



Friends of the Bardwell Scholarships

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Bardwell Scholarships proudly celebrate their spring graduates.

I have been a Bardwell Scholar for the last two semesters. If it wasn't for the Bardwell Scholarship I would not be able to graduate on May 16, 2003. Although I am a full-time employee of Harold Washington College, I was experiencing financial difficulties. This year I had two major surgeries and had exhausted all of my sick days and vacation days. I was off work for 2 months with my last surgery without pay. It was a struggle just to pay my normal living expenses. I was not able to buy the books for my class because they were so expensive. That's when a co-worker asked me if I had ever tried to get a scholarship and was told about the Bardwell Scholarships. I completed an application and had an interview with Hedy and the rest is history.

The Bardwell Scholarships is so much more than just a financial assistance program. Hedy is a great coach or cheerleader for our success. She's always willing to have workshops and find other people who can help us with our journey to success. Like most people I have had a few ups and downs along the road to graduating. Hedy's words of encouragement or a listening ear is always appreciated. Thank you very much, Hedy. I would also like to thank all of the people who give contributions to this fund. It is a very good investment and it is greatly appreciated by all of the scholars.



I am very excited about graduating. I will be the first to graduate from college out of six brothers and sisters. I am the mother of three sons (my youngest son was killed 4 years ago) and a grandmother of seven. I want to be an inspiration to them and show them that it is never too late to achieve your dreams. I was 46 years old on April 18th. I want to be a Computer Teacher or a Social Worker. I am waiting for my acceptance letter from National Louis University.

Diane Richardson
Harold Washington College graduate 2003,
Bardwell Scholar

**In the loving memory of my son Ricky
Morris Richardson.**

A Cause for

Scholarship recipients, financial contributors, scholarship administrators, friends and family were in fellowship at the annual celebration of a man who lived his life imparting the gift of education upon those willing to receive-- Roger W. Bardwell.

Roger's cause -- to effectively touch the lives of others--continues as those who knew him well honor his life message by seeking students who need not only financial support, but also those who need encouragement when things are irregularly fluctuating in their personal lives.

Roger's legacy is celebrated through the lives of every recipient; they come from different cultural, ethnic, and racial backgrounds. Some come in search of hope to receive help. All leave with and continue to benefit from much more. All benefit from the bimonthly empowering workshops, the 1-on-1 meetings with Hedy Cohen on any given Tuesday, and the relationships developed, not merely networking. Students also receive the individualized and personalized "keep in touch/update" e-mails that always seem to come at the right time; listening eyes and ears, sound advice, and direction.



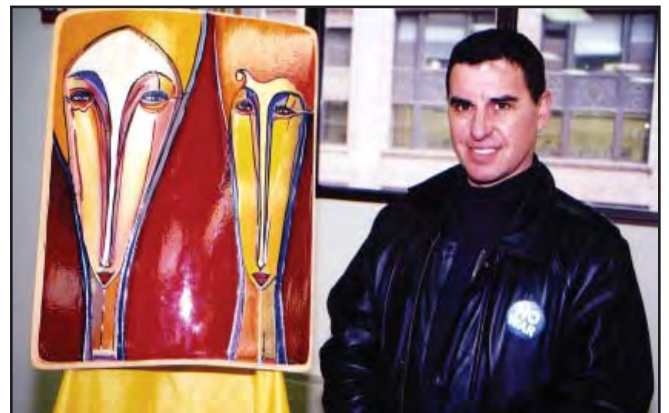
Scholarship administrator Hedy Cohen shares her pride in introducing each Bardwell Scholar.



Sharon Beauregard shares her comments on being a Bardwell Scholar.



Janice Mason, assistant to John Wozniak, Kimberly Lawrence, CPS English teacher, and Yolanda Hopkins, Roosevelt University student. Kim and Yolanda are both Bardwell Scholars.



gARTh, a local artist and friend of Bardwell Scholarships, stands by the beautiful artwork he generously donated the scholarship fund.

