The College recognizes that some students may prefer to use a first name other than their legal name to identify themselves. As long as the use of a preferred first name is not for an improper purpose, the College acknowledges that a preferred first name can and should be used where possible in the course of College business and education. Students may use a preferred first name wherever a legal name is not required on internal documents, communications, systems, and web portals. Examples include, but are not limited to:

- Student identification cards
- Email and calendar entries
- Class rosters and advisor lists
- Learning Management Systems
- Diplomas, awards, and recognitions

This form does not change a student’s legal name. A student’s legal name shall be used on all College documents, systems and communications external to the College and/or where a legal name is required. Examples include, but are not limited to: financial aid records; student accounts records; student personally identifiable information; student directory information; payroll records; health records; official transcripts; federal immigration documents; and interactions with government agencies. To change your legal name on all College records, a court order or other acceptable legal documentation is required.

LEGAL NAME:

Last Name: ___________________________________________ First Name: ___________________________________________

MassBay E-mail: _______________________ Phone Number: _______________________

Student ID Number: ____________________________

PREFERRED FIRST NAME: __________________________

Signature: ___________________________ Date: ___________________________

Once a preferred first name has been requested, that name will be used by the College as detailed above until the student withdraws his/her request for the use of a preferred first name.

The College reserves the right to modify, change, alter or rescind at any time and at its discretion its Changing Biographical Data policy.

If the use of a preferred first name is for an improper purpose, including but not limited to misrepresentation or attempting to avoid a legal obligation, a student may be subject to disciplinary action, up to and including expulsion. This document does not form a legally binding or enforceable contract.

NOTE: Due to Covid-19, student may submit this form and a photo copy of official documentation to Registrar@massbay.edu. Email must come from the student’s MassBay email address only.

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