IMPORTANT NEWS!
HCC STRIVE will now go by its nationally known historic name:
TRIO Student Support Services (SSS)

New month, New intentions, New discoveries, New YOU!

Making college work these days takes determination, motivation, and perseverance. Managing homework, family life, and work responsibilities requires a continued level of commitment and support. TRIO SSS is here for YOU!

Now is the time to connect with your TRIO Counselor and set yourself up to achieve academic success. The journey is always better when it’s taken together. We Got You!
**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Monday, October 12,  
Columbus Day: HOLIDAY  
(Campus Closed)

Tuesday, October 13,  
All Classes follow a  
Monday Schedule

Thursday, October 15,  
MassTransfer Preferred  
Spring Enrollment  
Application Deadline (Some campuses may have later due dates, so check directly with the institution.)

Friday, October 23rd  
Last day to submit any incomplete work from the Spring 2020 semester.  
Please note: if the due date is reached without completion of all agreed upon assignments, the “Incomplete” becomes a “Fail.”

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**KEEP CALM AND GET A TUTOR**

It's never too early to ask for help.  
Set yourself up for success!  
TRIO SSS is still offering our students the opportunity to meet weekly with math tutors, writing tutors, and learning coaches to help you meet your goals and finish the semester successfully.  
Click here to submit a Tutor/Learning Coach request form!

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**REFER A FRIEND**

Word of mouth is our greatest advertisement!  
Tell your friends and classmates about all the great services they could be receiving if they were a TRIO student. They can go to www.hcc.edu/TRIO 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.
TRIO SSS will be having our monthly social hour via Zoom. You're invited to attend!
Take a break and connect with your TRIO community.

**Thursday, October 22nd**
**2:00 pm to 3:00 pm**

Information to join the Zoom meeting will be emailed to all students prior to the social hour.

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**It's time to renew your FAFSA!**

The FAFSA renewal application for the 2021/2022 year opens on **October 1st!**

All students who are eligible to receive financial aid must file a new FAFSA every year. The earlier you file the more money you could get!
The four campuses of the UMass system are excited to announce the first ever virtual UMass Transfer Fair! Students will have the opportunity to explore the different opportunities each campus has to offer as well as speak to transfer counselors from the different campuses.

The fair will be October 15th from 2 - 4 p.m.

You must register for the event by going to this page.

TRIO Workshop: Major/Career Exploration

A Zoom Workshop for TRIO Students
Given by
Saúl Cabán - TRIO Learning Specialist

Explore how your passions and interests translate into a career path.

Thursday, October 28th
2:00 pm

The invitation to join the zoom meeting will be sent before the workshop.
TRANSFER "TRIPS"

Although we are not currently able to go on transfer trips, virtual college tours are the next best thing! Just click on the institution name to take a virtual tour of some of the best 4 year institutions Massachusetts has to offer.

- University of Massachusetts Amherst
- Westfield State University
- Wentworth Institute of Technology
- Bridgewater State University
- Salem State University
- Massachusetts College of Art and Design
- College of the Holy Cross
- University of Massachusetts Dartmouth
- University of Massachusetts Lowell
- Western New England University
- Bay Path University
Massachusetts State University
Virtual Transfer Fair

Wednesday, October 21st, 2020
2:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Prospective transfer students are invited to explore the affordable and high-quality educational opportunities within the Massachusetts state university system.

Transfer Admissions Counselors from each Massachusetts State University will be available to virtually meet with students on a drop-in basis at the links below. No appointment or registration necessary!!

Bridgewater State University: https://bridgew.zoom.us/j/92699602555?pwd=bkl3S0QrNFVoVDUwLyt4a05ObFNOQZz09

Fitchburg State University: meet.google.com/bxj-qoaa-mfw

Framingham State University: https://zoom.us/j/93337049852

Massachusetts College of Art and Design: https://massart.zoom.us/j/94124323025?pwd=WnlIRkxCcVlpc3TTTHVmRFUyUkJkRWZz09

Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts: https://zoom.us/j/98207885903?pwd=VDBVN21UcTBNM0RhbUQ3dFJtajh2Zz09

