

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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# HAPPY SPRING SCOTTIE STUDENTS!

## Happy Spring By Lisa Parsons

I'm so happy that nice weather has arrived, and I can't believe that graduation is just around the corner. It is a bittersweet time of year because we are so excited for those of you who will be graduating, but also realize that we are going to miss seeing several of you.

This year has been full of challenges, and I believe many of you have learned to persevere in order to reach your goals. I'm so proud of all you have achieved. I hope that the skills you have learned at HCC will serve you well and you will continue to reach for your goals.

For those of you graduating, I wish you continued success in your future endeavors, and I hope you look back on your time at HCC with many fond memories. What an accomplishment for you! Your dedications, time, and effort has paid off.

For those of you that are not graduating this year, I look forward to seeing you back on campus in the summer or next fall. I hope you return even more determined to succeed at reaching your goals.

To all students, I hope you have an enjoyable summer and may you continue to learn and grow.

~Lisa

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## Important Dates

April							May							
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					No Classes & Offices Closed									
4	No Classes & Offices Closed	5	6	7	2nd 8-week classes; W's Start	8	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
11		12	13	14	15	16	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	
									Graduation Celebration 1 - 3 pm Irvin Hall					
18	19	Etiquette Dinner 6-8pm Community Building	20	21	22	23	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	
					No Classes	2nd 8-week classes; Last day for W's	Walmart Trip 2 pm Leave from Wellness Center	Stress Balls 11 am - 2 pm Irvin Hall	Finals Week			Commencement		
25	26	27	28	29	30		23	24	25	26	27	28	29	
							30	31						

**Workshops are being determined. Make sure you check our social media and your email to stay up to date!**

# Preparing for Finals

By Bekkah Landoll

Finals will be here before you know it. Let me ask you a question. Have you ever put off studying for a final, attempted to cram the information into your brain the night before, then walk out of the final thinking, "Man, that was easy!?" The answer is most likely no. This is a marathon, not a sprint. Try the following tips to better prepare for finals.

- Continue regular attendance in class. If you have to quarantine, make sure you're reaching out to your professors and you're attending classes via Zoom.
- Utilize tutoring/Zoom tutoring. If you want a Zoom tutoring appointment email blandoll@highlandcc.edu
- Start now. Don't wait.
- Try scheduling time throughout the day for studying. Do not just assume you will make time for studying eventually. Actually make an appointment with yourself to make it happen.
- It is easy to get distracted or be less productive in your room, so try utilize daytime tutoring hours in Irvin Hall or nighttime tutoring in the library.
- Review your notes and flag spots of confusion or concepts you don't "get". Then seek more information or guidance from instructors or tutors.
- Focus more time on what you don't know than what you do know. Once you get a study guide, make a few copies. Work through the material once, determine the information you know well and determine where you need clarity. Seek assistance with those problem areas. Then rework a study guide and make sure the information is retained.
- Once you complete your study guide, come by SSS to pick up a flashcard set. You can convert the information included in your study guide to quiz yourself on the material as time allows.
- Connect with a fellow classmate or two and create your own study group. Having others hold you accountable may help.
- Make sure you are aware of your finals' times and get enough rest the night before.

# Graduating or Transferring?

By Kim Bechtold

Will you be graduating and transferring next semester? If so, are you prepared?

## 1. Meet with advisors ahead of time

Don't wait until the last minute to ask questions and talk with an advisor. An advisor can look at your HCC transcript and let you know how your classes will transfer. Advisors can also help with making your class schedule. Waiting too long will mean that important courses will likely be full.

## 2. Understand cost

Understand tuition, fees, and other expenses at your new school. Don't forget there are scholarships, financial aid, grants, and loans available for many transfer students.

## 3. Visit campus

Visit campus if you can or take a virtual visit. Getting a feel for campus life is the best way to see if the university is the right fit for you.

## 4. Attend orientation

Every school has different processes so attending an orientation can be helpful and make you feel more at ease when you begin.

## 5. Live on campus

Living in on-campus housing can help you meet people, feel more connected to campus and help you get involved in activities. You'll also live within walking distance of your classes. Sign up for housing early to reserve your spot.

