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What Makes a successful Community College Student?

If you ask others what makes a successful community colleges student? Many people don't have a quick respond or may have varies opinions. According to Elissa Nadworny, reporter from NPR, two-year community college have a completion rate below 40 percent. That means 6 to 10 students complete a six-year degree. Furthering your education can't be easy at times, but those who want to can. Success is what you can accomplish and it feels so good when is achieved. The successful community college student needs qualities such as, self-awareness, self-motivation, and accountability.

Self-awareness is known yourself, your abilities, and limitations. Identifying your abilities to obtain your goals is important, but most importantly knowing your limits. College can be overwhelming, so informing yourself of what you can do, how you can do it, and knowing that every instituted has resources that are there to help you is important. Is the first step I recommend considering how lost I felt as a freshman. I am a first generation, so not having someone to guide was discouraging. That did not stop me because I know I have abilities and opportunities to further my education. When it comes to fund there is FASFA, scholarships, even loans that can be obtained for college. Many scholarships go unused because students aren't aware, they exist. There should be no limits when someone wants to better themselves or wants a shot at a better future by furthering their education. Knowing who you are and what you want to do with your life creates motivation.

Self-motivation is key to keep on furthering your education. People will not tell you seat in a classroom and get a degree because it will only benefit you. That is something you must want as a student and motivate yourself. Professors and staff are there to help, and can motivate you as well, but us as a student must be willing to put in the work. In psychology I learned that human beings are driven by inner desires. As such, we must be willing to put in the work and time to become succesful. Things just don't happen because you blink your eye don't be afraid to seek help from peers or staff. We must be realistic and know that working hard is the only way to achieve our goals. Self-motivation goes hand by hand with accountability.

We will always be accountable for our decisions and actions. Desiring to further your education and putting in the work will only be successful if your accountable. Decisions have consequences, so if you receive FASFA you are liable to follow their rules and regulations. Keeping a satisfactory GPA and having an excellent academic standing is crucial to obtain and keep FASFA benefits. Therefore, if you do not put in the work, or the time only you are accountable for your failure. Remember that for some being able to apply for FASFA is a privilege. For example, I have recently learned that DACA students aren't allowed to even apply for FASFA, so there for they must pay out of pocket. Furthering your education is not something we all have privilege to, so keep that in mind next time you don't want to go to class or study. Self-awareness, self-motivation, and accountability are only some qualities that makes a successful community college student.

Having awareness, motivation, and accountability those does not guarantee a successful community college student. The actions we have as students also have an influence in our success. For example, showing up on time for class, being prepared, and procrastinating are things we can control. Plan so you can be in class on time and if you can't make sure to notify your instructor maybe you can work something out. Studying for a test with time in advance not the night of increases the average of obtaining a high score, so you can be prepared has its advantages. These qualities are just some you should take in consideration to become a successful community college student. No one can take what you learn from you, so take advantage of community colleges, and gain as much knowledge as you can before transferring to a 4-year college. The experience helps gets you ready for what ever a 4- year college throws at you. Furthering your education only benefits you. Putting in the work and time will be worth it in the long run. Become successful don't let anything stop you. Any and all obstacles can be overcome. Your success is defined by you.