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Important Instruction and Student Services Updates and Questions Answered – March 17, 2021  
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Greetings!

I hope that you had an opportunity over your spring break to relax and reflect. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, here is an Irish saying to reflect on – “May you have the hindsight to know where you've been, the foresight to know where you are going, and the insight to know when you have gone too far.”

**By March 26, 2021**, please [apply](#) for an opportunity to receive FREE money. For example, did you know the [HACC Lancaster Chemistry & Physics Scholarship](#) supports Lancaster Campus students enrolled in a chemistry or physics course?

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. **When does registration begin for summer and fall 2021 classes?**

Registration for summer and fall 2021 classes begins on the following dates:

- March 29: Registration begins for military and veteran students
- March 31: Registration begins for continuing HACC students

- April 12: Registration begins for future students

If you need assistance registering for summer and fall 2021 classes, please attend a remote [drop-in advising](#) session. These sessions offer opportunities for students to get quick advising questions answered if they cannot meet with their assigned advisor. Students can also attend a [registration lab](#) to obtain help registering for classes after they have met with their advisor and determined the courses they need.

Continuing students are encouraged to meet with their advisor and register early to get the best availability of classes. [To learn more options for meeting with your advisor, please click this link.](#)

2. **The second CARES act was passed in December. Should we expect another payment to students like we did with the first CARES act? If the next stimulus package is passed, would we receive double stimulus payments?**

The Consolidated Appropriations Act was signed into law on Dec. 27, 2020, and includes pandemic-related relief similar to the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security (CARES) Act grants that were previously distributed. HACC is still waiting to receive (a) the details being finalized by the U.S. Congress and (b) the funds. We will update students on any new information via their HawkMail accounts.

3. **I am finally graduating this semester. What is the plan for celebrating graduates since we can't celebrate in person?**

We're #HACCproud that you're graduating! Earning a HACC degree, certificate or diploma is a huge accomplishment.

HACC's spring 2021 Commencement ceremony will be held virtually on May 13, 2021. If you are planning to graduate and attend the Commencement ceremony this semester, please complete this online [form](#) by 11:59 p.m. on April 1, 2021.

Please note that like ceremonies that occur at the Giant Center, you will be recognized only if you indicate that you plan to attend the virtual event.

4. **I am a student looking for scholarships and found a CARES Act scholarship. Could you tell me how to apply?**

HACC received CARES Act monies last academic year and distributed the emergency financial aid grants directly to eligible students. However, there were no scholarships available related to the CARES Act.

For further details about the distributions of the CARES Act monies, please visit [hacc.edu/CARESact](http://hacc.edu/CARESact).

5. **Will HACC have a registration website to get COVID-19 vaccine? It is reported that your campus will soon open as a vaccine distribution site. I'm an**

**at-risk 77-year old and can't find an appointment anywhere in this area.  
Thanks.**

No, HACC will not have a COVID-19 registration website as this is not a HACC event. The Pennsylvania Department of Health (DOH) is managing the entire process.

HACC is honored to have our Harrisburg Campus included as a site for COVID-19 vaccination distribution. We will be given limited notice of when these events will occur.

To limit the possibility of any COVID-19 exposure for our students and employees and out of respect for DOH, on the dates of distribution, we will close the portion of the Harrisburg Campus where the vaccines will be distributed. Students and essential workers approved to be on the campus whose work or class schedules are affected by this event will be notified via email.

Please visit the Pennsylvania Department of Health [website](#) for more information.

**6. Will HACC offer a COVID-19 vaccine?**

No. HACC will not be offering the COVID-19 vaccine.

**7. I received the spring 2021 Commencement ceremony invite email. Is there a way our families and supporters can express their excitement?**

By April 4, please encourage your supporters to complete this online [form](#) with their Commencement congratulatory messages.

Submissions may be shared during the ceremony and/or on HACC's social media sites.

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