Pro Tip #1: Fostering Student Participation
Advice from your colleagues and some experts

Create a welcoming virtual classroom
- Talk frankly with students about challenges and ask them to let you know if they are frustrated by or struggling with instruction in a virtual environment.
- Ask students what they need; create a space where you can model and they can practice self-advocacy skills.
- Create alternative assignments to accommodate student schedules and internet access problems

Engage student participation differently than you would in person
- Shorten your real-time sessions - use real-time for brief check-ins, for group Q&A, or trouble-shooting
- Create discussion groups, and ask students to discuss a topic, question, or problem before the real-time session, and then have one or two students from each group present during the real-time session.