

# STUDENT ENGAGEMENT

## Weekly Newsletter

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### WELCOME!

It is hard to believe that summer has come to an end and classes are beginning!

We are definitely disappointed that we will be unable to welcome you back to campus in our typical face-to-face way, however we are still thrilled to have you back and we are still here for you virtually in all the ways we used to be in person!

We hope that you are excited for the beginning of your successful Fall semester at MassBay! Trying to come up with a plan to help you balance your many responsibilities can be a key to your success. Please know we are here to help you in any way we can. Our best students utilize campus resources and make connections with faculty, staff, and other students.

## Virtual Support Centers

We have created two virtual drop-in centers so you can still speak directly with staff members to answer your questions and help you get settled in the first week.

### VIRTUAL Q&A CENTER

[www.massbay.edu/ask](http://www.massbay.edu/ask).

MassBay Offices will be available remotely to answer questions regarding Admissions, Financial Aid, Student Advising, Student Accounts, Registration, as well as other general questions.

⇒ Click [HERE](#) for the direct link to the Virtual Q&A Center in Zoom.

### ADVISING DROP-IN CENTER

[www.massbay.edu/academics/advising](http://www.massbay.edu/academics/advising)

Sign in to the Academic Advising Zoom Drop-In Center to speak with an advisor, register for classes or add and drop individual courses. For hours and the link to join the Virtual Advising Drop-In Center visit: [www.massbay.edu/academics/advising](http://www.massbay.edu/academics/advising)

⇒ Click [HERE](#) for the direct link to the Advising Drop-In Center

## YOUR First 8 Weeks

Welcome to or Welcome Back to MassBay!



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 first week!

### Week 1: My MassBay

*Your first week is all about getting comfortable here at MassBay. Make sure to check out the virtual support centers to get your questions answered. Start to settle in to a new routine and attend all of your classes this first week, look for emails from your faculty (your MassBay email of course) or messages in Blackboard about how to log-in to all of your Remote Classes. If you are enrolled in any Online Classes, be sure to log in to Blackboard and go that course's homepage on Sept. 8th.*

### THIS WEEK YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON:

#### Finalize your schedule!

You have the first few days of class to make sure you are enrolled in the classes you want, you can add or drop courses to better fit your schedule and learning style. Make sure you talk to an advisor in the Advising Drop-In Center and check your financial aid award letter before making changes to your schedule. Order any textbooks or other materials you need for classes if you haven't already.

#### Get Organized!

Start keeping a schedule and planner now. Whether you use a paper calendar or prefer apps, make sure you have a system to keep track of your classes, activities, work schedule, and major due dates. Trust us—the sooner you start developing a system that works for you, the better! Get into the habit of checking your student Outlook email account every day!

#### Take a Deep Breath

We know it's overwhelming, and you aren't the only one feeling that way! Take a chance and introduce yourself to your classmates over email or discussion boards, check out programs and activities that are available to you, and start to think about what resources you could use to be successful. Always check our Weekly Calendar to see virtual events available that week.

#### Follow MassBay

Follow us on Social Media to see what's happening around campus:



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