Your perseverance, determination, and go-getter attitude has guided you back on the path toward your future goals! “Uncertainties” was the word most often used during the spring 2020 semester. Let’s change that around to “Challenges!” Challenging times brings future possibilities. Challenging yourself to do your very best brings out the greatness in you.

Challenges = Excellence! After all, “If it doesn’t challenge you, it won’t change you.” Fred DeVito

As you embark in this new fall 2020 semester, make sure you are aligned with the resources, staff, peers, faculty, family and services that will help you reach and achieve your set goals toward a brighter and successful future. As a TRIO Student, you have the TRIO family support that will help you fulfill your educational aspirations. Despite our remote environment, WE are extremely happy to begin this new academic year together with you! WE are here to help, support, and assist you on this great journey. A journey of new learning experiences, new ways to think outside the box, new connections, new imaginations, and a new outlook on life.

YOU GOT THIS! WE GOT THIS! Together we are stronger, greater, and better!
**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Monday, September 7,**
Labor Day: HOLIDAY
(Campus Closed)

**Tuesday, September 8,**
Classes begin for the Fall Semester

**Tuesday-Friday, September 8-11,** Add/Drop Period
- The last day to add or switch a class is Friday, 9/11 at 4:30 pm
- The last day to drop a class is Monday, 9/14 at 6:00 pm

**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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**Help spread the word!**

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**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](http://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.

Tuesday, September 22nd
11:00 am to 12:00 pm

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

PHYSICAL DISTANCING.
NOT SOCIAL DISTANCING.

There are many ways to stay connected with fellow HCC students and student support staff. Click here to learn more!
You can request a Chromebook, wi-fi hotspot, and/or calculator from the library. Click here for an up to date count of available chromebooks, hotspots, and calculators and make the request. Click here for more information on Wifi Resources.

TRIO Workshop: Quick tips on remote learning

A Zoom Workshop for TRIO Students
Given by Denise Salgado - TRIO Academic Counselor

Monday, September 14th
12:30 pm
or
Tuesday, September 15
12:00 pm

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

HCC Mobile Is Here!
Our new mobile app can be used to register for classes, add/drop, view your schedule and account info, and access Gmail, Moodle, and DegreeWorks. Additional functionality will be added in the months ahead. Click here for more information.
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.
We want to remind you that we are still here for you and will do our best to help you get through the rest of the semester successfully! Communication is the key to making this happen so please reach out to your TRIO counselor as often as you need to. You should have already received information from your counselor about the various ways you can contact us. Please reach out for anything you need, even if it's to vent or say hello. 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!

If you have not ordered your textbooks, click here to place your order from the bookstore.

If you still need to return your textbooks from last semester, click here to view the return process.
THRIVE 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.

Please Note: Printing is not available at this time. They hope to have it up soon!

TRIO SSS NEWSLETTER
SEPTEMBER 2020

New Month.
New Semester.
New Beginning.
New Focus.
New Start.
New Intentions.
New Results.
You got this!