## 6. Follow up with questions after admission

Be sure to follow up with the admissions team for questions you may have. This is new so don't be afraid to ask!

# Writing Fun

By Joy Meyer

When given an assignment  
To write an essay,  
Do you think to yourself,  
"There is just no way!" ??  
Do you struggle with a topic  
Or how to write a thesis?  
The way to solve the problem  
Is to break it into pieces.  
Your topic should be narrow  
And of interest to you;  
Keep your audience in mind  
And your research, too.  
If a topic's too broad,  
The findings will be tough,  
Which will ultimately make  
Thesis writing very rough.  
Think of three main points  
You would like to say...  
Creating topic sentences  
In your own strategic way.  
Discuss each point  
With detail and fact,  
Then your paragraphs will  
Certainly be on the right track.  
The closing of your paper  
Is also key...  
It sums up thoughts  
And backs the thesis, you see.  
One last thing  
Is to edit and revise;  
Skipping this step  
Would not be wise!  
So, good luck with your writing,  
And when it is done...  
You might even realize  
It can be quite fun!

# Career Corner

## Kindergarten and Elementary School Teacher

Annual Salary <small>Median pay-2020 (State of Kansas)</small>	\$54,460
Education level	Bachelor's degree.
Job outlook <small>(2019-2029)</small>	4% more jobs
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Create lessons plans to teach students subjects. Example: Reading, math, science</li> <li>• Observe students and evaluate them</li> <li>• Grade assignments</li> <li>• Prepared for standardized tests</li> <li>• Develop and enforce classroom rules</li> <li>• Communicate with parents and/or guardians about child's progress</li> <li>• Work with students individually to help overcome learning challenges.</li> </ul>

**Summary:** Kindergarten and Elementary school teachers teach young children basic subjects to prepare for future schooling.

All information came from the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics and can be found at the following links:  
<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/education-training-and-library/kindergarten-and-elementary-school-teachers.htm#tab-1>  
<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes252021.htm#st>

## Graphic Designers

Annual Salary <small>Median pay-2020 (State of Kansas)</small>	\$34,580
Education level	Bachelor's degree
Job outlook <small>(2019-2029)</small>	4% decline
Duties	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meet with clients or art director to determine projects</li> <li>• Create designs using illustration, photo editing software, and layout software</li> <li>• Create visual elements such as logos, original images and typefaces</li> <li>• Design layouts, including and not limiting to colors, images, and typefaces</li> <li>• Present design concepts</li> <li>• Review designs for error before printing or publishing</li> </ul>

**Summary:** Graphic designers create concepts, using computer software or by hand, to communicate different ideas that will help to inspire, inform and captivate consumers.

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<https://www.bls.gov/ooh/arts-and-design/graphic-designers.htm#tab-1>  
<https://www.bls.gov/oes/current/oes271024.htm#st>



# Finals Week Schedule

## Monday, May 17, 2021:

Attend class as you normally would

## Tuesday, May 18, 2021

8:00 TR Classes  
 11:00 TR Classes  
 2:00 TR Classes

## Wednesday, May 19, 2021

8:00 MWF Classes & Daily  
 10:00 MWF Classes  
 12:00 MW & MWF Classes  
 2:00 MW & MWF Classes  
 6:00 Evening/Hybrid Classes

## Thursday, May 20, 2021

9:30 TR Classes  
 1:00 TR Classes (Any 12:30 TR Classes also use this Finals time)

## Friday, May 21, 2021

9:00 MWF Classes  
 11:00 MWF Classes & Daily  
 1:00 MW & MWF Classes



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## April

				1	2	3
4	5	Christopher Holmes	7	Denzel Knight	9	10 Laila Jones
11	12	13	14 Robert Mauck	15	16	17
18	19 Jacquez Gadsden	20	21	22 Micheal Bryant Brendan Graves	23	24 Hannah Riedy
25	26	27	28	29	30	

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## May

						1 Amykah Hoskin
2	3	4	5	6 Aalisha Hoskin	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14 Cameron McKinney	15 Alyssa Becker
16	17 Haley Miller	18	19	20 Makayla Neibling	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29 Kendall Brewer
30 Richard Flores	31 Carolyn Smith					