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 30 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 THIRD week!

**THIS WEEK YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON:**

**Get Involved in Clubs and Organizations:**
- Clubs and organizations provide opportunities and experiences outside of the classroom. Develop new connections and skills and have fun! Visit www.massbay.edu/clubs for a list of current clubs.

**Get Involved with SGA**
- Check out our Student Government Association (SGA) and the ways you can be involved in making MassBay the campus you want.
- Applications will close on Friday, September 25th at 12pm. [Apply Now](http://www.massbay.edu/sga)
- Visit www.massbay.edu/sga to apply for one of our open positions or to visit their meeting on Wednesdays at 3 to check out the group!

**Learn about other opportunities to get involved:**
- From our Leadership Development Program (LEAD) to Mentor Programs and much more. There are plenty of opportunities to be involved. Visit [www.massbay.edu/studentengagement](http://www.massbay.edu/studentengagement) to start exploring!

**Attend the Involvement Fairs**
- Learn about all of the opportunities available to you in one easy place!
- **Tuesday 9/22** 3pm [Zoom Link](https://www.massbay.edu/zoom)
- **Wednesday 9/23** 12pm [Zoom Link](https://www.massbay.edu/zoom)

**Participate in Spirit Day on Thursday!**
- Wear your MassBay Swag and show off your MassBay Pride:
  - Take photos of you and your friends during virtual chats!
  - Send us your pictures studentengagement@massbay.edu! *Prizes for the most MassBay spirit!*
  - Post on Social Media. Make sure to tag MassBay (IG: massbayview) Don’t forget: #StartHereGoAnywhere #mymassbay

**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 programs.
- 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:
  - [Legal Studies](https://www.massbay.edu/academics/legalstudies) Mon. 9/21 | 11am-12pm
  - [Visit the Academy webpage](https://www.massbay.edu/academics/legalstudies) for more information!

**Stay Focused on your Academics**
- Utilize tutoring and other academic virtual resources in the AAC: [www.massbay.edu/aac](http://www.massbay.edu/aac)
- Know your due dates and assignments
- Participate in your Classes
- Attendance is usually factored into your grade
- Students who show up are more successful
- Have to miss one? Communicate with your professor ahead of time!

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**MassBay SPIRIT Day**

Thursday, September 24th is MassBay Spirit Day! Please wear your MassBay t-shirts, sunglasses, hats, etc. to show your Buccaneer pride! Send us your pictures [studentengagement@massbay.edu](mailto:studentengagement@massbay.edu)! Prizes for the most MassBay spirit!