

# **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!



## 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

 Make sure you read over and 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 during class.
- Faculty often know about resources around campus and can serve as future references.

#### Attend Events

- Attend the Academic Achievement Center's Open House on the Framingham and Wellesley campuses to learn about the wide
  - array of academic supports available to you
- Attend the Student Employment Fair to learn about on and off campus job opportunities you could apply for.

#### **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.
- Find out when your Academy is doing its welcome and stop by to meet your classmates, faculty and learn more!

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