Massachusetts Maritime Academy: https://maritime-edu.zoom.us/j/99060705662?pwd=YXY3Y29rTXRhUWZtTXF4ekppWXh1UT09

Salem State University: https://salemstate.zoom.us/j/99561980963?pwd=Vjj0NmtFcElTajV5aHhlQzZPVWNKZz09 (Passcode: 762523)

Westfield State University: https://zoom.us/j/99154665573

Worcester State University: https://worcester.zoom.us/j/91385793365
THRIIVE Center

Are you dealing with homelessness or legal issues? Are you struggling with food insecurity? Do you think you qualify for SNAP or MassHealth benefits? Need help balancing your budget? Have questions about managing your credit? The Thrive Center can help!

The Food Pantry is offering food pickup by appointment only from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m., Monday - Friday at the bus circle. (If coming to campus is not an option for you, please contact Thrive to discuss possible alternatives.)

Click here for more information on how to pick up food from HCC's food pantry.

Student Emergency Fund

If you are struggling financially, the President's Student Emergency Fund can help! This fund assists HCC students who encounter unforeseen financial emergencies that would prevent them from continuing their education. The COVID-19 pandemic has made these emergencies even more prevalent, but funding is available to help you overcome barriers related to housing, food, utilities, transportation and childcare.

The application takes just a few minutes to complete and is reviewed within 48 hours. Students receive the support they need -- or are directed to other resources -- within a few days. The application form and details can be found on the President's Student Emergency Fund webpage.
Reserve study space in the HCC Library

Need some study time in the library lobby?

Click here to learn how to request study time.

Wearing masks and social distancing is required the entire time you are in the library. The current reservation limit is 2 blocks per day.

Printing is now available!

CHROMEBOOKS, LAPTOPS, HOTSPOTS, AND CALCULATORS

You can request a Chromebook, laptop, wi-fi hotspot, and/or calculator from the library.

Click here for an up to date count of available devices and make the request.

TRIO SSS has a limited amount of laptops available for TRIO students in need. Please fill out this form if you are in need of a laptop and your assigned TRIO Counselor will assist you with the process.

Also, please contact your counselor if you need a scientific calculator (quantities are limited).
YOUR TRIO SSS COUNSELORS ARE HERE TO HELP!

We want to remind you that we are here for you and will do our best to help you get through the semester successfully! Communication is the key to making this happen so please reach out to us as often as you need to. We are all accessible by email, phone, google chat/hangout, zoom, etc. Don't forget that you are not alone and we are here to help!

MEET SAÚL

TRIO SSS Learning Specialist
Pronouns: He/Him/His

FAVORITE FOOD: Puerto Rican Rice and Beans

INTERESTING FACT: I am a TRIO Program Graduate (first-generation to college)

FAVORITE MOVIE GENRE: Comedy

FAVORITE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: Graduation Day! The feeling of accomplishment and realizing that all the hard work paid off (overcoming all the odds). Also, simply meeting and building meaningful relationships with my college peers.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: Don't wait to figure out your life after college — START NOW. Whenever possible, spend time thinking about who you are and what you eventually want out of life. This is the best starting point. Do something ambitious and difficult before you even feel ready. Challenge yourself and most importantly, BELIEVE IN YOURSELF.
MEET DENISE

TRIO SSS Academic Counselor
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

FAVORITE FOOD: Seafood

INTERESTING FACT: I am the youngest of three

FAVORITE MOVIE GENRE: Comedy and Documentaries

FAVORITE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: The moment I realized I was not the only one who was lost during a professors’ lecture.

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: Everyone needs help! So don’t be afraid to ask for it! That is why we are here.

MEET MONIQUE

TRIO SSS Academic Counselor
Pronouns: She/Her/Hers

FAVORITE FOOD: Sushi or Guyanese food made by my mom

INTERESTING FACT: I was born and raised in Guyana, South America

FAVORITE MOVIE GENRE: Old Musicals!

FAVORITE COLLEGE EXPERIENCE: Performing in Homecoming Lip Sync dance competitions!

ADVICE TO STUDENTS: Tap your resources! Sign up for free tutoring if you need a little extra help, go to the career center to get résumé advice. Take full advantage of every resource at your disposal. Why not? Your tuition is paying for it.