Celebration

Then there is the annual luncheon celebration where all involved with the Bardwell Scholarship fund are invited to come together to share stories, experiences, accomplishments, goals, and more.

The atmosphere in the room is satisfied with laughter, joy, love, support, and fun. So much so, that you will be slow in leaving to savor this annual gathering of a precious moment in time.

A mind full of wonder can visualize Roger's eyes sparkling with delight and joy. A smile that will assure the bleakest of hearts, the love that dominoes from one soul to another.

Linda Murphy
Harold Washington College graduate 2001,
DePaul student, Bardwell Scholar



Keyla Arzet reads a message of inspiration to students and others alike.

Bardwell Scholars, 2003



(left to right)
Saruul Ganbaatar, Noby Davis, Keyla Arzet, Diane Richardson (behind), Daniela Changuan, Teresa Medina, Daniel Arzet (behind), Barbara Holmes, the original Bardwell Scholar, Linda Murphy, Michael Conigan (behind), Kimberly Campos, Yolanda Hopkins, Kimberly Lawrence, Priscilla Williams, Johnny Phan.

The Scholars Speak.....

Grace, warmth and appreciation filled the air in March as we celebrated not only the spirit of a man who excelled as an educator and a visionary but also the strength and backbone behind the Roger W. Bardwell Scholarships, the incomparable Ms. Hedy Cohen.

The success of the Roger W. Bardwell Scholarship Program exists because it provides the extra components of mentoring, leadership, emotional and objective support in addition to financial assistance. This structure encourages the scholars to think strategically, to set goals, to strive high and to give back.



Linda Murphy proudly introduces her son, Michael Conigan, a South Shore High School junior.



Michael Conigan entertains the guests with a strong rendition of "Stand".

"I feel very fortunate that there are organizations like the Roger W. Bardwell Scholarships which support and assist in the process of pursuing a better education."

Daniela Changuan

"Without the help from Roger W. Bardwell Scholarships and the guidance of Ms. Hedy Cohen, I would not have been able to complete my B.A. in English/Secondary Education degree in the fall of 2001."

Kimberly Lawrence

"The Bardwell Family and Harold Washington College have given me the tenacity to persevere at Loyola University where students that are half my age are struggling and talking about giving up."

Kimberly Campos

"I am very grateful for the Bardwell Scholarships because it is allowing me the opportunity to pursue my goal of returning to school to earn a degree in psychology."

Priscilla Williams

"What I have enjoyed the most about the Bardwell Scholarship program is the workshops. We met and networked with people who gave good advice and have experiences that we are facing or may face in pursuit of our goals."

Diane Richardson

"I am very fortunate to be a Bardwell Scholar."

Daniel Arzet

"I feel like I've known Hedy Cohen forever."

Saruul Ganbaatar

"We, the Bardwell family, are a culturally and professionally diverse creative force committed to academic excellence not only praising those who shine naturally but strengthening those who are only beginning to emerge from the shade."

Sharon Beauregard

Lucinda Harris came to us through Shelia Rogers and our connection with Women Employed.

I was a twenty-five year old unemployed, struggling student and parent attending Malcolm X College full-time when a fellow student told me about a short-term certification class which would allow me to become self sufficient in only eight weeks. However, the only problem was that the class was not covered by financial aid. I racked my brain trying to come up with a way to get the money I so desperately needed. Only inches away from a nervous breakdown, by an act of God, I stumbled across a Harold Washington College(HWC) program called the Bardwell Scholarships. Incidentally, I was given their phone number by another scholarship program that had let me down. After almost relinquishing every thought of ever getting into the class, in one last desperate attempt, I discarded my reservations and dialed the number. The caring voice on the other end helped to further appease my fears. To make a long story short, after explaining my situation to them I was relieved and overjoyed to hear that they would be happy to help me though I was not even a student at HWC. That was about a year ago. Since then they have been supportive of me both financially and emotionally; they have paid for summer classes not covered



Lucinda Harris with her daughter Eumani.

by financial aid and I have always been able to talk to them about my issues and concerns. In addition, I am pleased to announce that through the sincere efforts of the caring staff of HWC Bardwell Scholarship program, I graduated in the Surgical Technology Program class of 2003 at Malcolm X College. In closing, I would like to give very special thanks to Ms. Hedy Cohen and Mr. John Wozniak for their concern and attentiveness without which I could not have realized my dreams.

