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A WELCOME MESSAGE FROM STRIVE DIRECTOR, ELSIE RODRIGUEZ-GARCIA.

"Welcome back new and returning STRIVE students! I hope you all enjoyed a summer full of adventure, relaxation, fun and quality time with family and friends!

As you embark on the 2018-2019 academic year, make sure you take advantage of the many academic support services available to you through the STRIVE program as well as the campus community. I further encourage you to get involved in the various college activities, clubs, events, and networking opportunities. **Get Educated, Inspired, and Connected!** Your college experience defines your academic success and STRIVE staff will be here to support you every step of the way. See you all soon!"



Financial Aid book advances are available starting August 13 through September 21. Students receiving a book advance will receive an email in their HCC email account with the voucher ID# that is needed to order books online. The online bookstore can be accessed here:
<https://www.hcc.edu/student-life/college-store>

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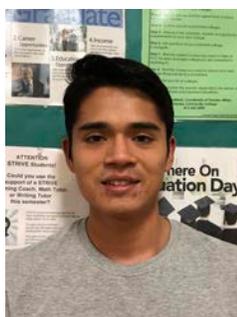


MEET YOUR STRIVE TUTORS AND LEARNING COACHES!



Amy DiCaprio is a Professional Writing Tutor who joined the STRIVE team in 2016. She also writes the STRIVE newsletter. She loves teaching and tutoring, and is a lifelong learner. *"Do not be afraid to ask for help. Nobody gets through college on their own."* -Michelle Obama

Nancy Nelkin has been working with STRIVE since 2004. "I enjoy meeting students and supporting them to do their best at HCC. I love to see students grow and use their newfound skills to be more independent and successful." *"Discipline is remembering what you wanted."*
-David Campbell



Oscar Vidal Rubio has been a peer math tutor for STRIVE since 2016. He enjoys helping fellow students build their confidence in math. *"Life is a math equation. In order to gain the most, you have to know how to convert the negatives into positives."*

Aida is a Professional Math Tutor. "I'm so proud to be part of the STRIVE family and helping students in Math and Statistics both in English and Spanish. I find it very special to have the opportunity to be part of their life as a HCC student. *"Nothing is easy, Nothing is impossible...Look for help...because there is always an option"*



Kleber Bonilla is from Ecuador, and graduated from HCC in the summer of 2018 with an Associates Degree in Science. Kleber says, "I've had my own share of victories and failures. The important thing to always keep in mind in both cases is to always move forward. If you cruise through tough things, kudos to you. But if you trip and fall, you've got to get up, shake it off, and keep moving forward." *"I was born not knowing, and have had only a little time to change that here and there."* -Richard P. Feynman

Charles Bonar is a STRIVE writing tutor. He graduated from UMass Amherst in 2013 with a degree in World Cinema, and is currently pursuing a second Bachelor's degree in Computer Engineering. *"Go the distance!"*



Rodrigo Valdiviezo Salazar joins the STRIVE team this semester. *"The purpose of life is to live a life with a purpose, but we must struggle to create our own purpose in rebellion of the fear of failure."*

Ibrahim Coban is a Peer Math Tutor. *"Math may be hard or boring but you are not alone in dealing with it."*



If you're interested in setting up an appointment with a STRIVE Tutor or Learning Coach, please talk to Raisa in DON 240. We are looking forward to working with you, and helping you reach your goals!



Keep an eye on your inboxes for upcoming news about STRIVE Social Hours, scholarship opportunities, and our schedule of workshops this semester!

In the meantime, your STRIVE Counselors would like to remind you to set up appointments with them within the first few weeks of the semester to check in and map out your goals for the fall.