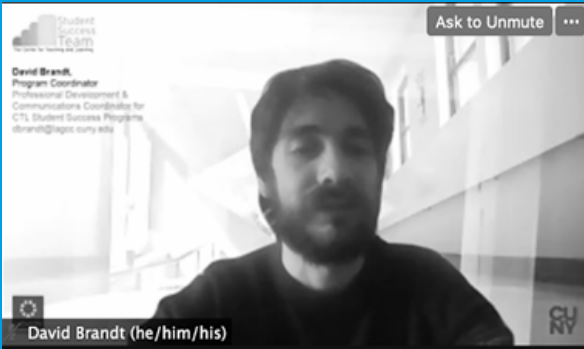


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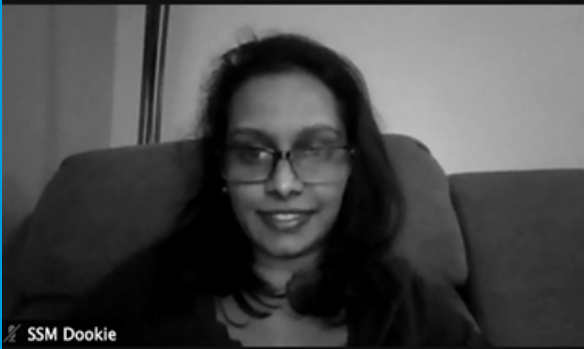
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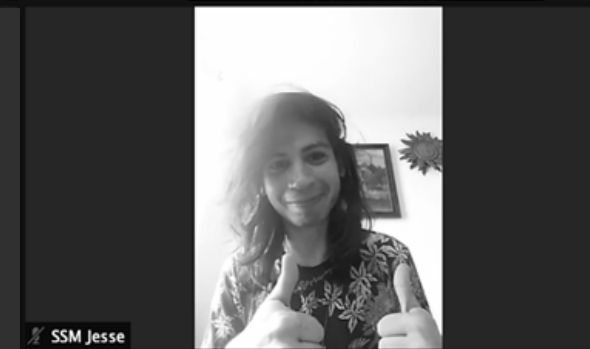


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Tips for Succeeding the First Year Seminar

First Year Seminar

Take full advantage of your FYs! Its unique design offers you the opportunity to work with a faculty member during the Lecture Hour and a Student Success Mentor during the attached Studio Hour.



