Welcome to the Fall 2021 Semester!

It’s a NEW beginning! From remote to on campus learning…to blended and flex courses…and reconnecting in person. Let us embrace “Connect!” It has been a while since we have been on campus and we can definitely feel the excitement in the air.

Exciting because we get to reconnect in person; exciting because the future is brighter; and exciting because YOU ARE BACK!

TRIO SSS continues to be here to support and guide you every step of the way. Your success is our success, your challenges are our challenges, and your needs are our needs. We remain committed to help provide the resources and services essential for your academic success.

I encourage you to connect with your TRIO Counselor throughout the semester. Together we can help you achieve your academic goal of graduating from HCC and transferring to a 4-year college/university.

You Got This and We Got You!
IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, September 6
Labor Day: HOLIDAY (Campus Closed)

Tuesday, September 7
Classes begin for the Fall Semester

Tuesday-Friday, September 7-10
Add/Drop Period
- The last day to add or switch a class is Friday, 9/10 at 4:30 pm
- The last day to drop a class is Monday, 9/13 at 6:00 pm

Friday, October 22nd
The last day to submit any incomplete work from the Spring 2021 semester is 10/22/21 by noon. Please note: if the due date is reached without completion of all agreed upon assignments, the “Incomplete” becomes a “Fail.”

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!

Help spread the word!

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.
Welcome Monica Ovalles to the TRIO SSS team!

We are pleased to introduce Monica Ovalles as our new TRIO Academic Counselor. Monica comes to us from Hampshire College where she served as the Assistant Director of Admissions and Transfer Coordinator. Monica has worked with transferred students, first generation to college students and students from underrepresented backgrounds. She brings with her a wealth of experience organizing student panels, establishing support networks and providing services and support to incoming first generation students. Her experience providing transfer advising, as well as her ability to help identify the academic needs of students, aligns with TRIO’s goals of increasing retention and graduation rates among our participants.

We are very excited to have Monica join in our efforts in providing student support services that promote, engage, and enhance academic excellence and success!

Farewell Monique Nelson

Fall brings about many exciting changes and transitions... while we gain great new team members, we say farewell and good luck to an amazing team player, Monique Nelson! Thank you for bringing your expertise, love for community, and passion for education to our TRIO students and team. You will be greatly missed!

We wish you all the best in your new role as the Assistant Director of Student Services at the University of Connecticut!
TRIO SSS will be having our monthly social hour in person and via Zoom. You're invited to attend! Take a break, enjoy some snacks, and connect with your TRIO community.

**Wednesday, September 29th**
11:00 am to 12:00 pm on campus
Campus Center 227G

and

**Thursday, September 30th**
on Zoom

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

**ORDER YOUR TEXTBOOKS**

If you have not ordered your textbooks, [click here](#) to place your order from the bookstore.

If you still need to return your text books from last semester, [click here](#) to view the return process.
Congratulations on your Retirement, Raisa!

Raisa Amirova, TRIO SSS Secretary

How quickly time goes by... you will certainly be missed by your colleagues and TRIO students! From the beginning you have been a TRIO Champion! Your dedication, hard work, commitment and love for HCC students has been instrumental in shaping what TRIO SSS is today.

We will miss you greatly, but wish that you’ll enjoy every moment of your retirement creating beautiful memories with your loved ones!

Thank you for being YOU!
Best wishes from your TRIO Family!

we will miss you
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.

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!**
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
It's time to renew your FAFSA!

The FAFSA renewal application for the 2021/2022 year will open 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!
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.

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.
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!

We are here to help!

Contact Us!

New Month.
New Semester.
New Beginning.
New Focus.
New Start.
New Intentions.
New Results.
You got this!