



HOLYOKE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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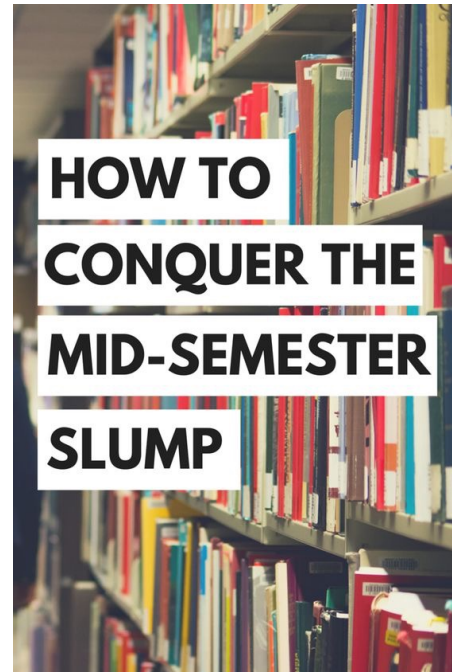
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Dear STRIVE Students,

It's March: the time of year when we are all ready for the warmer weather, midterms are upon you, and it feels like all you can do is count the days until spring break. This is the point in the spring semester when its all too easy to lose your motivation: don't let it happen! We've got some great **social events** this month for you to connect with your fellow STRIVE students, and some exciting **scholarship opportunities** that you shouldn't miss! Check in at the STRIVE office and ask about getting a **learning coach** to help you manage your time, a **writing tutor** to help with your scholarship essay or mid-term papers, or a **math tutor** to help you get ready for those exams! Your STRIVE counselors and tutors are here to help you **stay on track**. So give it everything you've got this month, and spring will be here before you know it!

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, March 8: STRIVE Social Hour. 11:00-12:15, DON368
- Wednesday, March 22: STRIVE Meet & Greet. 11:00-12:30, DON Lobby/CAPS
- March 13-17: SPRING BREAK!
- March 21-31: Math075 Mini Prep Course, 2:30-6:00pm. Sign up in DON240
- March 22-April 10: Priority Registration for Fall 2017
- March 22: Scholarship deadline for HCC Foundation
- March 31: Scholarship deadline for Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts



There are two great scholarship opportunities with deadlines this month: The **Holyoke Community College Foundation Scholarship** has over \$200,000 in scholarship funds for new, current, and transferring students: one of them could be you! The deadline to apply is March 22. Access the application here: <http://www.hcc.edu/the-hcc-foundation/scholarships>

The **Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts Scholarship** deadline is March 31. Apply online at <http://www.hcc.edu/the-hcc-foundation/scholarships>



And don't forget that you'll need your completed FAFSA in order to apply for scholarships! The Financial Aid office is offering four FAFSA workshops in March:

Wednesday, March 8: 10:00-11:00am in FR151

Monday, March 13: 9:30-10:30 in KC418

Monday, March 20: 1:00-2:00pm in FR151

Monday, March 27, 4:00-5:30pm in KC220



Need help filing your taxes?

THRIVE is working with the Valley Opportunity Council to offer **free tax preparation** (for simple returns) until April 14. Find out more at <http://www.hcc.edu/student-services/support-at-hcc/>

This month's STRIVE Social Hour is Wednesday , March 8

This is a monthly event for STRIVE students to connect and get to know each other.

We'll meet in DON 368 from 11:00-12:15.

Light snacks will be available.

