## Fall 2013 Day One Newsletter

### Dates & Events

During the **First Day of Class**,
- Verify course add/drop dates
- Prepare Syllabi
- Verify your class roster
- Determine student skill levels with a diagnostic

Create a **Positive Start!**
- Break the ice with icebreakers
- Alleviate Student Anxiety
- Build Community
- First Week Learning Principles

More in **McKeachie’s Teaching Tips: Strategies, Research, and Theory for College and University Teachers.**

### Student Corner

How well do you know your students?

Why not review the [HCC Student Handbook](#)?

Chickering and Gamson (1987) illustrate the “**Seven Principle for Good Practice in Undergraduate Education.**” Can you…

1. Build community with students?
2. Develop cooperation?
3. Encourage active learning?
4. Offer prompt feedback?
5. Emphasize time on task?
6. Communicate high expectations?
7. Respect diverse ways of learning?
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“Every moment is a learning moment.”

*First Week Learning Principle*