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Welcome back, everyone! Happy New Year from all of us at STRIVE. We hope you had a great break, and are excited to have you back for a great Spring 2017 semester. There are some important details to pay attention to this month as you settle back into your routines: please read carefully below for information about upcoming scholarship deadlines, STRIVE Program Day, the new monthly STRIVE Social Hour, Add/Drop dates, and how to order your textbooks.



## STRIVE Program Day is January 17, 2017

New STRIVE students: please join us for STRIVE Program Day, a mandatory orientation session for students who are new to the STRIVE program. **Tuesday, January 17, 2017, 10:00am to 2:00pm, DON 254.** Lunch will be provided. Please confirm your attendance with Raisa at 552-2505 or [ramirova@hcc.edu](mailto:ramirova@hcc.edu). \*Snow cancellation date is January 19, 2017, 10am-2pm in DON354.

ORDER YOUR  
TEXTBOOKS



### Books for SPRING 2017

Beginning with Intersession and Spring 2017, students will **need to order textbooks online** through HCC's partner, MBS Direct. MBS Direct will offer **free shipping** on purchases over \$99 from January 12th - January 26th. For **more information**, visit the bookstore online at [www.hcc.edu/bookstore](http://www.hcc.edu/bookstore).

**ALSO: Please note that due to the Campus Center renovations, the College Store is now located at DON 154.**

### Two upcoming scholarships with February 1 deadlines.

The **Big Y Foods, Inc.** scholarship supports students who have demonstrated academic merit and achievement. More details, including how to apply, can be found on the STRIVE Facebook and STRIVE moodle, as well as here: [http://www.bigy.com/global/misc/forms/ScholApp2013\\_web.pdf](http://www.bigy.com/global/misc/forms/ScholApp2013_web.pdf). The **Massachusetts High Demand Scholarship** is designed to support community college students studying in the **STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math)** disciplines. For more information, check the STRIVE Facebook and Moodle. Applications for both are due February 1, so act soon!





## Need Help with the FAFSA?

The Financial Aid office offers workshops to help students file their FAFSAs. The **filing deadline** for the FAFSA is **May 1, 2017**. And don't forget that you can report your income from the previous year. So, that means that **for the 2017-2018 FAFSA, you will report your 2015**

**income information.** Workshop dates and locations for the spring semester will be announced soon. **For more information, visit:**

<http://www.hcc.edu/admission/paying-for-college/financial-aid/fafsa-workshops>



### A Reminder About Add/Drop:

January 23-26 is the last change to make changes to your Spring semester schedule!



**Last but not least, please join us for STRIVE Social Hour on Wednesday, Feb. 8! This is a monthly event for STRIVE students to connect and get to know each other. We'll meet in DON 368 from 11:00am to 12:15pm.**

Join STRIVE on Moodle! Go to: <http://www.hcc.edu/student-services/support-at-hcc/strive> to self-enroll and get important STRIVE announcements and updates.