Lucinda Harris
Surgical Technology graduate,
Malcolm X College 2003, Bardwell Scholar

Bardwell Scholars proudly supported Noby Davis through graduation.

The Bardwell Scholarship Program has truly been a blessing to me at Harold Washington College(HWC). I am so very grateful for this dynamic program. I have been a beneficiary of the program during the summer semesters at HWC. This wonderful program has been designed to help students who, if ineligible for financial aid, will be evaluated to see whether or not they can be a recipient of the program.



Noby Davis (right) and Sharon Bradley at graduation.

The founder of Bardwell Scholars has truly been a blessing in my life. It's as if God has sent her into my life as an underground angel. Ms. Hedy Cohen is a very loving and caring person who I have grown to love as a friend and mentor. She goes beyond the call of duty helping young people as well as seasoned students to reach and exceed their future goals. I am graduating May 16, 2003 with my A.A. and I will be transferring to Chicago State in pursuit of my Bachelors Degree in Education. I love working with children, and I desire to continue to help and support children throughout my career. Thank you, Hedy Cohen for being who you are. God Bless You.

Noby Davis at
Harold Washington College Graduation 2003,
Bardwell Scholar

The Bardwell Buzz

The main ingredient in helping students to succeed is to encourage and to provide a support base to aid in the attainment of each individual's goals. The Roger W. Bardwell Scholarship has become a proponent, a champion for student achievement.

People become really quite remarkable when they start thinking that they can do things. When they believe in themselves, they have the first secret of success. -

Norman Vincent Peale



Brian
Meister



Bev
Pissano

The Lunchtime Seminars

Life Goals

November 11, 2002

Realizing a dream and attaining goals were the constant themes of the stories Brian Meister shared as he described the many obstacles and barriers adult students encounter. Many of us could relate to the demands of having a family and a job while trying to continue an education. He also discussed the process of stopping, going back and finally finishing. The adult learner must be flexible and realistic. Sometimes, there are money issues that cannot be ignored. Sometimes there are family obligations that cannot be ignored. The idea however, is to never ever give up. Thank you, Brian Meister, for being an inspiration and for never giving up.

Time Management

January 30, 2003

The ever-delightful Sheila Rogers shared the wisdom of prioritizing and managing time wisely. Sheila Rodgers, also an adult student, stressed the idea of putting first things first. Sheila provided charts and idea generating materials designed to encourage more effective time usage. This meeting produced various innovative goal-setting concepts. Sheila creatively brought a fresh face to age-old tactics and procedures. Sheila, the Bardwell family applauds and salutes your efforts to better not only yourself but also those around you. Thank you.

Diversity

May 2, 2003

Bev Pissano of Boeing led a dynamic discussion of the very timely subject of diversity. As the world becomes more variegated, organizations are stressing and stretching to meet the demands of an ever-changing world and society. Boeing continues to strive toward being an innovator in this field. Bev could understand us because at one time she had been exactly where we are, a community college student. She worked her way through and graduated from a southern California community college before graduating from a Southern Illinois University satellite school and obtaining her B.A. and M.A. degrees. Bev and her colleagues attempt to initiate, support and realize a diverse work force. With that work force, they mix all of the creative differences and strive toward a more dynamic and energetic and hopefully more ingenious and proficient work force. Thanks, Bev, for sharing your insight, your excitement and your philosophies.

The Bardwell Scholars would like to once again extend our appreciation to all of our living legends that continue to share their lives, their careers and their exhilarating ideas.

