

# COLUMBIA COLLEGE HOLLYWOOD

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Ginger Ostro  
Executive Director  
Illinois Board of Higher Education  
1 N. Old State Capitol Plaza  
Suite 333  
Springfield, IL 62701-1377

Dear Ms. Ostro,

Columbia College Hollywood will be closing its Flashpoint Chicago branch campus at the end of the summer 2022 quarter. Operations will cease on or before September 26, 2022.

Columbia College Hollywood (CCH) is a regionally accredited independent nonprofit liberal arts college. It was founded in 1952 as a branch campus of Columbia College Chicago to serve the growing film and television industry in Los Angeles. CCH separated from the Chicago college in 1957 and has been an independent institution since.

Over its 70 year history, CCH has remained true to its original vision of providing the entertainment industry with highly trained professionals with problem solving and critical thinking skills necessary to thrive. CCH is accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). The college has no specialized accreditations.

Tribeca Flashpoint Academy was founded in 2007 as a for profit creative media college with a practical, hands-on approach to learning. Over the next eleven years, the school expanded its program offerings, obtained national accreditation through ACICS, and became Tribeca Flashpoint College.

In 2016, CCH found a kindred spirit in Tribeca Flashpoint College (TFC): two institutions aligned on the importance of student centered, real-world, hands-on education in creative media taught by industry professionals and enhanced by an exploration of the liberal arts. CCH was granted degree granting authority by the IBHE in December 2016. In March 2018, CCH formally acquired TFC as a branch campus, to be known as Flashpoint Chicago, a Campus of Columbia College Hollywood. The Flashpoint Chicago campus became part of a regionally accredited, independent, nonprofit liberal arts college.

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The Chicago campus is licensed and approved for the following programs by WSCUC and the IBHE:

Associate of Fine Arts in Design and Visual Communication  
Associate of Fine Arts in Visual Effects and Animation  
Associate of Applied Science in Film  
Associate of Science in Recording Arts  
Bachelor of Arts in Postproduction  
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Cinema  
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Graphic Design + Interactive Media  
Bachelor of Fine Arts in Visual Effects  
Bachelor of Science in Digital Marketing

None of these programs require licensure or specialized accreditation.

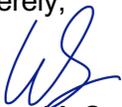
The Los Angeles campus will remain in operation and continue offering degrees in creative media. Student records from the Chicago campus are stored digitally in the Campus Nexus student information system that is shared by both campuses and are therefore will be readily accessible. Because it is used by the LA campus, the Campus Nexus system will stay active after the Chicago campus closure allowing CCH real time access to records. Physical files will be shipped to Los Angeles as necessary at the time of closure.

Transcripts and diplomas are available through the Parchment Exchange document system at <https://www.parchment.com/u/registration/35122/institution>. Students seeking transcripts, diplomas, or enrollment verification, or other information can contact also the college registrar at [registrar@columbiacollege.edu](mailto:registrar@columbiacollege.edu) or on the college's web site at <https://columbiacollege.edu/career-and-alumni/alumni/request-official-transcript/>. No students are subject to financial or academic "holds" and therefore all records are available upon request in compliance with 23 IL Administrative Code.

Copies of transcripts will be provided to the Illinois Board of Higher Education as a backup to the records provided by Parchment.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you require any additional information. You can reach me at 818 345 8414 or [bsmith@columbiacollege.edu](mailto:bsmith@columbiacollege.edu). (While we are still operating in a partially remote mode, email is the preferred form of communication.)

Sincerely,



William M. Smith  
President & CEO