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Happy December, STRIVE students! Congratulations on reaching the end of your semester: we hope that you get to enjoy a well-deserved holiday break very soon!

Read on for information on the last **STRIVE Social Hours** of the semester, along with news about **scholarships**, HCC's **final exam schedule**, important dates for the intersession and spring semester to put into your calendars (including **Program Day**, which is mandatory for new STRIVE students), and how to get involved in HCC's 2018 **Giving Tree** Campaign this holiday season.

Remember that your STRIVE counselors and STRIVE staff will be on campus over the January Intersession, between the holiday break and the campus reopening for Spring 2019 on January 28.

Wishing you a great final few days of the semester, and a wonderful break with friends and family: know that we are proud of you and all your hard work!

## IMPORTANT DATES AND THINGS TO REMEMBER!

- \* The final **STRIVE Social Hour** of the fall semester will be **December 5th 11-12 in DON 340** - we'll be focusing on looking ahead to the new year, setting goals, and creating vision boards
- \* **Intersession** classes begin **Jan. 3, 2019**
- \* Financial aid book advances will be available for ALL Intersession and Spring 2019 courses beginning **Monday Dec. 10**. If you are eligible for a financial aid book advance you will receive an email from MBS Direct with instructions and a book advance ID to order.
- \* **Math Mini Prep** courses will be held over winter break. MTH 075, MTH 085, and MTH 095 will all be held **January 8 through January 18, from 9:00am to 12:30pm**.  
Registration deadline is **December 21**; sign up in the CAPS Center (DON 240) or the Math Center (DON 246)



### The 2018 HCC Giving Tree Campaign

will wrap up on Thursday, December 13. Through the 19th annual Giving Tree Campaign, gifts purchased by members of the HCC community will support children, elders, and veterans at five local nonprofit agencies: the Massachusetts Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, Enlace de Familias, WestMass Elder Care, the Holyoke Soldiers Home, and Homework House. Agencies will be present to pick up their gifts, and refreshments will be served. Hope to see you there!

**Thursday, Dec. 13, 2018**  
**10:00 am-12:00 pm**  
**KC 301**

*The Fall 2018 FINAL EXAM SCHEDULE can be found by clicking [here](http://www.hcc.edu/courses-and-programs/academic-calendar/final-exam-schedule), or by visiting <http://www.hcc.edu/courses-and-programs/academic-calendar/final-exam-schedule>.*

## **SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY!**

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



**STRIVE Students with the Power Pyramids they created at STRIVE's November's workshops on finding your strengths, and resiliency, facilitated by STRIVE Learning Coach, Louise Hurwitz.**

# STRIVE PROGRAM DAY...

...Will be held on Thursday, January 10, 2019 from 9:00am to 2:00pm in KC 301. This is a mandatory meeting for all STRIVE students who entered the program during the Summer 2018 and Fall 2018 semesters. Please confirm your attendance with Raisa by Friday, January 4, 2019 at 552-2505 or [ramirova@hcc.edu](mailto:ramirova@hcc.edu).



Check your HCC email and your STRIVE instagram for more updates and details.



In November, STRIVE participated in First Generation Day, where we celebrated our students who are the first in their family to attend college. Here are some of the great moments captured from that event!

