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Greetings.

I'm happy to announce that HACC's goal for the spring 2022 semester is to offer more on-campus classes. We will:

1. Continue to provide a [variety of course instruction offerings](#), including on-campus instruction, remote instruction and virtual learning
2. Use enrollment patterns from the fall 2021 semester and feedback from the student survey to help guide the scheduling process
3. Prioritize bringing science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) courses on campus when possible to ensure students are prepared for the hands-on elements of career and transfer opportunities
4. Continue to offer online and select on-campus student services
5. Continue to evaluate student-enrollment trends, COVID-19 metrics in HACC's service region and ongoing Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), governmental and medical guidance. We will adjust course offerings as appropriate for student needs and employee and student safety.

Providing these options is a move toward the future of higher education, not just a response to the pandemic. Our students desire a variety of choices, and we must remain flexible to pivot to address their needs.

As always, YOUR safety is our top priority. Although we cannot control COVID-19 and how it spreads or guarantee safety from it, we will continue to do our part to help maintain student, employee and building safety by following protocols, as per governor's orders and CDC recommendations.

Please visit hacc.edu/COVIDannouncements for more details and note that this information is tentative and subject to change.

As you have come to expect, following are the commonly asked questions and our responses to them. Please note that some of these responses are tentative and subject to change.

If you have additional questions and you do not see the answers on the [website](#), please submit the online form located on the website. Please see the webpage section called "Information for Students."

We will continue to update you regularly via email and the aforementioned website.

Thank you!

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1. I heard there are changes to the FAFSA application. What changed? Which FAFSA do I need to complete for spring 2022 classes?

As part of the FAFSA Simplification Act, changes to the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) are being phased in over several academic years. Visual changes have been made to streamline the [studentAid.gov website](https://studentaid.gov). However, the questions are similar to the previous year.

The removal of selective service and drug conviction requirements for Title IV eligibility took effect for the current 2021-22 FAFSA. These questions will remain on the FAFSA through the 2022-23 award year, but will no longer impact a student’s Title IV aid eligibility.

Students need to complete the [2021-22 FAFSA application](#) for the fall 2021, spring 2022 and summer 2022 semesters.

The **2022-23** FAFSA application is available for the fall 2022, spring 2023 and summer 2023 semesters. Some grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, so please file early and get ahead!

For more information on the priority deadline and HACC’s school code, please visit HACC’s [financial aid webpage](#).

If you have any questions or need assistance completing your FAFSA, please [contact the Financial Aid Department](#).

2. How can I get a student ID?

Students can get their HACC ID at any campus Welcome Center on Monday, Tuesday or Thursday from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Contact information and the Welcome Center hours are available on our [website](#).

3. How can I get help with my financial aid questions?

Financial aid services will be offered remotely until Nov. 1. After Nov. 1, financial aid support will be offered on campus on Mondays and Thursdays from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Services will also continue to be offered remotely Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

For more details, please visit hacc.edu/Paying/ContactFinancialAid/index.cfm.

4. **When is World Mental Health Day?**

World Mental Health Day is Oct. 10. We want to remind and encourage you to take care of your mental health. We recognize that life is happening and busy, and finding time to dedicate to caring for yourself can be difficult. Please see the resources below that could help you with your mental well-being:

- [who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day/2021](https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-mental-health-day/2021)
- [nami.org/Blogs/NAMI-Blog?categoryname=MentalIllness](https://www.nami.org/Blogs/NAMI-Blog?categoryname=MentalIllness)
- [youtube.com/watch?v=x6bz_ekkrYA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=x6bz_ekkrYA)

For other mental health resources and information, please visit hacc.edu/mentalhealth.

5. **What is e2Campus, and what is it used for?**

e2Campus is HACC's free alert system that allows you to stay informed quickly when the College has immediate announcements or emergencies. You can sign up to receive a text message on your mobile device and/or an email. For more information and to sign up, please visit hacc.edu/e2Campus.

For more information about HACC's weather announcement process, please visit hacc.edu/Weather.

6. **I am taking classes at multiple HACC campuses. Are there food options available at each HACC campus?**

#HACCyeah!

To learn the dining options available at each of HACC's five campuses, please visit hacc.edu/Dining.

7. **I applied for HACC Foundation scholarships. What are the next steps?**

Please:

- Remember to check your HAWKMail (including spam) for scholarship communications.
- Log into [AcademicWorks](#) to check the status of your application.
- Enroll into courses for the spring 2022 semester by the [deadline](#).
- Complete the process by the [deadline](#) if you receive a scholarship offer via HAWKMail.

If you have additional questions, please visit our [Frequently Asked Questions](#) (FAQs).

8. **If I speak Spanish, how can I get help with questions about enrollment and registration?**

Si hablo español, ¿donde puedo obtener ayuda para preguntas sobre la inscripción y registración?

The Welcome Center and the advising team have several team members who speak Spanish. Please contact [the Welcome Center](#) and request to speak to a Spanish-speaking team member.

El Welcome Center y el Departamento de Consejería Académica tienen un grupo de empleados que hablan español. Por favor comuníquese con el [Welcome Center](#) y solicite a un miembro que hable español.

9. I am new to the area and looking for fun things to do around Harrisburg. Can you please provide a few suggestions?

PSECU shared the blog, “13 Fun Things to Do in Harrisburg, PA Under \$30.” This blog provides opportunities to learn, relax and enjoy yourself, even if you’re on a budget. To learn more, please visit bit.ly/PSECU13Under30.

PSECU’s Financial Education Center at HACC is available for virtual office hours by phone or Zoom. Please contact Jennifer Nicrone, PSECU community manager, at jnicrone@psecu.com to schedule an appointment.

Please do not include personal information (such as your bank account number and social security number) in your email.

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