

November 22, 2021 | Thanksgiving



WE ARE THANKFUL FOR YOU!



THANKFUL

The Thanksgiving season is a time to think about the many things in our lives we are grateful for and for finding new ways to express that gratitude.

This year, Student Engagement is incredibly grateful for a supportive community that has continued to pivot and generate creative ideas that have allowed students to engage virtually as we have navigated through the pandemic.

Most importantly, we are grateful for YOU, our students!

In honor of Thanksgiving this week, we would like to highlight a few of our amazing students to say thank you and show our appreciation for their involvement and dedication!



IN THE
spotlight

Kyle Bell & Candide Kashala



It's not every day a husband and wife register for classes together to study in the same program, but cybersecurity students, Kyle Bell and Candide Kashala of Shrewsbury, MA did just that. They are not only studying cybersecurity full-time, Kyle works full-time in a Social Security office and Candide works full-time raising their two toddlers, Hannah and Henry. "It's a lot to juggle, especially during the pandemic, but we know it will be worth it in the end. Both of us always have enjoyed working with computers and know the cybersecurity field has many in-demand job opportunities," said Candide.

Kyle added, "MassBay has so many supports in place to help students succeed. I hope all MassBay students can take advantage of the opportunities that are available to them as many are not offered at every college. There are a wide range of programs from which to choose, including the STEM Mentor Program, which provides encounters and meetings with outside employment professionals to help build a professional network. The STEM Mentor Program events and activities I took part in have been invaluable for my future and helped me navigate and plan exciting career possibilities."

Kyle and Candide are both scheduled to graduate in May 2022 with their cybersecurity and advanced cybersecurity certificates.

[Click here for their full story!](#)

Hannah Finley

MassBay Women's Volleyball Outside Hitter **Hannah Finley** has been selected to the 2021 NJCAA Region 21 All-Region second team. Finley, in her first season with the Bucs, led the team in service aces and digs, and was second in kills on the season. She also ranked in the top 20 in the region in six statistical categories.

Off the court, Finley is very active in the MassBay community. She is currently the Vice President of Public Relations for the Student Government Association (SGA),

and also serves as an Orientation Leader.

"Congratulations to Hannah on her All-Region selection," said Head Women's Volleyball Coach Nasser Balinda. "Hannah is an outstanding athlete and a great teammate. I am very proud of all that she has done both on and off the court for our program."

"Thank you to my friends and family for the support throughout the season, and thank you to my coaching staff, teammates and the athletics staff for allowing me to continue to play a sport that I love," commented Finley.



ADN Nursing Students



MassBay Community College associate degree nursing (ADN) students and faculty recently assisted the town of Ashland in administering COVID-19 vaccinations for children ages 5 -11 at a vaccine clinic held at the Ashland High School. During the clinic, our faculty and students helped vaccinate the 600 children who attended the event.

The ADN students who volunteered to help administer the vaccine at this event were:

- **Kira Perkel**
- **Tatyana Anatolieva**
- **Kassandra Howard**
- **Samantha Tornabene**
- **Eric Andrade**

As well as ADN Professors:

- **Heather Munroe**

Nathan Persampieri



MassBay Community College student, Nathan Persampieri of Newton, MA, has been recognized by the Kraft family and the New England Patriots Foundation with the “**Patriots Difference Maker of the Week Award.**” Persampieri, who studies liberal arts, was selected for his commitment and volunteerism with the Newton, MA, nonprofit organization, Understanding Our Differences.

“I am humbled and honored to receive this award,” said Nathan. “I would like to thank Understanding Our Differences and the New England Patriots for recognizing my efforts. Building awareness of people’s differences and creating an inclusive community is important and vital work in which I’m proud to take part.”

Nathan is scheduled to graduate with his Associate in Arts degree in Liberal Arts in May 2022, with plans to transfer to a four-year university to pursue his bachelor’s degree.

[Click here for Nathan's full story!](#)

Chrisreal Lithgow & Juan Salas

MassBay Men's Basketball players Chrisreal Lithgow (pictured right) and Juan Salas (pictured left) were honored for their play this weekend at the Edward Jones Tap-Off Tournament at NHTI. Both first-year guards were selected to the All-Tournament team in an awards ceremony on Saturday.

