TRIO SSS invites you to celebrate National First-Generation Student Day!

**November 8, 2020** marks the 55th anniversary of the signing of the 1965 Higher Education Act (HEA), which has helped millions of low-income students become the first members of their families to earn college degrees.

Please join us for a presentation and panel of first-generation HCC students and alumni to learn of their experiences as first-generation college students. In addition to celebrating first-generation students, this event is intended to bring awareness to the prevalence of first-generation students currently enrolled in higher education and the outstanding contributions these students are making to society.

Click here for resources and events that will help you succeed as a first-generation college student at HCC.

**Thursday, November 5th**

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting

https://hcc-edu.zoom.us/j/98144139059

Meeting ID: 981 4413 9059
Passcode: 730397
**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**November 2, Monday**  
Open Registration Begins at 8:00 am

**November 8, Sunday**  
National First-Generation College Student Day!

**November 11, Wednesday**  
Veteran’s Day: HOLIDAY (Campus Closed)

**November 17, Tuesday**  
Last day for withdrawal with “W” for Full Semester Classes

**November 25, Wednesday**  
Classes follow a Friday Schedule

**November 26, Thursday**  
Thanksgiving Day: HOLIDAY (Campus Closed)

**November 27, Friday**  
No Classes- Campus OPEN

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**KEEPS 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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**REFER A FRIEND**

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.
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**GET CONNECTED TO HCC RESOURCES**

Click here to see office hours and contact information for various offices and departments while we are working remotely.

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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, November 18th**

**11:00 am to 12:00 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!
TRIO Workshop: Growth Mindset and the power of YET!

A Zoom Workshop for TRIO Students
Given by
Monique Nelson - TRIO Academic Counselor

If you have a growth mindset, you can turn the things you think you can’t change into opportunities for growth and discovery!

Thursday, November 19th 2:00 pm or Monday, November 23rd 12:30 pm

The invitation to join the zoom meeting will be sent before the workshop.
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
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.
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).