



FINISHING THE SEMESTER WELL

Dear MCC Community,

As the semester comes to a close, your student is likely juggling final exams, major deadlines, and a mix of emotions—from exhaustion to pride. December is a meaningful moment to pause, reflect on how far they've come, and start looking ahead. Your steady encouragement during this time can give them the extra boost they need to finish strong.

Thank you for being a consistent source of support throughout the semester. Your presence helps your Highlander end the year with confidence and begin the next one with focus and resilience. We're grateful for your partnership—and we wish you and your family a peaceful, restorative winter break.

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REVIEW GRADES & COURSE PLANNING

If final grades aren't what your student hoped for, your support can help them see the big picture and take thoughtful next steps. Advisors and success coaches are available to help.

TRY ASKING

- "What did you learn this semester—both from the wins and the challenges?"
- "What would help you feel more prepared going into next semester?"

LINKS

- [Advising](#)
- [Success Coaching Services](#)

CONFIRM SPRING ENROLLMENT & PAYMENT

Now is a great time to double-check that your student has registered for spring classes and completed any financial steps for next semester.

TRY ASKING

- "Are there any enrollment or financial tasks you want to wrap up before the break?"
- "What's one thing you want to approach differently next semester?"

LINKS

- [MyMCC](#) (schedule is found on the student planning tab)

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[VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR](#)

COACHING WITH CARE

This month is a great time to acknowledge the effort your student has put in. Reflective, open-ended questions can help them close out the semester with pride and prepare for a successful spring.

FINAL EXAMS & ACADEMIC WRAP-UP

Encourage your student to create a plan for finishing the semester strong—reviewing final exam schedules, setting study goals, and reaching out for support as needed.

TRY ASKING

- "What's your plan for managing everything that's due over the next couple of weeks?"
- "What kind of support would help you feel confident heading into finals?"

LINKS

- [Final Exam Schedule](#)
- [Success Coaching Services](#)
- [Upswing \(online tutoring\)](#)

WINTER BREAK & RECHARGING

The winter break offers more than just time off—it's a valuable opportunity to rest, reflect, and regroup after a busy semester. Encourage your student to slow down, recharge, and take care of themselves in meaningful ways.

Whether it's catching up on sleep, spending time with loved ones, or simply stepping away from academic pressures, these moments matter.

Remind your student that caring for their body, mind, and emotions isn't a distraction from success—it's an essential part of it. Building healthy habits during the break can help them return with greater clarity, energy, and motivation for the next term.

TRY ASKING

- "What are you looking forward to most during the break?"
- "What's one way you'd like to take care of yourself over the holidays?"

LINKS

- [Things To Do in Waco on Winter Break](#)

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

- **December 8 - 11:** Final exams
- **December 15 - January 4:** Winter break
- **December 16:** Fall Commencement
- **January 12 - 15:** First week of Spring 2026 classes
- **January 19:** MCC closed for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday

