

## **Weekly Newsletter**

January 24, 2022 | Welcome Back!

## Welcome to or Welcome Back to MassBay!



We are SO excited to be welcoming students back to campus this semester! Although campus may look and feel a little differently, we are looking forward to having a bit of normalcy back. Student Engagement plans to have a mix of virtual and in-person events this semester so that both in-person and online students will have opportunities to get involved and attend events.

For more information on what to expect on campus in the spring, please review the following resources:

- FAQ Document
- https://www.massbay.edu/corona/campus-expectations
- https://www.massbay.edu/coronavirus

#### **ACCESSING CAMPUS**

#### Download MassBayGo, our mobile app!

Students' MassBay Campus will be updated for your arrival by January 25, 2022.

- Those with Apple mobile devices can download the app <u>Apple Store</u> <u>I</u> <u>MassBayGo app</u> →.
- While we work on publishing the MassBayGo Android App on the Google Play Store, click <u>Android I</u> <u>MassBayGo app —</u> and follow the instructions to download the app onto your mobile device.



You will use the My Campus Pass title to enter MassBay buildings. If you have the old MyMassBay app on your phone, please delete it.

Individuals who are clear to be on-campus will find a green checkmark in their "campus pass" tile in the MassBay app. You must show the green checkmark to the officer at the door when entering the building.

- Green Check You may access the MassBay Express Lane to enter.
- Blue Pass You must check in with staff at the front door.
- Red X You are prohibited from coming to campus at this time.

Please have your phones out and your Campus Pass status visible when arriving on campus.



We know that starting classes can be overwhelming and many of you may never have been to campus before. Don't worry, there will be plenty of staff out and about in the hallways to help you find your way around and answer any questions you may have! We also still have our Virtual Q&A Center if you need questions answered or help from off campus: <a href="https://www.massbay.edu/ask">www.massbay.edu/ask</a>.

As classes begin, 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 some tips for your first week!

#### THIS WEEK YOU SHOULD FOCUS ON

Your first week is all about getting comfortable here at MassBay. Make sure to check out the information tables and 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 for important information and/or how to log-in to all of your Remote Classes.

#### 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 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 in-person, over email or on 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 events available that week

## **CHECK OUT MASSBAY'S EVENT CALENDAR!**

MassBay has an online event calendar that all students can access through OneLogin!

- This is the central location for students to get the calendar of events each week.
- This calendar has the most up-to-date information for MassBay student events.
- The event descriptions will have event links included in them for virtual events or location information for inperson events so that you can easily access each event online on in-person.
- There is an option to subscribe to the calendar so that you get a weekly email with all the events coming up.
- You can also add individual events to your personal

calendar or sign-up for reminder emails/texts so that you don't forget about them!



## **UPCOMING EVENT HIGHLIGHTS**



JINDO: IT'S BINGO WITH A BEAT!

Jindo is the music bingo party game



of skill and luck that's FUN for everyone! Join the CCSLA and your fellow Massachusetts Community Colleges for a game that mixes namethat-tune with bingo.

#### Wednesday | January 26th | 7pm

Click this link to join on

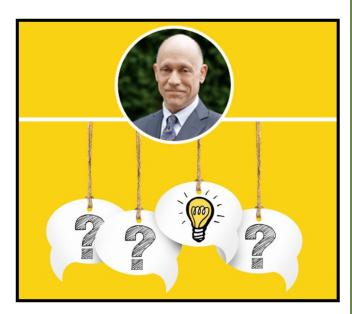
Zoom: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/jindojosh">https://tinyurl.com/jindojosh</a>

## Join us for the Student Town Hall with President Podell!

President Podell looks forward to providing updates and hearing from you about your experiences at MassBay. We welcome feedback, concerns, ideas, suggestions, and of course, questions.

#### Friday | January 28th | 1-2pm

Click **HERE** to Join!





The Babson Financial Literacy Project (BFLP) is a notfor-profit initiative designed to help young adults acquire the financial knowledge and skills necessary for long-term independence and prosperity. The BFLP teaches important financial lessons through interactive workshops. The program helps participants build lifelong strategies for budgeting,

# Virtual Financial Literacy Series

Presented by the Babson Financial Literacy Project

Earn a certificate of completion by attending 3 of the 4 workshops!

#### When

Monday, January 31	1-2pm
Monday, February 28	1-2pm
Monday, March 28	1-2pm
Monday, April 25	1-2pm

Click **HERE** for workshop descriptions and more information.

## LEAD | Leadership Engagement & Development

LEAD is a program at MassBay designed to develop leadership skills that will benefit students throughout college, career, and life.

The LEAD program exists to inspire all students to effect positive change through self-exploration, including the positive impact they can have in a group and our community, and why it's vital for our future.



For more information and to sign-up, please visit <a href="www.massbay.edu/lead">www.massbay.edu/lead</a>

Visit the <u>Virtual Events Calendar</u> in OneLogin for more events and event links and information!

## **NEED HELP? HAVE QUESTIONS?**

### **VISIT THE VIRTUAL Q & A CENTER!**

Connect virtually with a member of our Support Squad through WebEx.

The MassBay Support Squad is available to answer a wide range of questions!

www.massbay.edu/ask