Tip 1

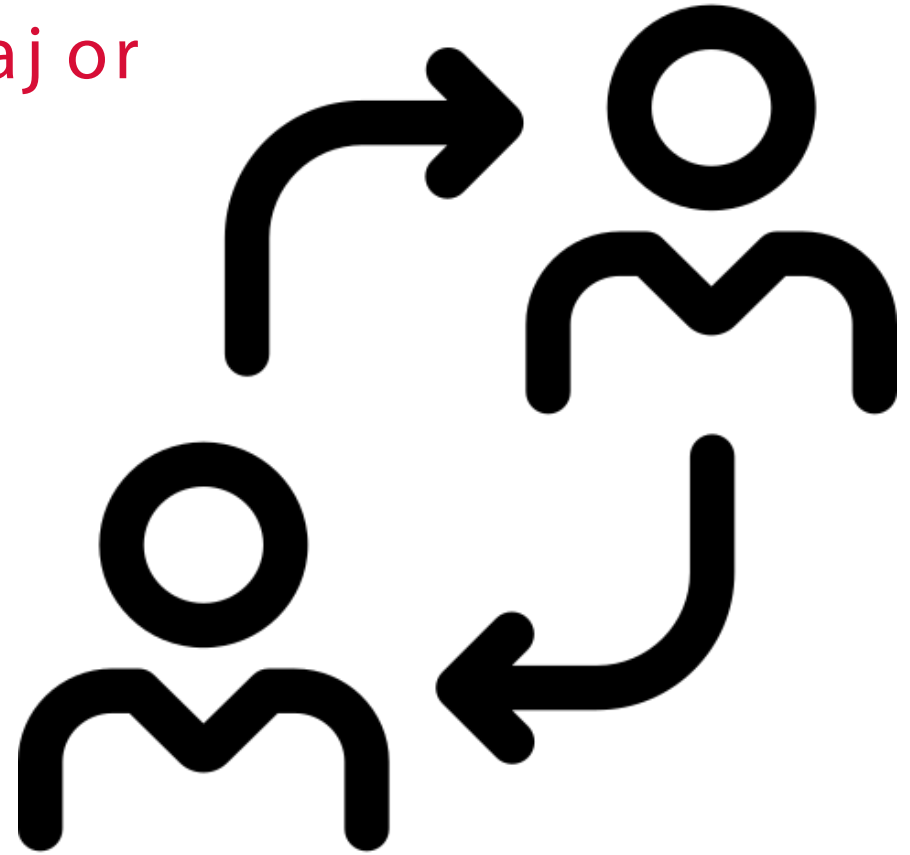
Understand Your Major

You will receive an introduction to your major and the different programs and options available to you within the major.



Tip 2

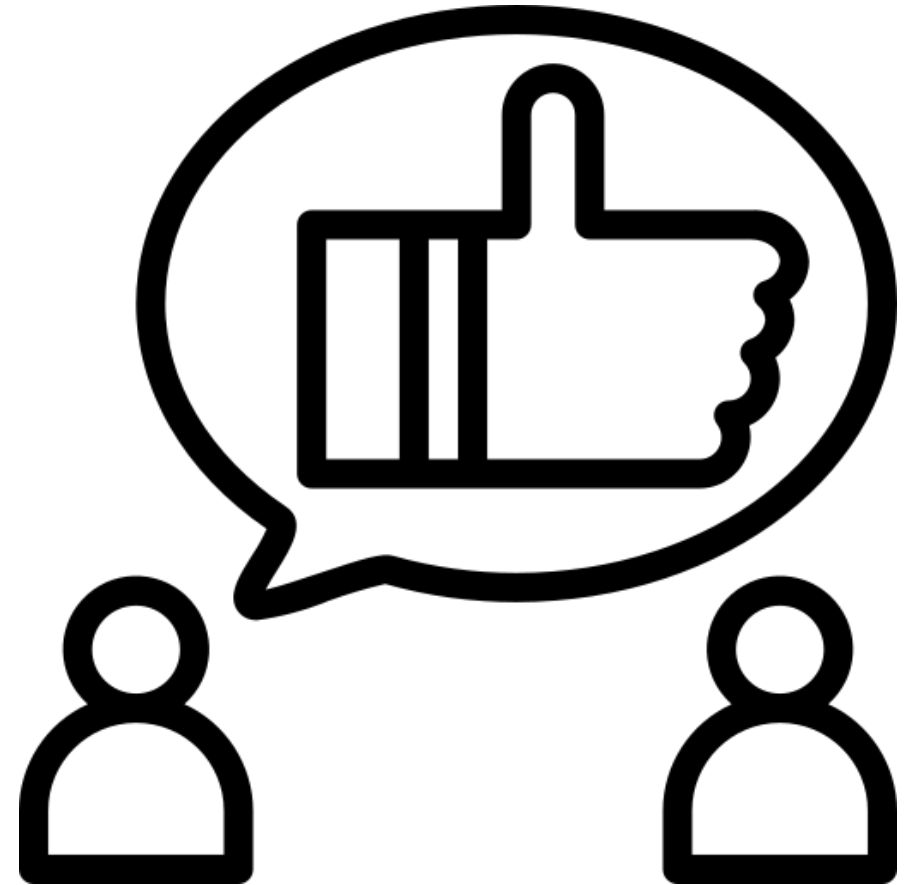
Connect with Faculty in Your major
With the First Year Seminar taught by discipline-specific faculty, you will have the opportunity to connect with a faculty member within your major from the very start of your studies at LaGuardia



Tip 3

Get Advised

Your First Year Seminar professor will help you plan your degree at LaGuardia. Your SSM will introduce you to key digital advising tools in the Studio Hour and you will be able to connect with a Peer Advisor from your major who can help you meet important milestones.



