As we near the end of the semester, take time to reflect on all you've accomplished and the obstacles you've overcome to get where you are. Make sure to celebrate your achievements and successes!

While some of you graduate this June and others continue your HCC journey this fall, remember to continue to strive to be the best version of yourself!

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!

Connect with your Academic Advisor as well for an end-of-semester check-in!

Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.

Nelson Mandela
Important Dates to Remember

**Wednesday, May 12th**
- End of Spring Semester Classes!

**Wednesday, May 12th**
- TRIO Social Hour!
  (see page 2)

**Thursday, May 13th**
- Make Up Day for Cancelled Classes

**Friday, May 14th**
- Make Up Day for Cancelled Classes

**Monday-Thursday, May 17-20th**
- Final Exams
  (required as scheduled; see page 4)

**Wednesday, May 19th**
- Honors and Awards Night

**Monday, May 31st**
- Memorial Day
  (Campus Closed)

In This Month’s Newsletter:

Are You Graduating this Spring?
Visit this page for 2021 Commencement Info.

Student Spotlight
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Join Us for Social Hour

You’re invited to TRIO’s monthly social hour via Zoom. Take a break and connect with your TRIO community.

**Wednesday, May 12th**
- at 11:00 AM

Information to join the Zoom meeting will be emailed to all students prior to the social hour.
Name: Blayne Nichols

Blayne joined the TRIO program this spring semester and immediately made the effort to connect with his TRIO Academic Counselor. Although an extremely motivated student who will be graduating this semester, Blayne needed a little support in getting the college transfer process started.

In just a couple of meetings over the course of a month while meeting every deadline asked of him, Blayne received the exciting news that he was accepted into the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst.

He will graduate with an A.S. in Business Administration from HCC. At UMass, he plans to pursue a Sport Management degree.

The TRIO Program wants to celebrate Blayne's continued involvement at HCC and would like to congratulate him on his academic success and for following his passions and interests!

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!
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!

APRIL'S LUCKY RAFFLE WINNER:

Congratulations to TRIO student MIA GONYER
(Counselor: Denise Salgado)
on winning our April Raffle!
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!

The **federal deadline** to submit your FAFSA is **11:59 p.m. Central time (CT) on June 30, 2022**. Any corrections or updates must be submitted by **11:59 p.m. CT on Sept. 10, 2022**.

Students who are eligible to receive financial aid must file a new FAFSA each year. **Contact your TRIO Counselor if you need any assistance!**
Checking in with ourselves and taking care of our mental health is always important to stay healthy, happy, and successful. Please click the links below for resources to support your mental health!

**Resources:**
- WellConnect
- 7Cups
- Active Minds
- CDC - Stress and Coping with COVID-19

**Mental Health Apps:**
- Headspace
- Talkspace
- Calm
- Moodfit
- MoodMission

You are not alone in this.

Hope is the only thing stronger than fear.
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.
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).