

Subject: Important Remote Updates and Questions Answered – Feb. 24, 2021
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Greetings.

This week, we passed a grim milestone – more than 500,000 people have died from COVID-19 in the United States. Many members of our community have been personally touched by tragedy and have lost loved ones to the virus. I extend my condolences to all students who have experienced loss and who may be grieving during this difficult time. You are not alone. As always, please take the time you need to take care of yourself and others who rely on you.

By March 26, 2021, please [apply](#) for an opportunity to receive FREE money. For example, did you know the [Rolls Royce Foundation Scholarship Endowment](#) supports students enrolled in HACC's Automotive Technology Program?

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. Is the CARES Act still going on, and how can I apply for funds?

The College received grants through the [CARES Act](#) for multiple purposes. The College has one year from the date of award to expend the grant funds. All

activities related to the CARES Act will be completed and paid by June 30, 2021.

The student portion of the CARES Act grant was fully distributed to students in June 2020. There is no ability for students to apply for additional funds.

The institutional and strengthening institutions portions of the grant are ongoing as the College continues to allocate funds to activities and initiatives that are necessary and allowable under the terms of the grant.

2. What tutoring resources are available for HACC English as a Second Language (ESL) students?

HACC offers an array of [free tutoring services](#) to all enrolled students. You can access drop-in tutoring sessions or schedule an appointment with an experienced ESL tutor. HACC tutors are available Monday through Saturday to support you.

Additionally, HACC offers a weekly English conversation group for all students to practice their conversational English skills with classmates in a fun and friendly Zoom environment. The conversation group is led by an ESL and language tutor. Any interested student can join the conversation. Please visit the [HACC Tutoring Conversation Group](#) page for full details.

3. Where can I find more information on spring 2021 graduation so that I can send it to my family and friends?

The Commencement ceremony will be held virtually on HACC's YouTube channel on May 13, 2021. In March, students who are eligible to graduate in spring/summer 2021 will receive an invitation in their Hawkmail with the details. For more information, please visit hacc.edu/Commencement or email commencement@hacc.edu.

4. My high school senior is heading to college. Do you know any scholarships that are available?

The HACC Foundation is #HACCproud to offer many unique [scholarships](#) to our students. Additionally, PSECU offers scholarship opportunities to its members. Please visit psecu.com/scholarships to learn more.

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 message.

5. Are there any COVID-related restrictions if I travel outside the state of Pennsylvania for more than 24 hours?

Please refer to the [guidelines](#) provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

6. Are there any resources available to help students experiencing challenges with public transportation?

Students who live in Gettysburg and Adams counties may benefit from a new pilot program developed by rabbittransit in partnership with @Home in Adams County.

The [Gettysburg-Hanover Connector](#) is a new bus route that connects the communities of Gettysburg and Hanover. The program aims to help eliminate the transportation issue that many employers are facing by focusing on providing access to employment opportunities in areas currently not accessible by public transit.

For more information, please visit rabbittransit.org.

7. How can I be part of HACC's spring/summer 2021 virtual Commencement?

Please [apply](#) to be a student speaker or audition to sing "America the Beautiful." The deadline to apply is March 5. For more information, please email commencement@hacc.edu.

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