Tip 4

Build an ePortfolio

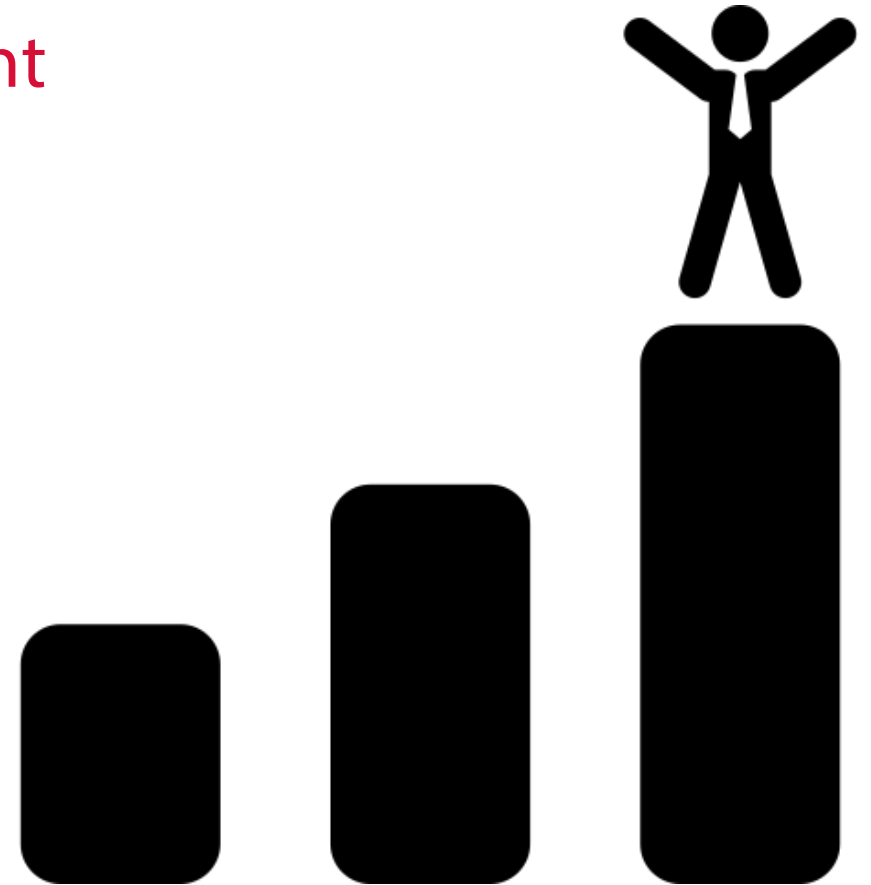
Starting in the First Year Seminar, with the support of your SSM, you will develop an academic ePortfolio. An ePortfolio is a digital tool that you will use throughout your time at LaGuardia. In the FYS, you will begin the staged process of building your ePortfolio which you will continue to work on and refine throughout your time at the College. At each stage, you will add more coursework and gain an understanding, as well as reflect on your growth and improvement as a student. Developing and maintaining an ePortfolio will also help you graduate from LaGuardia as a digitally competent learner prepared for success in an increasingly digital world.



