Welcome to 2021!

A Year of Hope, Transition, and Healing
Together, WE GOT THIS!

Start the 2021 Spring semester with a positive outlook towards your academic and personal goals. Planning ahead will help ease your path to success. We therefore highly encourage you to stay connected, stay engaged, communicate often, seek resources, and align yourself with all the essential services TRIO and HCC have to offer.

We are here for YOU!

Always remember to practice self-care and celebrate your achievements every step of the way!
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Wednesday, Feb. 10
TRIO Transfer Workshop
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Wednesday, Feb. 10
UMass Transfer Fair
(see page 7)

Monday, Feb. 15
President's Day!
Campus Closed.

Tuesday, Feb. 16
All classes follow a MONDAY schedule.

Wednesday, Feb. 17
TRIO Social Hour
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Student Spotlight
Tyler Boutin
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Dean's List Honorees - Fall '20
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Enter our February Raffle!
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Reserve a study space in the HCC library or a classroom!
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Get Microsoft Office FOR FREE!
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Virtual meetings are basically modern seances

“There’s someone who wants to join us.”
"Elizabeth, are you there?"
“We can’t hear you.”
"Can you hear us?"
Name: Tyler Boutin
Major: Information Technology Management

How has being a TRIO participant been helpful to you?
"Having tutoring and learning coach support has been extremely helpful in making me a better college student."

What advice would you give to other students in this remote learning environment?
"I would suggest for students to establish small goals for the semester and work towards those, to avoid feeling super overwhelmed."

How are you managing to have some fun in the midst of a pandemic?
"I like watching Youtube videos, streaming movies and shows, and do some reading whenever I can."

Tyler has been a very active TRIO participant and participated in more than 5 events in the Fall 2020 semester (social hours and workshops). The TRIO SSS program wants to celebrate his 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!
Congratulations to our TRIO students who have earned DEAN'S LIST HONORS FOR THE FALL 2020 SEMESTER!

Alia Shukri Alabsi
Elizabeth Ann Busker
Alizea Valentina Calderon
Madiliz Castro
Karina Amirriss Clemente
Elisha Rae Cox
Katelynn Cruz
Caleb Curd
Donny J. Diaz, Jr.
Sierra English
Zachary Sean Erwin-Stevens
Chris Daniel Gaze
Leah Rebecca Goodlaxson-Levy
Alexandrine Cleopatre D'Opale Jean-Baston
Emily Ruth Koehler
Tugce Kuruca
Rachel Ann Lewis
Lucia Qiu Yun Lomax
Daophone Ly
Sharon Liz Medina
Shelbi Dean Moore
Averie Marie Narreau
Reagan Elizabeth Os
Karen Osorio
Michael Philip Patnaude
Dorah Rains
Sharane J. Ranson
Samantha Mary Rodriguez
Diamond Alexandria Smith
Laura Louise Toniatti
SOCIAL HOUR:
BEGINNER’S YOGA
Hosted by Denise Salgado,
TRIO Academic Counselor

Wednesday, February 17th
at 12:00 PM

Click here to register in advance for this meeting.

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

TRIO SSS NEWSLETTER
FEBRUARY 2021

TRIO will be running a monthly raffle throughout the 2021 spring semester, starting in February.

DON'T MISS OUT!
HERE'S HOW TO ENTER!

Giveaway prizes include:
• headphones
• wireless mouse
• mini Bluetooth speakers
• power boost portable batteries
• 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 lucky February Winner! GOOD LUCK!
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
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!

Please click here to register.
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!

The FAFSA renewal application for the 2021/2022 year opened 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!

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!
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.