

Oh, the places you'll know

Finding and making the most of campus resources

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If you are registered and attending classes right now, hopefully you are already familiar with departments like Advising, Hawk's Hub (bookstore), Financial Aid, and the Bursar's office, as well as TRiO and Transfer student programs. But what else is there?

Former students have unfortunately reported attending and graduating from a complete 2-year Associate's Degree Program without ever knowing about or making use of some of the many free services available to Black Hawk College students.

The first must-know place is The Hawk's Nest, located on the 2nd Floor of building 4. It is a fun, relaxing center for students to play games, meet group or club members, eat lunch, form study groups, and much more. Subway restaurant is located up there, serving breakfast and lunch daily.



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The Hawk's Nest is also the center of Student Life sponsored activities like Club Fairs, Thanksgiving Lunch, and movie events throughout the school year. Student Life Senate members meet in the conference room for planning events and addressing student concerns. (Jana Koch is currently

running the Student Life program.)

Veterans Resource Center (Building 4, room 117) is open to all military vets transitioning to college life. They can use this space to study or relax in between classes, and network with other military vets. Marceia

Duhm is the coordinator for this program and can be reached

Career Services Center helps student and community members create a professional resume and search for student jobs at Black Hawk as well as employment throughout the surrounding community. Job boards are also located at various locations throughout campus. Career Services Center is located in Building 1 on the first floor near the library. Talk to Bruce Storey for more information.

Students with disabilities may need a variety of accommodations in the classroom. Disability Services, (located in Building 1, Room 241) will put students together to assist in these circumstances. The website defines what conditions classify a person as disabled and explains what services can be accessed. In addition, if a disabled student feels their rights have been violated in some way, please contact Susan Sacco, Disability Services Coordinator, so that the situation can be properly addressed.

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State act declares smoke-free campus

Spring 2015 semester introduced students and staff to the expectation of a smoke-free and tobacco free campus. This took effect over the summer on July 1, 2015. While this was not well received by many students, it is a law that must be enforced.

Keep in mind that this law was not at the hands of Black Hawk College, its president, board members, trustees or student leaders. Illinois Governor Pat Quinn signed Senate Bill 2202, the Smoke-free Campus Act, in August, 2014. Now it is up to all state-supported colleges to put necessary measures in place aiding students with this transition.

The BHC website has detailed information regarding prohibited smoke and tobacco products, as well as a map of areas designated to be smoke-free. Basically, any smoke or tobacco product, including e-cigarettes, are prohibited. Smoking cessation products approved by the

FDA (Food and Drug Administration) such as nicotine gum and patches, however, will be allowed.

A free app is linked to the Smoke-Free webpage for students who wish to quit smoking altogether. Students who choose this option will find free online and phone support.

Student comments will be printed in the next issue. If you would like your voice to be heard regarding this or any other issue at Black Hawk College, Speak Out!

More than "Just-a"

Recently I came across this blog post from another college that I wanted to share with readers of the Chieftain. I hope you find it inspiring as I did.

"Earlier this year at a non-profit event, I was asked what I did for the organization, and my response was, "Oh no, I'm just a volunteer." To my surprise, the inquirer leaned in close and sternly, but genuinely, told me to never say I was "just" a volunteer. I took that to heart.

"When asked where I go to school, I still find myself saying that I am "just" at a community college. I hear it from many students within the Dallas County Community Colleges, regardless of the fact that we (as well as the public) are aware of the high-quality education that we are receiving.

"DCCCD is full of well-educated professors, many with Ph.D.s, and as much as the pictures and stories depict tons of fun in college, there is much more to college than parties, popular sports teams and Greek life.

"It is time to stop saying we are "just" community college students who are "just" trying to get good grades in order to transfer to a "real" school.

"Remember, there isn't "just" one successful person to have attended a community college! We are all success stories, and we aren't "just" any one thing." --Elissa Colich, Student Blogger, DCCCD

I hope when you tell friends about your experience at Black Hawk College, you will leave out the "just-a" because your education here is just as valuable as it would be at any other college. Never belittle yourself when you do things that are important to you. You are more than a "Just-a".

Hawk on the Tweet

@kalyynnblueee If I could go to Black Hawk for college and then transfer to Oklahoma, that would be my dream for sure.

@DCNighthawk55 Excited to start this next season at Blackhawk Community College and to be a part of the tribe #Braves 🍷♦

@ghoward2013 3 days left until I am officially graduated from Black Hawk College with Massage Therapy! #thank-god #soexcited #letsdothis

@Mary_Redpath Life is good when your mom misses the payment due date for BHC so you get a call to tell you you've been dropped from all your classes

@FunnyPinoyQuote College students be like: I deserve a thing called "sleep"

@Mary_Redpath Just reregistered for BHC drunk I'd like to thank not only my mom and dad but my parents

@lex_ariff #TipsMasukU Studying hard is important and all, but knowing how and when to have fun is what makes college experience!

@OfficialTedSays Things i never learned in high school. How to: pay bills buy a house apply for college but thank god i can graph a polynomial function.

@jeremybajo College is easy, it was like riding a bike. Except the bike was on fire & the ground was on fire & everything was on fire b'coz it was hell.

@AliNicoleMong To joke someone for choosing a community college over a university to save money is ignorant

@EvanEdinger I had a weird nightmare I was back in community college and I forgot everything

@CollegeHumor High school students: Summer is over.. 🙄 College students: Are you sure I can't move in two weeks early?

