

Subject: Update on HACC's Instruction and Student Services Planning – May 12, 2021
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Good afternoon, colleagues!

Finally! The big day is almost here. At 6 p.m. tomorrow, May 13, we get to celebrate the outstanding achievements of HACC students eligible to graduate in the spring and summer 2021 semesters at our spring 2021 virtual Commencement ceremony.

The ceremony will include brief remarks from a faculty member, student, alumni and HACC leadership. Like me, I think you'll find the student speaker's story to be inspiring.

Following are resources to help you celebrate virtually:

- [YouTube link](#) - Please use this link to tune in to the ceremony at 6 p.m.
- [Spring 2021 virtual Commencement ceremony webpage](#) - Please use this link to view our Commencement program book and learn about the ceremony speakers.

Please share your excitement on [social media](#) using #HACCproud and #HACCgraduate.

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 Employees](#)." If you would like to see the information being communicated to students, please see the webpage called "[Information for Students](#)."

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

Thank you!

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1. **Can you provide additional details on the virtual Commencement ceremony?
Where can I view the ceremony? Will supporters be able to use the same link?**
HACC's [virtual Commencement ceremony](#) will be held on May 13 at 6 p.m.

To view the ceremony, please visit HACC's [YouTube channel](#).

All attendees will use the same link to tune in to the ceremony.

We look forward to seeing you online on May 13!

2. **What are the summer hours for the Library chat?**

The [Library Chat](#) will be available during the following days and times over the summer:

- Monday-Thursday: 8 a.m.-10 p.m.
- Friday: 9 a.m.-4 p.m.
- Saturday: 9 a.m.-2 p.m.
- Sunday: 5-10 p.m.

This information is *tentative and subject to change*.

3. **If a graduating student did not complete the online form by the deadline, can they still tune in to the virtual Commencement ceremony?**

Yes! Graduating students and their supporters are encouraged to tune in to the [virtual celebration](#) - whether or not they completed the online participation form.

If you have any additional questions regarding our spring 2021 virtual Commencement ceremony, please contact Commencement@hacc.edu.

4. **With the opening of the campuses to the general public at the beginning of June, will students who must be on campus during the summer be allowed to eat lunch outside as long as they maintain social distancing? Many of the health careers students are on campus all day for labs and need to have a space for lunch.**

Yes. Students can enjoy lunch outside while remaining socially distanced during the summer semester at all campuses.

5. **I heard there is a new temporary service that can provide me with assistance in paying for my Internet bills. Can you provide more information?**

As of May 12, 2021, eligible individuals can begin applying and enrolling in the Emergency Broadband Benefit (EBB) Program. This temporary program provides the following benefits to eligible households:

- Up to \$50 per month discount for broadband service
- Up to \$75 per month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer or tablet purchased through a participating provider

Only one monthly service discount and one device discount are allowed per household.

To learn more, please visit <https://getemergencybroadband.org/>

QUOTE: When your head hits the pillow tonight, remind yourself that you are alright. You are doing a great job. Be patient with yourself, and remember that big things are achieved not all at once, but one day at a time. ~Jerrett Frizell