Tips and Strategies to Promote Student Engagement

1) Tips and strategies for fostering motivation:
   - Expect engagement: talk privately to disengaged students, invite them to suggest activities that will achieve course or unit goals
   - Develop and display the qualities of engaging teachers
   - Use strategies to reward learning rather than behavior
   - Use praise and criticism effectively
   - Guide students to the basic-needs resources available in the campus so that they can focus on the higher-level needs
   - Promote student autonomy
   - Design activities and quizzes/assessment keeping the learning goals in mind
   - Incorporate competition appropriately

2) Tips and strategies to promote active learning:
   - Be clear on your learning goals
   - Clarify your role and orient your students to their new roles
   - Activate prior learning
   - Teach for retention and effective transfer
   - Limit and chunk information
   - Provide opportunities for guided practice and rehearsal
   - Use rubrics to give your students frequent and useful feedback

3) Tips and strategies for building community:
   - Promote class civility
   - Create a physical and online course environment that supports community
   - Learn students’ names and help students learn each other’s names
   - Use icebreakers to warm up the class
   - Use technology to extend or reinforce community
   - Be consciously inclusive
   - Involve all students in discussion
   - Use group work effectively

4) Tips and strategies for ensuring students are appropriately challenged:
   - Assess students’ starting points
   - Monitor class pacing
   - Help students learn to self-assess
   - Differentiate course elements to meet individual student needs
   - Use scaffolding to in assist in complex learning