Tip 5

Develop Habits of a Successful Student

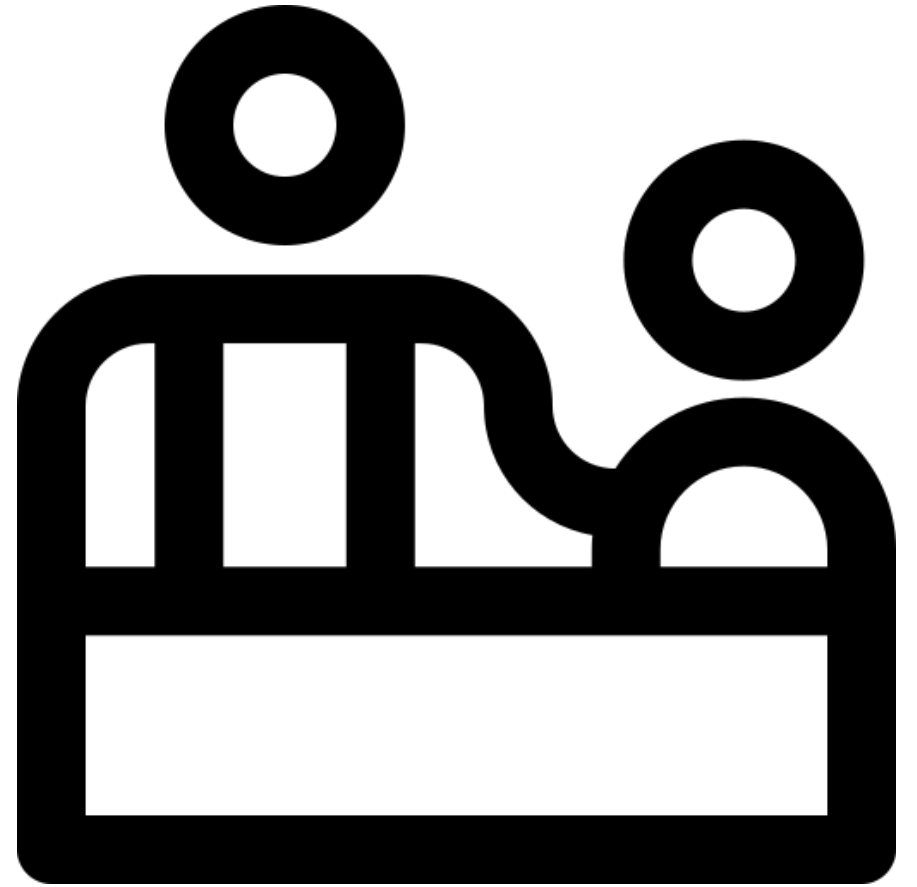
You will learn about Habits of Mind that are critical to success in College. These Habits include, but are not limited to: persisting, thinking flexibly, and time management.



Tip 6

Connect with A Mentor

You will receive the guidance and mentorship of a Student Success Mentor (SSM) who is a current LaGuardia student or alumnus attending a four-year college. Your SSM will work with you in the required Studio Hour lab component of your First Year Seminar course sharing their own student experiences as well as providing tips on how to adjust to college life and navigate LaGuardia's campus. They will also introduce you and help you to master LaGuardia's many digital tools.

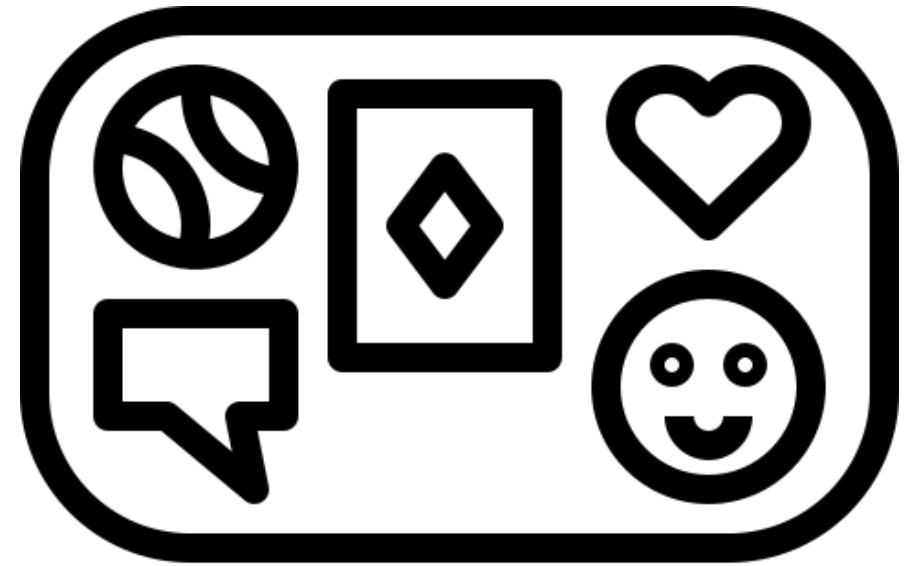


Tip 7

Learn About Co-Curricular Opportunities

In your First Year at the College, you will be asked to attend co-curricular events as part of your First Year Seminar. Co-curricular events are activities outside of the classroom that may complement the work that you do in your classes.

