



NEW SEMESTER, FRESH START

Dear MCC Community,

January is the perfect time to reset, refocus, and remind your student that each term brings fresh opportunities. Whether last semester felt like a win or a challenge, now is a chance to move forward with clarity and intention. Your encouragement can help them start strong and stay grounded as they step into what's next.

This season of new beginnings is a powerful moment—for reflection, for growth, and for setting a positive tone for the months ahead. Thank you for continuing to walk alongside your Highlander. We're grateful for your partnership and excited to support your student's journey in 2026.

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CAMPUS JOBS & STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

If your student didn't get involved in fall, now is the time. Many student clubs are welcoming new members, and campus job opportunities often open in January.

TRY ASKING

- "What kind of role or group would you enjoy being part of on campus?"
- "What would it feel like to work on campus this semester—do you think that could be a good fit?"

LINKS

- [Student Life Center](#)
- [Student Clubs & Organizations](#)
- [Student Job Board](#)

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[VIRTUAL CAMPUS TOUR](#)

COACHING WITH CARE

The start of the semester offers a natural opportunity for reflection and re-alignment. A few open-ended questions can help your student set intentions, organize their energy, and engage more fully in their goals.

GOAL SETTING & ACADEMIC PLANNING

Encourage your student to take time to reflect on last semester and identify one or two new habits they'd like to try. Whether it's improving time management or using tutoring earlier, small steps can make a big difference.

TRY ASKING

- "What's something you want to do differently this semester?"
- "What kind of structure or routine would help you feel more in control of your schedule?"

LINKS

- [Success Coaching Services](#)

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS & FINANCIAL FOLLOW-UP

January 15 is the priority deadline for MCC scholarship applications for the 2026-2027 year. If your student hasn't applied yet or has pending financial aid documents, there's still time.

TRY ASKING

- "What's your plan for submitting your scholarship applications?"
- "Is there anything you need to finish up with financial aid before the deadline?"

LINKS

- [MCC Foundation Scholarships](#)
- [MyMCC](#) (for students)

IMPORTANT DATES

- **January 12 - 15:** First week of Spring 2026 classes
- **January 19:** MCC closed for Martin Luther King Jr. holiday
- **March 9 - 14:** MCC closed for Spring Break
- **April 3:** MCC closed for Spring Holiday
- **April 27 - May 1:** Last week of Spring 2026 classes
- **May 4 - 8:** Final Exams
- **May 12:** Spring Commencement

