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**MASSBAY MEN'S BASKETBALL RANKED IN NATION'S TOP TEN**  
*Buccaneers 5-1 on young season*

Wellesley Hills, Mass. – The Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay) men's basketball team is off to a great start in 2008-09 and it was reflected in the most recent National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division III national poll.

In the latest ranking, as of November 18, MassBay is seventh in the nation. The Buccaneers had started with a preseason ranking of No. 19 and catapulted into the top ten with five straight victories to start the 2008-09 campaign. The next poll will be November 25.

MassBay opened with a 78-61 win over Bunker Hill and then won NHTI's Tap-Off Men's Basketball Tournament with wins over Eastern Maine Community College (104-62) and NHTI (58-54). NHTI was previously undefeated. Having reached the championship game for the third year in a row, MassBay collected its first championship plaque.

**Deshawn Gibbons (Boston, Mass.)** and **Jamal Swanson (Arlington, Mass.)** were named to the all-tournament team for their two-game performances. Swanson, who collected 37 points and 13 rebounds in two games, was named MVP of the 2008 NHTI Tap-Off Tourney.

MassBay then topped Bristol (78-50) and No. 8 Springfield (74-61) before dropping its first game of the season, a heartbreaking 83-81 overtime loss at Northern Essex.

MassBay will next travel to Massasoit Tuesday, November 25. The Buccaneers return home November 28 for a 7:00 p.m. tilt against No. 8 Sullivan Community College from New York. Sullivan was ranked preseason No. 1.

The Buccaneers host Alumni Day on Saturday, December 6, honoring past players and supporters of the program before the 3:00 p.m. tip-off against Gateway. When MassBay hosts Holyoke at 1:00 p.m. January 17, the game will celebrate Summer Camp Day.

About MassBay Community College

*Massachusetts Bay Community College (MassBay) is an open-access, accredited two-year public educational institution. The College grants associate degrees and certificates in a range of disciplines through its five divisions of academics: the Division of Health Sciences; the Division of Humanities; the Division of Science, Technology, Engineering & Math (S.T.E.M.); the Division of Social Sciences & Professional Studies; and the Division of Transportation & Energy. Offering over 60 academic programs, MassBay serves Boston and the MetroWest communities with locations in Wellesley Hills, Framingham and Ashland (Automotive Technology Center).*

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