



GETTING READY TO START STRONG

Dear MCC Community,

We're excited to launch this monthly resource just for you—our Highlander families. Each edition will offer timely updates, helpful insights, and practical ways to support your student through key moments in their journey. At MCC, we believe students thrive when their families are informed, engaged, and empowered. This newsletter is here to strengthen that connection—offering encouragement, context, and simple ways to help your Highlander build momentum. We're grateful to have you as a partner in their success. Your support truly matters—and it can shape how confidently your student begins the year.

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GET INVOLVED EARLY

Campus Jobs & Student Life

The amount of time students spend with their peers is the third most important factor in student success. Encourage your student to explore student clubs, campus events, and job opportunities. Getting involved early often leads to a stronger sense of belonging and academic confidence.

TRY ASKING

- "What kinds of things on campus might you want to be part of?"
- "How do you want to feel about your time at MCC a few weeks in—and what could help you get there?"

LINKS

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

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COACHING WITH CARE

Rather than giving your student all the answers, you can help them grow by asking open-ended questions that prompt reflection and build confidence. Throughout these newsletters, you'll see "Try asking" suggestions written in a coaching voice. These are designed to help you open a dialogue with your student—while still giving them space to take ownership of their journey.

FINANCIAL AID & PAYMENT PLANS

Encourage your student to check his/her financial aid status, submit missing documents, pay the bill by the deadline, and set up a payment plan if needed. These are key steps to starting the semester with confidence.

TRY ASKING

- "What's your next step with your financial aid?"
- "How are you feeling about your payment plan or tuition this semester?"

LINKS

- [MyMCC](#) (for students) see Financial Aid at top right

IMPORTANT FALL DATES

- **July 3:** MCC closed for Independence Day
- **August 25 - 28:** First week of Fall 2025 classes
- **September 1:** MCC closed for Labor Day
- **October 17:** MCC closed for Fall Break
- **October 29:** Registration for Spring 2026 opens
- **November 26 - 30:** MCC closed for Thanksgiving Break
- **December 8 - 11:** Final exams
- **December 12 - January 4:** Winter break