Build your portfolio &
earn school credit

Work for **the Chieftain**
a student publication of Black Hawk College

Positions Available...

- Sports Writer
- Feature Writer
- News Writer
- Illustrator
- Photographer
- Graphic Designer
- Marketing / Advertising

Sign up for class
JOUR 230-001
Newspaper Production

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Many will quickly learn that life still happens as students become wrapped up in classes, homework, tests and study groups. This can become overwhelming at times, so another free service offered at Black Hawk College can be found in the Counseling Department, located in Building 1 on the 3rd Floor. Wendy Bock can be reached by phone at 309-796-5198 or by email at bockw@bhc.edu; contact Coleman Harris at 309-796-5179 or harrisc@bhc.edu.

It is recommended that students make use of this Counseling service for any issues from learning to juggle school, work, and family, to more serious issues like domestic violence, depression or sexual assault. All conversations with these counselors will be kept confidential. Referrals will be made to outside agencies if deemed necessary by the counselor.

Free Tutoring is available in the Student Success Center in Building 1, located below the library. Walk-in hours are Monday through Friday from 9am-1pm and cover math, writing, and CS100. Tutoring help for science can be found in Building 2, Room 210.

If you need help with a different class, contact the tutoring department by calling 309-796-5138 to request assistance in a particular subject, or to schedule tutoring outside of normal walk-in hours.

The Independent Learning Center, or ILC, is supplied with computers that students can use for online coursework or to type papers and do other homework for any class. Appointments are not needed for this free computer lab use. They will be assigned on a first come, first serve basis. A testing center for both paper and computerized tests is also available in the ILC. For more information and hours of service, call (309) 796-5170.

A healthy lifestyle can help contribute to students' learning ability. For that reason, the Quad City Fitness Center is available free to students and staff members of Black Hawk College. Equipment available includes cardio, free weights, and circuit training along with indoor and outdoor walking/running tracks. Located in Building 3 on the 1st Floor, the Fitness Center is open Monday through Friday from 8am to 6pm. Students will need to bring and show their ID in

order to use this free service.

Water exercise, swim school, and open swim times are available at the Aquatics Center. The pool area can also be rented out for birthday parties or other events. For rates and hours, call 309-796-5601 or visit the website.

Safety of students and faculty members is a high priority at Black Hawk College. The Campus Police are located in Building 3, Room 315. If you have been hurt or assaulted in some way, call 309-796-5913. Other services offered through the campus police department include information about emergency response protocol for various situations such as severe weather, shooting threat, and medical emergencies. Please take the time to read this information so you will be prepared and know what to do no matter what emergency might come up.

Various groups and clubs are available through Student Life to help students find other students with similar likes and interests. It is highly recommended to join at least one group to help maintain a balance in your day to day life. Studies are important. Work is important. So is positive down time.

There will be a club fair on August 27th to help you become acquainted with the various clubs and groups that have already formed. If you have an interest shared with other people and would like to create a group, Student Life can help you with that as well.

Other student resources are available through the Black Hawk Website.

- Student Handbook
- Student Right to Know
- Various Documents & Forms
- How to get a copy of your Transcript
- Sports
- Events/Calendar

Finally, be sure to make use of myBlackhawk. When you log in, you have access to college announcements, class schedule, library information and much more.

Make it your priority to educate yourself on the many resources available to help you at Black Hawk College.

How Black Hawk students are part of this student publication

There are many ways that student voices can be heard. One is to speak up through this paper. A new feature to begin in September will be a "Speak-Out" section where any student can comment on any topic they want. This can be a controversial issue, class related, college related, world issues, sports, and even comments about articles printed in the Chieftain.

Perhaps you have a story idea. Email the staff at chieftain@bhc.edu with your idea and we will do what we can to include it. We would like to do features on extra-ordinary students or situations that can be inspiring to others. We can also cover community issues or events that might be relevant to college life.

We will continue with the popular "Hawk on the Tweet" segment. To have your Tweet featured in the paper, use #BHC,

#BHC_Chieftain, #BlackHawk, or tweet directly to the Chieftain twitter account: @BHC_Chieftain.

Last semester we started an advice column called "Ask Aunt Helga". She will continue to offer advice to students as long as questions come in for her. They can be sent to the email address chieftain@bhc.edu or students can use the comment box outside of the Chieftain office located in Building 4, Room 116.

Speak-out, Hawk on the Tweet, story ideas, and Aunt Helga questions can also be posted on our facebook page "ChieftainBHC".

Look for the Chieftain table at the Club Fair coming up August 27th from 11am-1pm in the Hawk's Nest.

Calendar Snapshot

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Upcoming Events:				
• Club/Organization Fair sponsored by Student Life - August 27th from 11:00am to 1:00pm in the Hawk's Nest, Building 4, second floor. Come to see what clubs and groups currently exist that you can be a part of. If and other students have interest in starting a group, see one of the Student Life members. They can help you get started.				
• Self Defense Training sponsored by Student Life - September 8th from 11am-1pm in the Hawk's Nest, 4, second floor.				
• Movie event sponsored by the Film Club - Sept 10th from 12:30-2:30 in the Student Life Center, Building 4, second floor next to the Hawk's Nest.				
• Movie event sponsored by the Film Club - Sept 11th from 1:00-3:00pm in the Student Life Center, Building 4, second floor next to the Hawk's Nest.				



Peter Pustejovsky, Guest Cartoonist

Campus Map

