It's the end of the fall semester. You've reached the finish line!

Give yourselves a pat on the back for all you've accomplished. This semester sure wasn't easy and it was far from "normal", but you never gave up!

Continue to reach out to those who support and encourage you, especially your TRIO Counselors! They will help you pave the way to success and provide you with the necessary tools to reach your goals.

TRIO Staff wish you all success, good health, and a joyous holiday season!
**REGISTER FOR SPRING 2021 CLASSES**

Registration for the spring semester is now OPEN! Please contact your TRIO SSS Counselor and/or Academic Advisor today to register.

**FINALS WEEK SCHEDULE**

**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).

*There is one schedule for English 101 ONLY (so if you're currently taking ENG101, 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 ENG101)
- ENG101 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!

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**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Wednesday, Dec. 16**
End of Fall Semester

**Thursday-Tuesday, Dec. 17-22**
Final Exam Week

**Friday, Dec. 25**
Campus Closed.
Happy Holidays!

**Friday, Jan. 1**
Campus Closed.
Happy New Year!

**Monday, Jan. 4**
Wintersession Classes Begin

**Thursday, Jan. 14**
TRIO SSS Program Day!
(Mandatory for all new TRIO students)

**Monday, Jan. 25**
Spring '21 Semester Begins

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**you got this.**
Massachusetts State University Virtual Transfer Fair

Wednesday, December 2nd
2 PM - 4 PM

Similar to a regular transfer fair, you are more than welcome to join any state university's digital table at any time. Simply click on the link of the state university you're interested in below to join their chat room. No appointment or registration necessary!

Bridgewater State University
Fitchburg State University
Framingham State University
Massachusetts College of Art and Design
Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts
Massachusetts Maritime Academy
Salem State University
Westfield State University
Worcester State University

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!
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
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.

Please click here to submit a Tutor/Learning Coach request form!

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.

Students who want to apply to the TRIO Program can go to www.hcc.edu/TRIO, submit 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, December 15th at 4:00 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 opened 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!

Contact your TRIO Counselor if you need help with your FAFSA!
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).