Attending these events allows you to develop a connection to the college community, meet like-minded peers, and learn about exciting opportunities and resources that can help you succeed in college.



Virtual My Campus Events

Taking place throughout your first year at LaGuardia, My Campus Events are special, themed events designed to help First Year students learn about LaGuardia and get involved at the college.

My Campus Events:

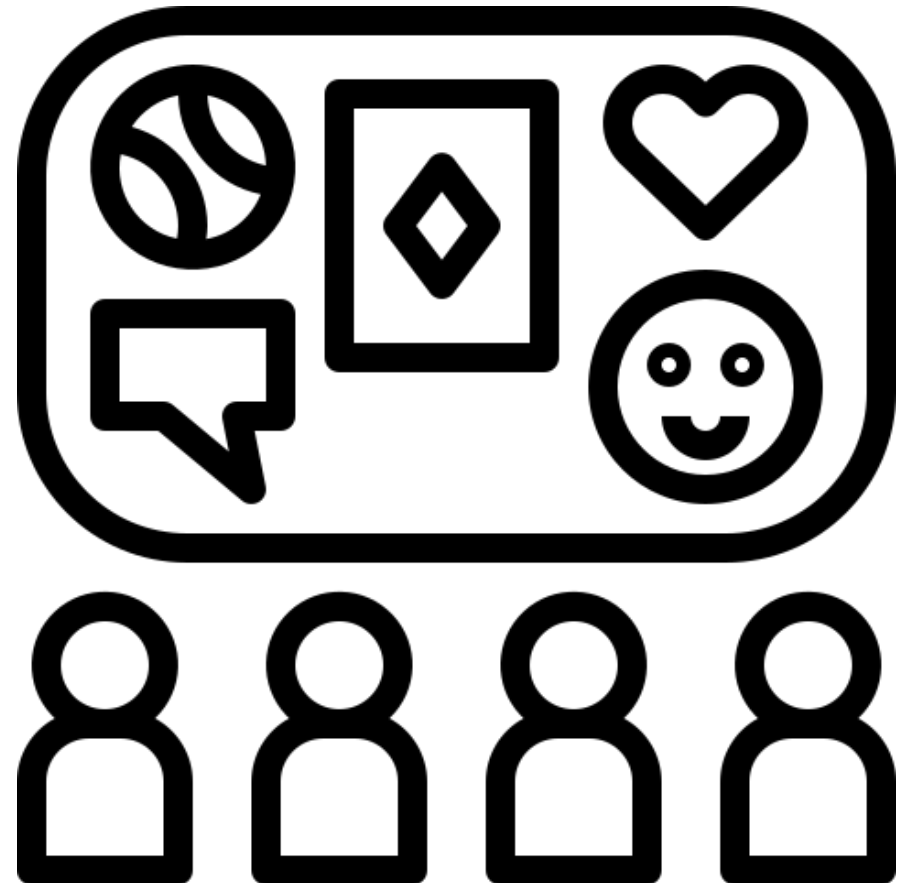
- **10/6/21** Virtual Fall Fest: Student Clubs, Service Learning & Civic Engagement Fair **2:00pm - 4:30pm**
- **10/13/21** Health and Wellness Virtual Open House **2:30pm - 5:00pm**
- **10/15/21** Virtual My LaGuardia Network **2:00pm - 3:30pm**
- **10/20/21** Virtual LaGuardians at Night **6:00pm - 7:30pm**



Be sure to enroll in the First Year Seminar

If you haven't yet registered for your FYS course, please do so as soon as possible. Besides being a graduation requirement, the course can help you improve your GPA as well as complete your Associate's degree in a timely fashion.

[List of FYS Courses](#)



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