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HOPE GIVING CIRCLE

The HOPE Giving Circle brings together influential women of diverse backgrounds with a common goal of supporting students in achieving their educational goals and empowering them to reach their full potential. Members combine their resources to make a greater collective impact on the lives of students pursuing higher education at Harper College. Through scholarship support, mentoring, professional development opportunities and other means, the HOPE Giving Circle is committed to creating and enhancing educational and leadership opportunities.

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Dechen Atsatsang



I hope you are all enjoying the start of the New Year!

During the fall semester, as the President of Students for a Free Tibet (SFT) Chicago, I organized a Global Day of Action protest and hosted a film screening of Leaving Fear Behind. Additionally, I was fortunate to volunteer for Machik Weekend in Washington, D.C., and participate in the Youth Leadership Summit hosted by Asian Americans Advancing Justice. On campus, I had the honor of presenting

for International Education Week on the Tibetan diaspora, serving as a facilitator for the Social Transformation in Academics, Growth and Empowerment (STAGE) Spotlight Discussion series and participating in a WHCM-FM radio program on global citizenship alongside the wonderful coordinators of the Global Scholar and Social Justice Studies Distinctions. Additionally, I was recently selected as a semi-finalist for the U.S. Department of State's Critical Language Scholarship Program. Looking ahead to the spring semester, I'm actively working to establish an Amnesty International chapter on campus. I'm also finalizing my transfer applications and aiming to graduate with Global Scholar and Honors Distinctions. I want to express my deep gratitude to my incredible mentor, Melanie, and the HOPE Giving Circle for all your support and guidance!

Elda Holbrook

Dear HOPE Giving Circle Members, I hope you are keeping yourself warm. This past fall semester was one in which I learned a lot about myself and my classes, of course. Even though the nursing program at Harper is fast-paced, I was able to finish strong, especially considering all the obstacles I had to overcome healthwise. I am excited for the spring semester, not only because it is going to be the last one before graduation



but also because I will be part of an externship program holding the position of "nurse extern" in one of the biggest hospitals in Illinois, this will allow me to work hand on hand with nurses that will be mentoring me and learn more within the field. In mid-semester, I will send my application for the RN-to-BSN program to a few universities. Your help and support have made this dream possible for me; I am grateful and hope to see you again at the next event and, of course, on graduation day.

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Rachel Quiros



very excited to go into my final semester at

Harper. Along with my studies, I work part-time as a patient care technician at Alexian Brothers Medical Center, and I was truly honored to receive an award for my exceptional patient care this past fall. One only receives this award if numerous patients nominate me for my compassionate care during their hospital stay. I was truly touched by such nominations, and it solidified to me that being a nurse is my true calling. I have been busy narrowing down which schools I want to complete my BSN at, and I can't wait to apply to those schools in the early Spring. I sincerely thank the Hope Giving Circle for all of their support and generosity in making it possible to help me achieve my dream of becoming a nurse! I look forward to seeing you all at the next HOPE Event!

Annie Rosas

Hello, and happy 2024 to the HOPE
Giving Circle! I hope everyone had
an amazing holiday and is staying
warm! During the fall semester, I
finished four courses while starting
a new part-time job as a registrar at
Advocate Outpatient Center. I learned
a lot of new skills this semester when it
comes to time management and work ethic.





Julie Soliman

Hello HOPE Giving Circle members and supporters! I hope you enjoyed the beginning of the new year. The Fall 2023 semester was a busy one for me. In addition to my classes, all the clubs and a part-time job, I became the leader of the Elementary

Choir at St. Mary Coptic Orthodox

Church, which helped me make a connection with kids of every age, and I gained more leadership experience. I am proud that I finished the semester maintaining a 4.0 GPA. Since Spring 2024 is my last semester at Harper, I am working on my transfer applications. I am applying to many schools, such as the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, University of Illinois at Chicago, Loyola University Chicago, Illinois Institute of Technology, Northwestern University, Purdue University, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee/Madison and Stanford University. My biggest focus will be on transfer applications and finishing the semester strong. I will also be searching for a biomedical engineering/medical internship to get experience for my future career. I am so excited to start the next chapter of my life. I am truly grateful for being part of the HOPE community, and I hope to see you again at the next HOPE Giving Circle event!

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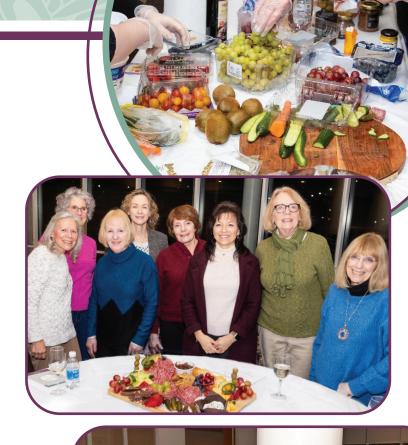
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Charcuterie Made Easy at the HOPE Winter Social

Despite the arctic blast, more than 60 members, supporters, scholarship recipients and alumni of the HOPE Giving Circle came together on January 11 for an evening of all things "charcuterie!" Guests heard updates on the HOPE Giving Circle mission followed by a "Charcuterie Made Easy" class led by Marcy Lautenan-Raleigh on how to assemble and create memorable charcuterie boards. Thank you to those who joined us for an evening of socialization and connection! See all the photos at harpercollege.edu/hope.



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Women at the Table
Breakfast and Panel Discussion

Women in the Arts

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