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What Makes A Successful Community College Student?

A question that is always asked before starting college and being a first year student is what makes a successful community college student and how does a community college support their students. Community colleges are gradually raising the success rates of their students, by helping and preparing their students for their career and for transferring to a four year college. Also, the students will be able to connect with their professors because there are fewer students placed in the classrooms. Therefore, there are plenty of resources community college students can take advantage of such as, tutoring, getting advice from counselors and advisors, get technical support from the information and technology (IT) center, and etc. However, most students do not take advantage of these opportunities and they would not seek help with their teacher or their counselor about academics and their personal life. Students who don't take advantage of the available resources may prevent them from being successful in community college.

One thing that makes community college students successful is interacting with their peers and their professors. It is important that the professor know who their students are and their names. The only way that the professor know who their students are is when the student stops by the professor's office hours to ask them questions, and who doesn't sit in the very back of the classroom. Professors are more likely to help students who are struggling in their class when they have formed a relationship with them. Also, a successful community college student will interact with their classmates by exchanging numbers, and forming a study group to prepare for a test. Therefore, being engaged with others is one of the best ways to be successful. Overall, a successful student would appreciate the positive or negative feedback given from their tutor, professor, and or their peers.

Another thing that makes a successful community college student is to never quit when things get tough and to never give up. Most students tend to withdraw from their class because they think that it will be too hard. In addition, they will change majors because they either failed a class or they don't want to retake the class. However, a successful student would not reach this point because if they see themselves struggling in their classes, they would immediately seek help by going to tutoring, study sessions, participate in study groups and going directly to their professor. Also, they will overcome any situation they are in and figure out a way to work around certain situations. I remember a time when my classmates and I had a test in chemistry. After the chemistry test, some of the students withdrew from the class because they failed one test and they didn't try to seek help. However, some students decided to stay and take the class because they know that they need this class for their field of study. In addition, a successful student would not withdraw from the class and will try to use all the campus resources that would help them achieve their goals.

Most importantly, a successful college student would be prepared for college. Extensive planning and preparation can take a person a long way in shortening the process of the community college experience. A successful student wouldn't just sign up for a class that is interesting, but they would look ahead into the future and follow their aspirations by determining the best path to accomplish them. Also, they would go to orientation so they can get help in figuring out what class to take which correlates with the students career choice. Furthermore, to improve the chances of success at a community college is to enroll in a community college that will best suit the students needs.

In conclusion, a successful community college students would interact with their professors and their classmates, plan for their classes, know the campus resources, and to never give up. Most students don't take advantage of the help that is offered. Therefore, any student can be a successful student in a community college with as little stress and worry as possible. On the other hand, education is not the only aspect of a student being successful at a community college, but getting involved in the schools

extracurricular activities and immersing themselves in campus life such as student government, playing for a sports team, or joining a club that the student is interested in. Students start college off with high expectations, but many students don't finish their college. According to Bill Sands, "43 percent of all students who enroll in a community college actually finish their program within six years." This demonstrates that community colleges can be challenging and arduous experience. Even though community colleges is challenging, it is not impossible to be a successful student at a community college.