these criteria will be offered waivers for all tuition and books for up to three years at City Colleges of Chicago. If a student does not meet the completion ready criteria but had a 3.0 GPA, he or she has a year to become college ready to still receive a scholarship.

This program is one of many reforms created under the City Colleges of Chicago’s Reinvention effort. Since the Reinvention began in 2010, CCC has made significant investments in all seven colleges to ensure that all degrees and certificates are made relevant to the demands of the workplace and four-year institutions, and to deliver enhanced academic supports for students

to ensure that they have the tools and support they need to be successful in their pathway of choice. Students who complete the first two years at one of the seven City Colleges and then transfer to a four-year institution can save up to \$40,000 on the cost of a bachelor's degree.

For more information about the Chicago Star Scholarship at City Colleges of Chicago, go to: www.ccc.edu/starscholarship.

About City Colleges of Chicago

The City Colleges of Chicago (CCC) is the largest community college system in Illinois and one of the largest in the nation, with 5,500 faculty and staff serving 115,000 students annually at seven colleges and six satellite sites city-wide. CCC is in the midst of a Reinvention, a collaborative effort to review and revise programs and practices to ensure students leave CCC college- and career-ready. Its internationally-recognized College to Careers initiative partners with industry-leading companies to prepare Chicagoans for careers in growing fields.

The City Colleges of Chicago includes seven colleges: Richard J. Daley College, Kennedy-King College, Malcolm X College, Olive-Harvey College, Harry S Truman College, Harold Washington College and Wilbur Wright College. The system also oversees the Washburne Culinary Institute, the French Pastry School, two restaurants, two cafes, a banquet facility, five Child Development Centers, the Center for Distance Learning, the Workforce Academy, the public broadcast station WYCC-TV Channel 20 and radio station WKKC-FM 89.3. For more information about City Colleges of Chicago, call (773) COLLEGE or visit www.ccc.edu.

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