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Faculty Matter Tip #13:
Reach out to your students BEFORE the first day of class.
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- Send your students a brief email introducing yourself, conveying your enthusiasm about the course and about meeting them. You can send your message through your class roster on MySJSU or through Canvas.

- Consider giving them a very simple assignment – a question to think about, an artifact to bring to class, something related to the course content that will "prime the pump" for whatever topic(s) you want to discuss at the first class meeting.

- Remember to follow up on what you asked them to do: have them share their answers/what they brought. If the class is large, students can share in small groups, with a few volunteers reporting out to the entire class.