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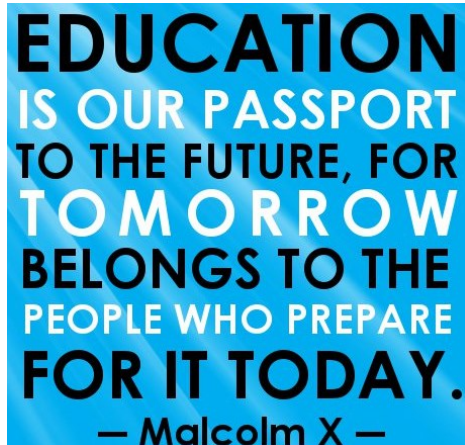
**Welcome back and Happy New Year STRIVE Students!**

*We hope your winter break was relaxing, enjoyable, and full of wonderful memories shared with family and friends.*

As we begin the Spring Semester, we would like to remind you that we are here to support you every step of the way! Connect with your STRIVE Counselor; there is a lot of great stuff happening this semester that we do not want you to miss out on. The journey to success is shaped by your determination, ambition, and perseverance to succeed. Let's make this Spring Semester an exciting and memorable learning experience.

For those new students who recently joined our STRIVE community, we encourage you to take advantage of the various services that we offer to help you achieve your academic goals. STRIVE offers many support services and opportunities to network and assist you along your journey to success.

***Get inspired, get involved, and get connected!***



**EDUCATION  
IS OUR PASSPORT  
TO THE FUTURE, FOR  
TOMORROW  
BELONGS TO THE  
PEOPLE WHO PREPARE  
FOR IT TODAY.  
— Malcolm X —**

**IMPORTANT DATES:**

HCC Foundation  
Scholarship application  
process begins on  
**February 4th**. The  
deadline to apply is  
**March 20th**.

Community Foundations  
of Western  
Massachusetts  
Scholarship application  
is **open now**. The  
deadline is **March 31st**.

**Monday, February 18th**  
the college will be  
closed for President's  
Day. **Tuesday class will  
follow a Monday  
schedule**.

UMASS Amherst On-site  
Admissions Day,  
**February 20th, 9:00  
a.m. to 3:00 p.m.** at the  
Advising Center, FR 273  
Contact your STRIVE  
Counselor for details!

**STRIVE Social Hour**

**When:** Thursday, February 14, 2019

**Time:** 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** Donahue 171

Come celebrate **Valentine's Day** with the **STRIVE** community!

Decorate cookies, focus on self-love by writing a valentine/positive affirmation for yourself! **PIZZA provided!**

**Spread the word about STRIVE!**

Together we can help inform the HCC community about STRIVE and all the great services we provide!

Word of mouth is our greatest advertisement. Come join us at one of our **Tabling Events:**

**When:** Tuesday, February 5, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** DON, CAPS

**When:** Thursday, February 7, 2019

**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Transfer Workshops**

**STRIVE** has the information you need to get you on the right path to success. **The priority deadline for MassTransfer is March 1, 2019!**

Come join us at one of our transfer workshops to make sure you've got everything you need!

**When:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019

**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**Where:** DON 368

**When:** Thursday, February 21, 2019

**Time:** 1 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** DON 252



## **Scholarship Workshops**

Come learn how to take advantage of the essential opportunities scholarships can offer  
**YOU!**

The cost of college continues to grow; it is important that you familiarize yourself with how scholarships work and how you can apply for them.

This workshop will offer an overview on the application process of scholarships offered through the HCC foundation and the Community Foundation of Western Massachusetts.

*We hope to see you there!*

**When:** Thursday, February 28, 2019

**Time:** 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

**Where:** KC 418



# FINANCIAL AID

It is **IMPORTANT** that you renew your FAFSA! The deadline is **May 1st** BUT....You will need your Student Aid Report (SAR) to apply for scholarships this spring!



## **ASK a Tutor or Learning Coach!**

**Need Help?** Now is the time to set yourself up for success!

**STRIVE** offers our students the opportunity to meet weekly with math tutors, writing tutors, and learning coaches to help you meet your goals.

**Contact:** Raisa Amirova to help you get started!





**Congratulations to all the STRIVE students who were  
on the DEAN's List in Fall 2018!**

Adam Yagoub Abdelrahman

Alia Shukri Alabsi

Brandon L Bass

Mandy Cintron Bennett

Indra Kumari Budathoki

Trent F Byers

Michael Cheng

Sara Clausell

Christopher Domingo Coburn

Sara Mae Darbyshire

Sumeyye Eevli

Shayla Taina Escobar

Hector Luis Espinal

Valeria Angelick Flores

Alyssa Garcia

Ricardo Garcia Jr.

Sandra Hernandez

Kailynn Kingsley

Cody Todd Lancto

Sabrina Patrice McCloud

Christopher John Miller

Omar Mustafa

Felicita Ann Nieves

Aliana Marie Olmeda

Julie Marie Ortiz

Sierra Marie Palazzi

George A Pouloupoulos Jr

Kaylynne Marie Rivera

Liuginsa A Rosa

Kiana Imes Sanchez

Ann Louise Schoolcraft

Megan Elizabeth Sullivan

Margaret Sullivan

Michael Patrick Sweet

Bianca Thomas-Humphries

Omar Torres

Rodrigo Alonso Valdiviezo Salazr

Savannah Vezina

Nathan Luke Wyrwal

## **HCC Event Announcements:**



**Seamless Thread:** The structural foundations of mass incarceration

Rahsaan D. Hall, Director, Racial Justice Program  
Massachusetts ACLU

**When:** Wednesday, February 13, 2019,

**Time:** 11:00am – 12:15pm

**Where:** Holyoke Community College Library  
*Access via C-Print Captioning provided*

### **Additional Information:**

**Summer 2019 employment Opportunity at Northfield Mount Hermon TRIO Upward Bound Program.**

NMH Upward Bound is looking to hire residential staff for their 6-week summer academy. It is an AmeriCorps position that includes a \$2,500 stipend, room, board, and \$1,500 education award upon successful completion. For the position description and application, please contact:

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**Happy Valentine's Day**

**From all of us at**

**STRIVE!**

