MASSBAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT
Weekly Newsletter

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YOUR First 8 Weeks

We know that starting classes can be overwhelming. Your attention is pulled in a lot of directions; most of you are working and going to school, and many of you have family responsibilities as well. Getting back into school can be a challenging transition-- whether it's been 3 weeks, 3 months, or 3 years since your last class.

To help you stay focused and get connected, we've put together a guide to help you focus on what is important throughout the first half of the semester to set you up for success now and into the future. See below to find a guide to your SECOND week!

Your First 8 Weeks!

Week 2: My Experience

GET CONNECTED!
Now that you have finalized your schedule it's time to start creating connections and building your place here at MassBay. Start developing connections to your peers, staff and faculty all of whom can support you and your learning.

THIS WEEK YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON:

Familiarize yourself with your Syllabus
- Understand what your professors expect out of you for your classes, and look over major deadlines.

Create connections with your faculty members
- Introduce yourself after class, ask questions, and be engaged! Especially in this virtual world, it's easy to see who is paying attention, and active in class-and who is distracted or falling asleep.
- Faculty often know about resources around campus and can serve as future references.

Create connections with classmates!
- Introduce yourself to classmates! Send them an email or message in blackboard. Having a classmate to reach out with questions or just to review assignments with can be a huge help.
- See if others in your classes would be interested in creating study groups— they're a great way to meet other students and stay motivated.

Explore our Mentoring Programs:

- **STEM Mentoring Program**
  Stem Mentoring Program nurtures STEM students' academic success and support students' pursuit of their academic and career aspirations by facilitating one-on-one mentoring relationships and providing STEM-focused events, programs and opportunities.
  ⇒ **Info Sessions**: 9/15 3:30-4:30pm | 9/16 from 1pm-2pm

- **Peer to Peer Mentor Program**
  Students are linked with an experienced second-year student who will serve as a mentor. Peer mentors receive training to assist students on a variety of academic and non-academic topics and support their fellow students in acclimating to MassBay. Peer mentors work collaboratively to engage students in activities that increase their peers' involvement in a positive college experience.
  ⇒ To **become** a Peer Mentor: Apply Here
  ⇒ To **be paired with a** Peer Mentor: Apply Here

- **Multicultural Mentoring Program (MMP)**
  MMP's goal is to prepare students to lead extraordinary lives by establishing a community for students from all cultures and different backgrounds. Students are paired with mentors who are professionals from regional organizations/companies or MassBay's staff/faculty in a one-to-one mentoring partnership.
  ⇒ To apply visit: https://www.massbay.edu/career/mentor

Attend Events (See the weekly calendar for event details)

- Bingo Night
- BlackBoard Workshops
- WebEx Workshops
- STEM Mentor Info Sessions
- Computer Science Career Panel - Open to All!
- Mindful MassBay

Connect to your Academy

- Our Academies are the seven broad areas of study at MassBay. All of our degree and certificate programs are grouped into these seven Academies to create better connections between students and their peers and professors. Think of your Academy as a community of professors and students who share similar interests and goals.

- Attend your Academy's Welcome to meet your classmates, faculty and learn more:
  ⇒ **Business:** Wed. 9/16 | 11am - 12pm
  ⇒ **Education & Human Services:** Thurs. 9/17 | 10:00-11:00am
  ⇒ **Legal Studies:** Mon. 9/21 | 11am - 12pm

  *Check your MassBay email for the invite and WebEx Link

- Visit the Academies' webpage for more information!