April

SPRING is here! Let's welcome warmer weather, longer days, nature in bloom, and more outdoor adventures!

Midterms are over! So what's next?

- 2021-22 FAFSA applications
- Apply for HCC Scholarships
- Registration for Fall 2021 Semester
- Spring ’21 Final Exam schedule has been posted

Continue to reach out to your TRIO SSS Counselor with any questions or concerns you may have. They are here to support and guide you through every step of your college journey!
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JOIN US FOR

Social HOUR

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.

Wednesday, April 14th
at 11:00 AM

Information to join the Zoom meeting will be emailed to all students prior to the social hour.
How has being a TRIO participant been helpful to you?
Being a TRIO participant has been so helpful in many ways. A lot of things have happened to me during my years at HCC that I didn’t know how to handle, so having the ability to reach out knowing that I would get the help and answers I needed has been great. TRIO being there for students definitely helped my transition into college when I first started. I would highly recommend anyone apply to join because admitting to yourself that you need help or support is the biggest/hardest step.

What advice would you give to other students in this remote learning environment? If I were to offer any advice for remote learning, it would be to create a routine. I am definitely one who does not like remote learning; however, I eventually came to find that it wasn’t too bad once I settled into a routine.

How are you managing to have some fun in the midst of a pandemic? I’ve managed to have some fun during the pandemic in multiple ways. Some things I find myself doing most is spending time playing video games, watching anime, and hanging out with my friends. I think having fun and enjoying yourself are some of the most important things that you can do for yourself in order to de-stress and relax. Having fun is just as important as anything else. Be sure to balance fun and work. I’ll even admit that I have found myself relaxing a bit too much sometimes!

The TRIO SSS program wants to celebrate Teddy's continued involvement and success at HCC!

Set yourself up for success!
TRIO SSS offers 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.

Please click here to submit a Tutor/Learning Coach request form!
Do you know when your classes are taking finals?
If your professor hasn't already given you a
day/time for final exams, please click the links below
to view the HCC Final Exam schedules.
Make sure you know your class level and section number
(if you're unsure, you can find them on your
class syllabus or Moodle).

*There is one schedule for ENG 101 ONLY (so if you're
currently taking ENG 101, be sure to check that schedule
to find your final exam times).*

Click the links below to view the
Final Exam Schedules:

- Final Exam Schedule (all classes excluding ENG 101)
- ENG 101 Exam Schedule ONLY

If you are having any trouble figuring out when your
classes are taking final exams, please reach out to
your TRIO SSS Counselor for help! You got this!
This month, TRIO SSS is hosting two workshops you DON’T want to miss!

Click on the flyer of the workshop you're interested in attending to pre-register for the event.

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

FINANCIAL LITERACY WORKSHOP

Come learn how to manage your money, monitor and improve your credit, and how to make sound financial decisions that will benefit you in many areas of your life.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 21ST
11:00AM - 12:00PM
ZOOM WORKSHOP
(REGISTRATION INFO BELOW)

An Educational Workshop presented by Christina Bordeau and Natasha Falcon from PeoplesBank

Register by Monday, April 19th: http://bit.ly/TRIO-Financial-Lit-Workshop or contact your TRIO Academic Counselor to sign up!
TRIO is holding a monthly raffle throughout the Spring 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!

MARCH'S LUCKY RAFFLE WINNER:

Congratulations to TRIO student JASMINE KLINGENBECK
(Counselor: Monique Nelson)
on winning our March Raffle!
Scholarship season at HCC began March 3rd and the application window will close on Friday, April 16th.

Please click the Scholarship Essay Workshop photo to register for your preferred workshop day/time.

To view scholarship opportunities available to HCC students and to access your application when the process opens, please visit: hcc.academicworks.com

If you have any questions or need assistance accessing your application, please reach out to scholarships@hcc.edu.
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
Reserve study space in the HCC Library

Need some study time in the library lobby? Click here to request study time.

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

Printing is now available!

Reserve an entire classroom for study time

This spring, HCC is offering a number of dedicated classrooms that students can sign up to reserve just for themselves. Students can reserve a classroom periodically as needed, or schedule to have it regularly throughout the semester for one or more days.

Click here to reserve your classroom space.
It's time to renew your FAFSA!

For priority consideration, the Massachusetts deadline to submit the FAFSA renewal application for the 2021/2022 academic year is **May 1st, 2021**.

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!

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**GET MICROSOFT OFFICE 365 FOR FREE!**

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!](#)
Our student support services are still accessible via phone, email, and other remote interactive options, including Zoom, Webex, and Google chat.

Click the photo above to find information about tech support, the food pantry, free mental health resources, tips for remote learning, and more.

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.

Also, please contact your counselor if you need a scientific calculator (quantities are limited).
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.