

HIGHLAND COMMUNITY COLLEGE

PARENT/FAMILY NEWSLETTER



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MESSAGE FROM THE VP

Welcome to the first installment of the Parent Newsletter. Hopefully, this publication will serve as an information hub as you help your student navigate through Highland Community College. Our college students are navigators in the tough waters that separate adolescence from adulthood. As they take more responsibility for their daily lives and develop life skills that are as vital as any academic coursework, it's important for you to remain a reliable source of support.

If your student does experience difficulties, encourage them to use the many resources HCC has to offer. Encouraging your student to reach out to our Academic Advising office if they are experience difficulties in the classroom.

They can be a great resource for finding tutoring help or help with the best class schedule. If your student is having difficulties coping with psychological or emotional concerns, encourage them to reach out to our counseling office. It is a free service to our students and it is confidential. Highland Community College is a welcoming place that wants every student to reach their goals. As they begin another semester in college, encourage your student to get involved. In a time of COVID-19, it may look different but there are still many ways to connect with others. Staying involved has shown, through research, to be one of the best ways to predict future college success. This first newsletter was sent out to all students emergency contacts please sign up to receive them in the future at the following link:

https://fs16.formsite.com/HCC_Forms/jo9fl51otf/index.html



Sincerely, Dr. Eric Ingmire VP for Student Services

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DIRECTOR OF FINANCIAL AID

If your student is planning on taking summer classes or fall classes, you will want to complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA as early as possible. The 2021-2022 FAFSA will use your 2019 tax data, so you don't need to wait to file your taxes, go ahead and have your student file their FAFSA. Look at the bill with your student and help them decide how much in loans they should take out. You don't want your student to deal with student loan debt, but if they have to deal with it, make it as little as possible. If there's a balance, they could set up a payment plan instead of taking student loans. There are always other options available. As always, if you have questions about the financial aid process, please contact us at the financial aid office. e-mail us at financialaid@highlandcc.edu or call us at 785-442-6000, ext 2002.



RESOURCES

HCC Scholarships:

<https://highlandcc.edu/pages/scholarships>

Paying for College:

<https://studentaid.gov>

COVID Updates:

highlandcc.edu/covid-19



YOUR CHANGING RELATIONSHIP

During the transition to college, your relationship with your child isn't merely likely to change, it's certain to change. New and evolving boundaries and major shifts in responsibilities may feel unfamiliar. For students, increased personal freedom seems at the same time wonderful and frightening — as they seek to find balance between their own growing need for self-reliance and their desire for the comforting emotional presence of a parent. College students are navigators in the difficult waters that separate adolescence from adulthood. As they take more responsibility for their daily lives and develop life skills that are as vital as any academic coursework, it's important for you to remain a reliable source of support. - Transition Year