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

November 8, 2021 marks the 56th 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.

There will be a National Celebration Centering on First Generation Voices hosted by the Council for Opportunity in Education on Monday, November 8th at 3:00 pm.

In addition, TRIO Student Support Services Learning Coach, Louise Hurwitz, will be hosting a Building Skills to Thrive; Resilience Workshop on Tuesday, November 9th at 3:00 pm.

These events intend 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.
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 1, 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 16, Tuesday
Last day for withdrawal with “W” for Full Semester Classes

November 24, Wednesday
Classes follow a Friday Schedule

November 25, Thursday
Thanksgiving Day: HOLIDAY (Campus Closed)

November 26, Friday
No Classes- Campus OPEN

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!

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 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.
National First Generation Student Celebration

National First Generation Celebration Panel

November 8th, 2021 at 3:00 pm

The Council for Opportunity Education will be hosting a panel Centering First-gen Voices will feature a panel of first-gen students and graduates sharing insight into their experience, moderated by Dr. Quintin B. Bullock, President, Community College of Allegheny County located in Allegheny Pennsylvania.

Click here to register

Building Skills to Thrive; Resiliency Workshop

November 9th, 2021 at 3:00 pm

At this workshop you will discover what your unique strengths are and, more importantly, how you can best use them to be successful in college and in your life. This will be hosted by Louise Hurwitz, a professional Resiliency Coach, Workshop Facilitator, current Learning Coach for TRIO, and a former TRIO Counselor and Program Director. She is passionate about helping people make positive changes in their lives.

Click here to register
Open registration for students will began Monday, November 1st. Plan ahead and set up a registration appointment as soon as possible. If Monique Nelson was your TRIO counselor, please make your appointment with Saúl Cabán or Monica Ovalles.

We are making it easy for you to make a registration appointment by giving you access to our calendars. Just click one of the links below and select what works best for your schedule.

Saúl Cabán:
413-552-2750
scaban@hcc.edu

Monica Ovalles:
413-552-2044
movalles@hcc.edu

You can book a time with us using the link above, even if you don't plan to use the time to register for classes. If you need to check-in or have questions about anything, we are here to help.
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!

On-campus FAFSA assistance on Mondays with individuals from the Educational Opportunity Center (EOC). Students can contact the Financial Aid office to set up an appointment.

CONTACT
financialaid@hcc.edu
413.552.2150
Financial Aid Office
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
Upcoming Transfer Events

Wellesley College

TRANSFER STUDENT-TO-STUDENT CHAT
WHEN: NOVEMBER 9, 7:00 P.M. EST
WHAT: AN INFORMAL CHAT WITH TRANSFER STUDENTS
TOPICS COVERED: ACADEMICS, TRANSITIONING TO WELLESLEY,
ON- AND OFF-CAMPUS SOCIAL LIFE, AND INTERNSHIP AND
RESEARCH OPPORTUNITIES..
WHO: TRANSFER AND DAVIS ELIGIBLE STUDENTS
HOW: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.

TRANSFER AND DAVIS VIRTUAL INFORMATION SESSION
WHEN: DECEMBER 9, 7:00 P.M. EST
WHAT: THE DEAN OF ADMISSION AND FINANCIAL AID ALONGSIDE
THE DIRECTOR OF THE DAVIS PROGRAM. TOGETHER, THEY’LL
SHARE INFO ABOUT THE TRANSFER AND DAVIS APPLICATION
PROCESS, WELLESLEY’S TRANSFER CREDIT GUIDELINES, AND
MUCH, MUCH MORE!
WHO: TRANSFER AND DAVIS ELIGIBLE STUDENTS
HOW: CLICK HERE TO REGISTER.
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 17th
11:00 am to 12:00 pm

Information to join the Zoom meeting will be emailed to all students prior to the social hour.

TECHNOLOGY TIPS

- Click here for detailed tips on learning remotely

- Click here to learn how to login to Zoom with your HCC credentials.
  - Please be sure to upgrade your Zoom client. Click here for Steps to upgrade your Zoom client.
TRIO will be running a monthly raffle throughout the Fall 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!

OCTOBER'S LUCKY RAFFLE WINNER:

Congratulations to TRIO student MELODY CRYDERMAN on winning our October Raffle!
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 a room to Zoom

Need a room to Zoom in for your course on campus? We have rooms available for your use. Two students will be allowed in each room following safety protocols and privacy. Rooms are available in each of the different buildings on campus. Please bring a pair of headphones with you and exit the room when your class ends.

Reservations need to be in by Noon the day before the room request is for. [Click here](#) to complete the request form.

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**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).
We are here to help!

Although the TRIO program is going through some transitions, we want to assure you that our students remain our number one priority as we continue to provide academic support services. We want to remind you that we are here to support you and will do our best to help you get through the semester successfully! Communication is the key to making this happen so please reach out to your TRIO counselor as often as you need to. You should have already received information from your counselor about the various ways you can contact us. All TRIO counselors are accessible by email, phone, google chat/hangout, zoom, etc. Don't forget that you are not alone and we are here to help!