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 —
**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!**

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**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.

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**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

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**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!
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 Elevli
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
Felicta Ann Nieves
Aliana Marie Olmeda
Julie Marie Ortiz
Sierra Marie Palazzi
George A Poulopoulos 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 Wytrwal
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:

Breyana Roman, Asst. Director and Spfld Academic Counselor
Upward Bound
Northfield Mount Hermon
One Lamplighter Way, Mount Hermon, MA 01354
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Happy Valentine’s Day
From all of us at STRIVE!