

## Harper College Facts of Distinction

- In 2009, Harper set the goal to meet President Obama's challenge to community colleges to produce an additional 5 million graduates by the year 2020. To do its part, Harper needed to produce an additional 10,604 degrees and certificates on top of what was projected. We met that goal in May of 2017, 3 years ahead of schedule.
- Harper was awarded the Achieving the Dream Award in 2016 in recognition of its student success agenda. One result of these efforts was the increase in graduation rate from 14% in 2010 to 28.41% in 2016.
- Harper partnered with local high schools to improve placement in college-level courses. The increase in incoming freshmen enrolling in college-level math, from 45.8% to 73.3%, is an example of one of our successes.
- Harper's Promise Program enables local high school students to earn their tuition at Harper by meeting certain requirements throughout high school. Our first group of Promise scholars will be matriculating at Harper in 2019.
- In 2017, the Illinois Community College Trustees Association (ICCTA) awarded Harper the Equity and Diversity Award. The award recognizes exemplary commitment by the College to achieving diversity, equity, and inclusion in our educational programs. Example initiatives include One Million Degrees, Fast Track, Summer Scholars, and the Promise Program.
- Sound financial planning and budgeting policies have allowed Harper to maintain a balanced budget while fully funding our educational programs. This has allowed us to maintain a Moody's Aaa bond rating.