And just like that you’re back! We hope you had a restful and exciting break, sharing many memorable moments with family and friends. Taking time to reenergize is essential for mental stimulation resulting in optimal performance. As a STRIVE student, excellence is what you achieve, perseverance is what gets you there! STRIVE will provide you with the help and support needed to achieve your academic goals!

Reach out to your STRIVE Counselor, ask questions, seek services, connect yourself with resources, take advantage of workshops, 4-yr college transfer trips, and social hour networking opportunities with peers, most importantly be an active player on your journey to success.

“IF YOU CAN’T FLY THEN RUN, IF YOU CAN’T RUN THEN WALK, IF YOU CAN’T WALK THEN CRAWL, BUT WHATEVER YOU DO YOU HAVE TO KEEP MOVING FORWARD.”

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Monday, February 17 is President’s Day, and the campus will be closed.

Tuesday, February 18 all classes will follow a Monday schedule.

University of Massachusetts Amherst is having an On-the-Spot Admissions day. February 26, 9am – 3pm ACT Center (CC 103). Visit https://yes.umass.edu/portal/holyoke_visits to register.

HCC Foundation Scholarship application process is now open. The deadline to apply is March 25th.

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

The priority deadline for MassTransfer is March 1! Come to one of our transfer workshops to make sure you’ve got everything you need!

Now is the time to set yourself up for success this semester: STRIVE continues to offer our students the opportunity for weekly appointments with math tutors, writing tutors, and learning coaches to help you meet your goals this semester. Please go to http://bit.ly/STRIVETutorRequest to submit a request for a tutor or learning coach!

STRIVE Social Hour
When: Thursday, February 13, 2020
Time: 1:00 - 2:00 p.m.
Where: Campus Center 227H

Come celebrate Valentine’s Day with the STRIVE community! Focus on self-love by writing a valentine/positive affirmation for yourself and enjoy some sweet treats!

Word of mouth is our greatest advertisement! Tell your friends about all the great services they could be receiving if they were a STRIVE student. Students can go to www.hcc.edu/STRIVE to get an application and learn about all the support services for students who are first generation to college, low-income, or have a documented disability. They can also stop by DON 240 to complete an application.
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!

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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, 2020!**

Come join us at one of our transfer workshops to learn more about the transfer process!

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**When:** Thursday, February 20, 2020  
**Time:** 1:00 to 2:00 p.m.  
**Where:** DON 303  
(2nd floor of the library)

**When:** Monday, February 24, 2020  
**Time:** 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.  
**Where:** DON 303  
(2nd floor of the library)

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Have questions???
Ask your STRIVE Counselor!
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL THE STRIVE STUDENTS WHO MADE THE DEAN’S LIST IN FALL 2019!

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Jennifer Stiles
Margaret Sullivan
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Zadia Valenze
Olivia White
Nathan Wytrwal

Be proud of yourself
Financial Aid

Book Advance

Financial aid book advances are available for Spring 2020 courses. All books must now purchased online through Barnes & Noble College, HCC's new textbook vendor. Books can be picked up in the College Store in the Campus Center or shipped to your home for an added fee. To make purchases using financial aid, you will need your student ID, HCC email and your course schedule. Staff will be available in the College Store to assist students making purchases.

You can access HCC's virtual bookstore at: hcc.bncollege.com or hcc.edu/collegestore


Start where you are
Use what you have
Do what you can

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We are sending you wishes for a very Happy Valentine's Day, from all of us at STRiVE. As we celebrate love, in all of its forms, don't forget to take the time to love yourself this semester!
The Black History Month Planning Committee invites you to attend the many events happening on and off campus for Black History Month. Please add the events to your calendar, and encourage others to attend! You can read more about the events at www.hcc.edu/bhm.

**Feb. 12, 9 - 10:30 a.m. & Feb. 18, 3 – 4:30 p.m.**
Workshop: "What's the 19th Century Got to Do With Our Views on Race Today?"
Center for Excellence (FR 265)

**Feb. 13, 5 – 8 p.m.**
HCC Community Night: "Black Refractions" Exhibit
Smith College Museum of Art, Northampton (Always FREE with HCC ID!)

**Feb. 19, 10 – 11 a.m.**
Performance: History of Black Gospel Music
FPA 137

**Feb. 19, 11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**
Screening: *Chisholm '72: Unbought & Unbossed*
Leslie Phillips Theater

**Feb. 26, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.**
Black-Owned Business Showcase
Campus Center 2nd floor Lobby

**Feb. 27, 11 a.m. – 1 p.m.**
Black Heritage Food Fest
Leslie Phillips Theater Lobby
Financial Aid Labs
HCC's Financial Aid Office is holding workshops to help HCC students. Gather your information and join us for one of the sessions so you can receive expert assistance with:

- FSA ID Creation
- Filing FAFSA for 2019-2020 OR 2020-2021
- Loan Requirements: Entrance counseling, master promissory notes, and loan requests
- HCC Online Services: View, accept, and decline awards

If you still need help filing your FAFSA please go to one of the labs below:

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Scholarship Essay Workshops
The Writing Center is offering workshops to help you prepare your scholarship essays. Workshops require no sign-up and are free to all students. Also, in addition to the workshops, the Writing Center DON 238 offers walk-in assistance for the essay portion of the application process. The Writing Center Hours are

**M-Th 9am-6pm / Fri 9am - 2pm / Sat. 10am - 2pm.**

**Schedule of Scholarship Essay Workshops**

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