

# STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

TUTORING | TRANSFER HELP | WORKSHOPS & MORE



## HAPPY FALL!

BY: LISA PARSONS, DIRECTOR

Happy Fall, SSS! It's hard to believe that we are halfway through this semester. It has been a busy semester and we've been pleased to see several students taking advantage of the services that we provide to our Student Support Services' members.

It's been nice meeting new students and catching up with returning students. You are a terrific group to work with! We are eager to help you have a successful semester and I hope you take advantage of all the services and events we offer.

I hope you take some time to read through this newsletter and get to know our staff. This is my fifth year as the director for SSS and my 10th year at HCC. I am passionate about helping students find success and enjoy meeting new students. I have two boys that are also in college and I love watching them become independent, young men and it's been rewarding to see them find success on their journey. My hobbies include spending time with family, camping, and reading.

As always, don't hesitate to stop by and say hello when you are in Irvin Hall. Let's have a great second half of the semester!



## STUDY TIPS

BY: BEKKAH LANDOLL, RETENTION & TUTORING COORDINATOR

When you are learning something new, it is unrealistic to expect that you will read something once and it will be forever in your memory. Think about learning new routes in football or memorizing lines for a theater production; just seeing it once will not be as effective as repetitiously reviewing the information; the same goes for studying for a test. It is important to not only take notes during class but to revisit and review your notes frequently. Try utilizing the time before class begins to review the notes from the previous class meeting; this way the information is fresh on your mind when discussing new topics and can help you understand how each lesson relates to the next.



## TRANSFER RECOMMENDATIONS

BY: KIM BECHTOLD,  
TRANSFER ADVISOR

Some of you are just beginning your college careers and some will be transferring soon. Regardless of where you are in your journey, it is never too early to learn more about the transfer process and to learn about available outside scholarships. If you plan to transfer next semester or fall of 2021, now is the perfect time to meet. I can help with application fees, the application process and questions on scholarships.

Feel free to email me at [kbechtold@highlandcc.edu](mailto:kbechtold@highlandcc.edu) if you'd like to set up an appointment to discuss scholarships or transferring further.



## WRITING BLUES

BY: JOY MEYER,  
ACADEMIC SPECIALIST

Do you often feel as though you are walking through a murky fog when writing an essay? Is it confusing or unclear what to write for a thesis statement or where to break your paragraphs? Are you questioning yourself on the quality of your paper? Do you fear each essay assignment? A common misunderstanding, especially among young writers, is that some people are naturally gifted writers, while others are not. This is often tied with a case of the "I can't's". However, when following a basic set of guiding principles, anyone can learn to be a good writer. Even if you have struggled with the writing process in the past, you can learn to become a better writer, both in and out of school, by simply considering and applying a few fundamentals. Who knows? You may even learn to enjoy writing!

Below are a few tips to consider.

- **Have something to say.**
  - Read wisely and take notes
  - Narrow your topic from the given subject
- **Be specific.**
  - Use description
  - Paint a picture with sensory details
- **Choose simple words.**
  - Good writing is not always complex
  - Deliver the idea clearly
- **Keep sentences short.**
  - Easier on the reader's eyes
  - One simple thought is ample
  - Lengthy sentences can cause confusion
- **Use active voice.**
  - SVO...subject/verb/object
  - Passive voice can be boring
- **Keep paragraphs short.**
  - Reader absorbs information easier
  - Academic writing may require lengthier paragraphs
- **Avoid fluff words.**
  - Qualifying words, such as very and little add little meaning.
  - Unnecessary words can be distracting and boring
- **Don't ramble or repeat yourself.**
  - Get to the point
  - Stay on topic
  - Do not say the same thing over merely to add content
- **Edit. Edit. Edit.**
  - Delete, rewrite, shorten
  - Set paper aside and return with fresh outlook...edit again

## MEET THE STAFF

### BEKKAH LANDOLL

Bekkah Landoll is the Retention and Tutoring Coordinator. Bekkah received her Bachelor of Art in History from Oklahoma State University. Previously, Bekkah worked as an Academic Advisor and Instructor at Northwestern State University of Louisiana and as a Training Coordinator for Johnson County Government as well as the city of St. Joseph Missouri. Bekkah and her husband Jake, have three children (Greyson, Laila, and Tommy) and live in Highland. Most of their time is spent watching football practice/games and taking long walks around town.

