The idea of jumping straight into a university after high school is full of uncertainty and can be quite daunting to a young adult. Community college is a buffer between high school and university. Community college for me, is a place that I can go to learn the ropes of being a more independent and responsible young adult while having the reliability of my parents. Community college has given me a chance to improve myself until I figure out what direction I would like to choose both academically and professionally. There are an insurmountable number of practices that can help a person to be successful but there are three main aspects that I believe to be crucial to the success of a community college student and these are, my accountability, time management and the ability to seek help in your endeavors.

Firstly, accountability has been an interesting concept that I have had to deal with my entire life. As I have grown older, I have realized that accountability is something that is placed on you by your parents. After growing older, I realize that accountability should be something placed upon you by yourself. When I was younger, the accountability that was placed upon me from my parents was related by how well I did in school. At the time, I did not understand the gravity of the lesson that they were trying to teach me. Once I did understand the gravity of the lesson, I realized that accountability was not the responsibility of my parents but rather my own. Once I learned that, my grades began to change. Instead of my parents trying to ensure that I did scholastically well, I realized that it was me that determined how well I did scholastically. For me, that was a pivotal moment in my life where I realized that the more I learned was not a benefit to my parents but a benefit to myself. From that point forward, I have continued to excel in my studies with very little influence from my parents. Being at CPCC gives me the opportunity to prove to myself that I can be successful in my life, whether it be academically, professionally and personally.

Secondly, time management is an incredibly important skill when it comes to being a successful student. There is nothing more detrimental to a person's ability to succeed than having unmanageable amounts of stress. If you are not properly managing your time, you often create an enormous amount of stress that is entirely unnecessary. If you allocate your time properly you can remove an unbelievable amount of weight off your shoulders. When it comes to assignments, time management gives you the chance to ask questions that may come up as you work and most importantly, gives you the time to complete your work with a sense of pride because you have produced something of quality. The ability to properly plan your time makes you more efficient and it gives you a sense of certainty in the completion of your goals.

Lastly, it is important to make use of the vast number of resources that are provided to help you obtain success. CPCC offers so many different ways to obtain information to help you and it is incredibly adverse to your success as a community college student to not make use of these resources. All you need to do is seek the help and you will receive it. I have approached many of the people from different CPCC departments about decisions that I would like to have guidance on and have always left with my questions completely answered. Nobody is going to be able to answer your questions if you do not ask them. It is important to your success to acknowledge when you are in need of help and it is up to you to obtain it.

In conclusion, my ability to develop methods of seeking help, improving my time management and refining my understanding of accountability are the key aspects that have helped me to become a successful community college student. My continued use of these three concepts will continue to help me throughout the rest of my life.
I appreciate your consideration.