Sharon Beauregard
Harold Washington College student,
Bardwell Scholar

Bardwell Scholars support brother and sister Daniel and Keyla Arzet

I would like to talk about how honored I am to be part of the Bardwell Scholarships. I am the fifteenth child of a family of sixteen. God has blessed my family a lot; my mom became a U. S. Citizen just recently and we are very proud of her. She is sixty-seven and this was her second year trying to pass the exam. We can see that she did not give up and had a lot of courage; she had a mission and she accomplished it.

I am very blessed and grateful for having the chance to meet John and Hedy because through them my life has changed a lot. They gave me the chance to go to school and to become someone in life. That is big, that is amazing because they provided for me when I needed financial help. I will always be grateful for them, and I know that they have helped other students and are helping many right now. I know I started this mission and will finish with the help from God.

Daniel Arzet
Harold Washington College student,
Bardwell Scholar

Education & Economics

As you can easily see, Bardwell Scholars are justly proud of their achievements. Due in large part to your generosity, we have been able to help more than 30 students in the past 5 years. However, in difficult economic times, people turn more and more to education for long and short-term solutions. Unfortunately, at the same time, the costs of the academics continue to climb. There is little, if any, financial aid available in the summer, so this is a particularly difficult time for us. This summer we are helping 12 students with tuition and books; several of these students attend private universities. Your continued financial support enables us to continue this important work.

Hedy Cohen
Administrator, Bardwell Scholarships

The Community Colleges Today

Today's community college is a far cry from the junior colleges of yesterday. Did you know that the junior college was founded right here in Illinois over 100 years ago? Joliet Junior College still uses the moniker "junior" because it was the first - opening in



Keyla and Daniel Arzet

1901. It too, however, is truly a community college as is Harold Washington College(HWC).

Did you know that community colleges enroll over 52% of all college freshmen? Over 70% of all minority persons in U.S. higher education? Today's Community Colleges are on average 62% female with the average age of students being 28.

When junior colleges sprang up, they were initially populated by academically able, ambitious students who lacked the financial resources to pay for their college education. Those students still enroll in community colleges but in much smaller numbers thanks to the advent of federal financial aid - especially the Pell Grant.

A myriad of other groups now flock to community colleges. Here at HWC they range from literacy seeking adults and immigrants wishing to learn English to senior corporate executives seeking one-on-one software training. HWC students include taxi drivers, hotel and restaurant workers, police, fire and corrections officers, social workers, and on and on. Some come for a brief workshop or a certification in everything from Food Sanitation to Microsoft Systems. Many earn an Associate Degree and transfer to universities. Others are the first in their families ever to attend any type of higher education.

This year HWC served 22,384 Chicagoans and an additional 10,626 U. S. Service members stationed overseas or along the Atlantic Coast. Demographically, HWC is 42% male, 58% female, 46% African-American, 20% White, 19% Hispanic, 12% Asian and 3% other. Our average student is 31 years old and employed; almost 40% attend classes in the evening or on weekends.

It's easy to see that community colleges in general and HWC in particular are the places to be!

John Wozniak
Vice President, Harold Washington College

**When you don't know what to buy for the person who has everything.....
Give the gift that contributes to the health and wealth of a successful society
Give the gift of education.**

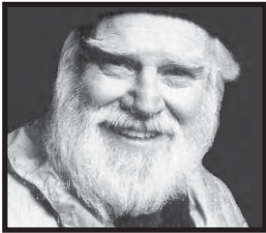
The Bardwell Scholars Fund is a 5-year-old organization helping dedicated and determined students to continue their educational pursuits. What could be more inspiring, more uplifting than contributing to the fund honoring your very special recipient? Upon receipt of your donation, the Bardwell Scholarship Fund will send a beautiful, personalized, handcrafted card to the honoree proclaiming the gift that will resonate for a lifetime.

***Give the gift of opportunity, of hope and of promise.
Contribute to the Bardwell Scholarship Fund!***

Birthdays! Anniversaries! Graduations! Births! Weddings!

Contributions, which are deductible to the extent the law allows, are always appreciated and enable us to continue this important work. Your employer may offer matching funds or contributions to nonprofit organizations.

Contributions to the Roger W. Bardwell Scholarship Fund may be made by check and sent to:



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