### KIM BECHTOLD

My name is Kim Bechtold and I am an advisor with the SSS program; my main focus is on helping our SSS students transfer. I can help guide you through the transfer process and help answer questions that may come up. I am in my 8th year at HCC and love meeting new students every semester. When I'm not at work I enjoy spending time with my two kids, husband and boxer puppy Steven..

### JOY MEYER

My name is Joy Meyer, and I am the Academic Specialist for the SSS program. This is my 6th year at HCC, however I have been in education as a classroom teacher in the Highland school system for over 25 years. Born and raised here, my heart and soul are rooted deeply in this community and the Highland schools, and I have always loved working with and seeing students learn and grow as young adults. I have a husband and two sons, who both reside with their families in the Kansas City area. We also have five grandchildren who are active in baseball, softball, and are avid K-State fans. Since my husband and I are both Kansas State grads, it comes as no surprise we have a Wildcat family. I love spending time with my family and friends whenever possible and I also enjoy playing the piano, pleasure reading and decorating my home.

### KRISTEN ALLEN

My name is Kristen Allen. I am the administrative assistant. As you have probably seen, I am one of the people that sends out emails, but I also run our social media accounts. I've been with the SSS program for almost three years, and was also a part of the program during my years at HCC. In my spare time, I spend time with my family, play video games, and read.

# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

## AUGUST

Deontay Campbell- 8/10  
William Agnew- 08/11  
Patrice Hart- 08/24  
Aiden Moore- 08/25  
Ciana Bruce- 08/27

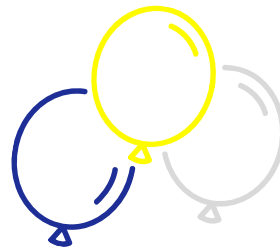
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## NOVEMBER

De'Shaun Williams- 11/02  
Lilliana Weir- 11/07  
Kendon Knight- 11/17  
Victor Sanchez Ramos- 11/20  
Sheldrick Cherry- 11/21  
Victoria Conroy- 11/24  
Cassidy Goering-11/27  
Kauli Saili- 11/29

## SEPTEMBER

Anterrio White- 09/01  
Cole Blanke-09/02  
Hailee Miller- 9/03  
Jamarceon Jackson- 09/05  
Jeri Velasquez- 09/05  
Margaret Moorhous-9/07  
Jazmine Christensen- 9/12  
Cam'Ron Randall- 9/13  
Gayle Wade- 9/13  
Ti'Erra Brown- 9/13  
Logan Cusick- 9/23  
Marquise Milton- 9/29  
Jayden Thomas- 9/30



## OCTOBER

James Mayden- 10/07  
Waylon Henry- 10/13  
Le'Marcus Washington-10/16  
Curvion Ezell- 10/16  
Donajz Dunn- 10/23  
Damarco Fishback- 10/24  
Cierra Hladky- 10/25  
Dervon Marius- 10/27  
Tristan De Koning- 10/30

## DECEMBER

Arman Coatney- 12/06  
Kyra Rudel- 12/07  
Karson Griggs- 12/08  
Eric Thomas- 12/09  
Jaloni Cloud- 12/11  
Stephan Peterman- 12/13  
Jaylon Brown- 12/14  
Cynthia Andersen- 12/17  
Malik Golden- 12/20  
RaeQuan Prince- 12/20  
Lane Richardson- 12/21  
Samaria Robinson- 12/31

# FINALS WEEK SCHEDULE

### Thursday, November 19, 2020

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

### Friday, November 20, 2020

8:00 MWF Classes & Daily  
10:00 MWF Classes  
12:00 MW & MWF Classes  
2:00 MW & MWF Classes

### Monday, November 23, 2020

9:00 MWF Classes  
11:00 MWF Classes & Daily  
1:00 MW & MWF Classes  
6:00 Evening/Hybrid Classes

### Tuesday, November 24, 2020

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

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