Hello October!

Congratulations! You are halfway through the fall semester!

All of those quizzes, presentations, homework assignments, and exams did not stop you from moving forward, it just motivated you to ask more questions, seek out resources, and connect yourselves with the various services TRIO and HCC has to offer. You are halfway there!

Read on for information on scholarship opportunities, transfer trips, social hours, and more!

“Believe in yourself and be prepared to work hard.”

— STELLA MCCARTNEY
**IMPORT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Friday, October 1st**
FAFSA Renewal Application opens

**Monday, October 11th**
Indigenous Peoples’ Day: HOLIDAY (Campus Closed)

**Friday, October 22nd**
The last day to submit any incomplete work from the Spring 2021 semester is 10/22/21 by noon. Please note: if the due date is reached without completion of all agreed upon assignments, the “Incomplete” becomes a “Fail.”

**Wednesday, October 27th**
Fall Classes Flex Start III

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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!**

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 in person and via Zoom. You're invited to attend! Take a break, enjoy some snacks, and connect with your TRIO community.

**Wednesday, October 27th**
**11:00 am to 12:00 pm**
**on campus and on zoom**
**Campus Center 227G**

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

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**ORDER YOUR TEXTBOOKS**

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

If you still need to return your text books from last semester, **click here** to view the return process.

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**TECHNOLOGY TIPS**

- **Click here** for detailed tips on learning remotely

- **Click here** to learn how to login to Zoom with your HCC credentials.
  - Please be sure to upgrade your Zoom client. **Click here** for Steps to upgrade your Zoom client.
TRIO will be running a monthly raffle throughout the Fall 2021 semester. Read below for rules and prizes.

DON'T MISS OUT!

Giveaway prizes include:
- headphones
- wireless mouse
- mini Bluetooth speakers
- power boost portable batteries

HERE’S HOW TO ENTER!

- attend a TRIO Social Hour event
- register your next semester classes with your TRIO counselor
- attend a TRIO workshop
- sign up for Tutor or Learning Coach services

Your name will be entered for every event/activity you attend or participate in. The more opportunities you attend, the higher your chances of winning. We will be drawing a name at the end of the month, notify the winner by email, and announce them in TRIO’s monthly newsletter.

So, take advantage of as many essential services TRIO SSS has to offer and you could be our next Lucky Winner! GOOD LUCK!

SEPTEMBER’S LUCKY RAFFLE WINNER:

Congratulations to TRIO student MALACHAI DARKU on winning our September Raffle!
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
OCTOBER TRANSFER EVENTS

Pathways Program Transfer Information Sessions

Representatives from the following four year colleges will be here to talk with you about their schools, their application and financial aid processes. This is the time for YOU to ask them questions and to connect! You may join us anytime before and/or after classes!

1. Smith College Transfer Info Session
   Wednesday, 10/20 @ 11am-12:30pm
   Register by Wed., 10/20 @ 10am for this meeting.
   Click here to register

2. Amherst & Williams Colleges Transfer Info Session
   Wednesday, 10/27 @ 11am-12:30pm
   Register by Wed., 10/27@ 10am for this meeting.
   Click here to register

3. Mount Holyoke College Transfer Info Session
   Wednesday, 11/03 @ 11am-12:30pm
   Register by Wed., 11/03 @ 10am for this meeting.
   Click here to register

For more information, contact Pathways Program Coordinator, Irma Medina, at imedina@hcc.edu
The four campuses of the UMass system are excited to announce an online October Transfer Fair! Students will have the opportunity to virtually explore the different benefits each campus has to offer, as well as speak to transfer counselors from the different campuses.

To take part in the virtual UMass Transfer Fair, students MUST register beforehand. Please click here to register.

Also, be sure to check out the Transfer Fair website for links to resources at each state university, including each school's admissions page, information on each school's athletic department and student life, financial aid resources, information about transfer credits, and more!
Students and educators at eligible institutions can sign up for Office 365 Education for free, including Word, Excel, PowerPoint, OneNote, and now Microsoft Teams, plus additional classroom tools. All you need is an HCC student email address.

Click here to get Office 365 for free!

It's time to renew your FAFSA!

The FAFSA renewal application for the 2021/2022 year will open on October 1st!

Students who are eligible to receive financial aid must file a new FAFSA each year. The earlier you file, the more money you could get!

Contact your TRIO Counselor if you need help with your FAFSA!
Reserve a room to zoom

Need a room to Zoom in for your course on campus? We have rooms available for your use. Two students will be allowed in each room following safety protocols and privacy. Rooms are available in each of the different buildings on campus. Please bring a pair of headphones with you and exit the room when your class ends.

Reservations need to be in by Noon the day before the room request is for.

Click here to complete the request form.

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 a 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.

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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.
Although the TRIO program is going through some transitions, we want to assure you that our students remain our number one priority as we continue to provide academic support services. We want to remind you that we are here to support 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 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. All TRIO counselors are accessible by email, phone, google chat/hangout, zoom, etc. Don't forget that you are not alone and we are here to help!