Lithgow led the Bucs in scoring in both games, as he tallied 20 on Friday night, and 15 on Saturday. The sharp shooting first-year also knocked down seven three pointers over the two games.

Salas was second on the team in scoring with 19 on Friday night, and led the team in assists both games.

The Bucs will return to action on Tuesday night (11/9) when the host Region 21 rival Bunker Hill at their home court on the campus of UMass Mt Ida. The game is scheduled for 7pm - masks are required for spectators.



COVID Updates & Vaccine Requirements for Spring

Who is required to provide proof of the COVID-19 vaccine?

For the Spring 2022 semester, any student who is planning to come to any MassBay campus and/or affiliated clinical sites will need to provide proof of the vaccine. This includes the following:

- Students who are enrolling in any face-to-face class on-campus.
- Students who are intending to use any on-campus services and resources.
- Students who are required by program or activity to be vaccinated as a condition of participation (e.g. athletics, clinical placements).



What if I choose not to submit proof of the COVID-19 vaccine?

For the Spring 2022 semester, students who have not submitted their proof of vaccination are only eligible to register for solely online and remote classes and will only have access to virtual student services.

When do I need to be fully vaccinated by and what does “fully vaccinated” mean?

- For the Spring 2022 semester, students must be fully vaccinated by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.
- Fully vaccinated is defined as two weeks after someone takes the Johnson & Johnson vaccine or after taking their second Pfizer or Moderna dose.

For instructions on uploading your proof of vaccination please visit:

<https://www.massbay.edu/immunization>

----- VACCINE TIMELINE -----

Students must be fully vaccinated by Tuesday, January 18, 2022.

Any student who has not submitted proof of vaccination by January 18, 2022, will be dropped from their face-to-face classes. Students who register for face-to-face classes after January 3, 2022, will need to provide proof of vaccination immediately after registering for classes.

To be fully vaccinated by January 18, 2022, the following deadlines must be met:

MODERNA

14 DAYS LEFT

1st Dose by December 7, 2021

2nd Dose by January 4, 2022

PFIZER

21 DAYS LEFT

1st Dose by December 14, 2021

2nd Dose by January 4, 2022

JOHNSON & JOHNSON

43 DAYS LEFT

One Dose by January 4, 2022





Here is a Sneak Peak at Events This Week:

Visit the
[Virtual
Events
Calendar](#)

in OneLogin
for more
events,
event links
and
additional
information!



Virtual Events

Mindful MassBay (Guided Meditation)

Monday, November 22, 2021, 3 – 3:30pm

All are welcome to join us for this free 15-minute guided mindfulness meditation for health and wellness.

No experience is necessary.

SGA Weekly Meeting

Wednesday, November 24, 2021, 3 – 5pm

All students are welcome to join SGA's weekly meeting to hear what is happening around MassBay and bring any concerns to your SGA representatives!

JINDO Musical Bingo

Wednesday, November 24, 2021, 7 – 8pm

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 name-that-tune with bingo.

Thanksgiving Break - College Closed

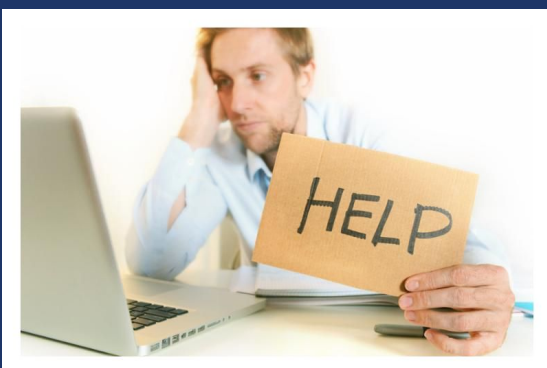
Thursday, November 25 &

Friday, November 26

[HAPPY THANKSGIVING!](#)

Also, make sure to check out the Library's Fall Workshops and LibGuides:

[Link to Library News, Events & LibGuides](#)



**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

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