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Tips for Becoming a Successful Community College Student

When I first came to Central Piedmont Community College, I didn't know what to expect. I wasn't sure what the workload would be like, or anything for that matter. One thing I knew for sure, was that I'd better be alert for anything that came my way. In this essay, I will give you tips for becoming a successful community college student. I will also tell you some of my experiences of being a college student.

One of the most important things to remember about being a community college, or even a regular college student, is that you are the CEO of your success. You have started a company called "Your Success", and you are the CEO. This means that you are in control whether you succeed. Nobody else can do the work for you. You have to put forth the effort in order to be a successful college student.

Another tip to remember about being a successful college student, is not to let the procrastination demon trap you. When it comes time for applying for college, registering for classes, or meeting deadlines for assignments, don't put it off until the last second. One time, I waited to pay my tuition, and my classes got dropped. I had to reregister for all of those classes again. I was so lucky that I was able to get in to the classes again, and I didn't lose my seat.

One thing about being the CEO of your success, is that a CEO makes sure that everything gets done smoothly and efficiently. A CEO doesn't stay home and watch T.V all day, or party all night, rather he/she makes sure things are done. If things aren't done, that looks bad on the company. Therefore, if assignments aren't done, tuition isn't paid, or you haven't registered, it looks bad on your success.

If you are someone like myself with a disability, it's very important that you make sure that you advocate for yourself in getting accommodations at the Disability Services office. If you know you need double time on a test, make sure you request that accommodation otherwise, you won't have that available to you. I like to try to get my accommodation forms filled out and signed before the first day of class. Once you get those accommodation forms signed, give them to your professors on the first day of class. This is so they have enough time to prepare. Another thing you can do is meet with them before the first day to discuss accommodations. This is beneficial because they are more aware of what you need.

Another thing to remember when being a successful college student, is don't be afraid to fail, don't be afraid to fall. This means that you don't have to be afraid of making mistakes along the way. As a matter of fact, you are going to make mistakes. All you have to do, is get up and try again. I've had a couple of bad semesters where I didn't make the best grades, but I got right back up.

If you know you have an exam in two weeks, don't wait until the night before to study. This is how you make bad grades. If you study every day for about an hour to two hours until the exam, you are more likely to succeed. I've had a couple of instances where I forgot to study, and I wound up failing exams due to the fact that I didn't study.

Another way to be a successful college student, is to read your syllabus for each of your classes. Your syllabus will have everything from class expectations, to assignment deadlines. This is very important so you don't miss any deadlines. I've missed some assignments in the past because I didn't read the syllabus. A lot of the times, the professors will go over the syllabus in class on the first day, but it's still good to read it ahead of time as well.

Another tip to remember, is to always be on time when attending classes. This is because when students walk in late, they are disrupting the instructor which is disrespectful, and they are also missing out on information that they need to know. If you have an 8 a.m. class, make sure to be there by 7:30. This can give you enough time for parking. It's easy to be successful when you work hard.