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PHI THETA KAPPA HONOR SOCIETY

Please join us in congratulating STRIVE students **Maria Lanee Jahn** (top), **Julie Ortiz** (middle), and **Savannah Veznia** on their induction to the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society.

This year's induction ceremony took place on Thursday, October 25, at 6:30pm. Phi Theta Kappa is the world's largest and most prestigious honor society for two-year colleges.



SAVE THE DATE!

- In observance of Veteran's Day, there will be no classes on Monday, November 12.
- The last day to withdraw from full-term day, evening and/or on-line classes is **Tuesday, November 20, 6:00 p.m.** In order to withdraw from a class, students must come to the Student Records Office (Frost 221) to fill out, sign, and submit the withdrawal form.
- **Social Hours** this month will be **Wednesday, 11/14** from 11am-12pm in DON340, and **Thursday, 11/15** from 1pm-2pm in DON171.
- **Priority Registration** for Spring 2019 runs through November 9th. Register now to make sure you get the classes you need, and the schedule you want!
- **Math Mini-Prep** classes for MTH085 will be held Nov. 5-16, and MTH095 will be held Nov. 27-Dec. 7, both in DON152, from 2:30-6:00pm. Sign up in the Math Center, DON 246.
- Campus will be closed November 22, 23, and 24 for the Thanksgiving break.

Supporting and Celebrating Our Students!

STRIVE staff attended the 34th annual Massachusetts Educational Opportunity Association Conference on October 19 at UMass Lowell. Founded in 1984, the Massachusetts Educational Opportunity Association (MEOA) is a non-profit organization of educators, policy makers and other professionals committed to supporting TRIO programs like STRIVE, and making educational opportunities accessible to students from disadvantaged backgrounds.

At this year's conference, STRIVE student Adam Abdelrahman was one of five students who were awarded a scholarship for demonstrating the ability to overcome great obstacles and attain educational excellence. Adam delivered a moving speech, in which he highlighted the hardships he has endured and overcame, and thanked the STRIVE staff for supporting and motivating him. Congratulations, Adam!



PICTURED, FROM LEFT: EKEOMA IBE (STRIVE ALUM), ADAM ABDELRAHMAN, DENISE ROY, ELSIE RODRIGUEZ-GARCIA, MONIQUE NELSON, ITHAR SHEIKH ELDING GABRIEL



The **Big Y Scholarship** has awarded over \$4.5 million to 5,900 students since the beginning of the program. The application opens **November 1**, and runs through February 1. You can find their online application here: <https://www.bigy.com/Community/Scholarships>

Financial Aid, STRIVE and the THRIVE Center have teamed up to bring information to you about credit.

With the professional knowledge of Kim Downing from Luso Federal Credit Union you'll learn about utilizing credit and when to take on debt to help you keep your finances in good order. Light refreshments will be served. Please come join us on **Thursday, November 15** from 11:00 to noon in DON 340.



Stay tuned for more information on a STRIVE group trip to HCC's performance of Lin Manuel Miranda's "In The Heights." Before his "Hamilton" became a Broadway phenomenon, Lin-Manuel Miranda wrote "In the Heights," a Tony-award winning musical celebrating Hispanic culture, music and dance.

The Holyoke Community College Theater Department, in collaboration with Mount Holyoke College, will bring "In the Heights" to the stage for a full-scale production in HCC's Leslie Philips Theater. The show will be performed seven times over two weekends, Nov. 8-10, and Nov. 15-17. Show times are 7 p.m. each night with a 2 p.m. matinee on Sat., Nov. 10.



TRANSFER TRIPS

STRIVE students on the UMass Amherst Transfer Trip on October 21. Pictured, from left to right: Hector Espinal, Elijah Burston-Lyles, Mark Fleming, Sierra Palazzi.

These students had the opportunity to tour the campus, connect with representatives from Admissions, and learn more about the UMass Amherst experience.

Just a reminder that the **Health Insurance Waiver deadline is: November 26** Students can do this via Online Services by following the link below. If you need assistance, please contact Student Accounts at 413.552.2101.
<https://www.gallagherstudent.com/students/student-home.php?idField=1200>



*And finally, don't forget to take some time to relax and have fun this month! **Come join us for Financial Wellness Game Day on WEDNESDAY, November 14TH, 2018 11:00AM-12:15PM IN FROST 309** for a game of Jeopardy. Sponsored by the Financial Aid office; light refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!*



STRIVE invites you to come celebrate First Generation Day

November 8, 2018 marks the 53 anniversary of the signing of the 1965 Higher Education Act (HEA), which has helped millions of low-income students become the first members of their families to earn college degrees.

In addition to celebrating first-generation students, this event is intended to bring campus and community awareness to the prevalence of first-generation students currently enrolled in higher education and the outstanding contributions these students are making to society.

Join us as we celebrate students who are the first in their family to attend college! Students, staff, and faculty are welcome to stop by to get a free button and some treats.

When: Thursday, November 8th

Where: DON 240 (In front of the STRIVE Offices)

Time: 10:00am to 2:00pm

For more information, visit:

<https://firstgen.naspa.org/events/2018-first-generation-college-celebration>