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Greetings!

I hope that you had a restful, fun and safe holiday weekend. So much is changing in our country, in our state, in our community and at HACC. The anxieties and challenges that we are facing together are very real. Please continue to make YOUR self-care a priority and rely on the resources that HACC has to offer.

I take comfort in the resilience and optimism that our students continue to display, despite the uncertainty that surrounds them. As Victoria, one of our international students, says in [this video](#), “Better things are ahead of us.”

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’m a current nursing student, and I missed the Zoom session held last week. Where can I get that information?**

The Nursing Department held an information session to update students on the plans for fall 2020. Current students in programs who are returning this fall were given an opportunity to hear the plan and ask questions. [Please click this link](#) if you

want to watch the recorded presentation.

We recognize the burden that uncertainty places on all of you. Please be patient as we await finalized information from our clinical facility partners regarding restrictions. Our tentative goal is to have clinical schedules in place by the week of July 13. Please understand that these plans are fluid. Therefore, this time period is tentative and subject to change.

For new students who were accepted into the nursing clinical section to start this fall, your orientation day Zoom session will provide more specific information. Details on that orientation will be included in the admission packet sent to your HAWKmail account.

**2. I am graduating this fall. Has a decision been made about the December Commencement ceremony?**

We understand the importance of celebrating the remarkable achievements of our graduates. Due to the uncertainty associated with the global pandemic, HACC is determining next steps to ensure our graduates are celebrated while abiding by state guidelines. Please continue to check HACC's website for more information.

**3. What if a student has a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask on campus? Will they still be allowed on campus?**

If a student has a medical condition that prevents them from wearing a mask, they will not be permitted to come on campus. Instead, we will ask them to work with their instructor to see if they should postpone course completion or work on an alternate assignment.

**4. Where can I learn more on how to make the most of my personal emergency funds?**

It may be easy to find information on the importance of building a personal emergency fund. However, there are few available resources that describe what to do when it comes time to use it. The webinar, "[Effectively Using Your Emergency Fund](#)," provided by PSECU provides five tips to effectively use your emergency funds in times of trouble.

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](mailto: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 message.

**5. I heard that the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has banned international students from attending colleges in the United States where the**

**programs are entirely online.**

HACC's programs are being offered this fall 2020 in a hybrid model, which is an exception to the DHS ban. As noted in [Inside Higher Ed](#): International students may remain enrolled at HACC as long as “the program is not entirely online [and] that the student is not taking an entirely online course load for the fall 2020 semester.”

**6. I'm scheduled to take Anatomy and Physiology in the fall. Will it be on campus, or will it be remote?**

Anatomy and Physiology (BIOL 121 and 122) will be offered remotely this fall 2020 semester. We are working to update the location of the building to be listed in the class schedule as “remote.”

**7. When will the Online Learning Commons website be released and how can I access it?**

The Online Learning Commons website launched on July 1, 2020, and can be accessed at <http://hacc.edu/learningcommons>. This website provides students with access to library, testing, tutoring and user support resources.

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