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### What Makes a Community College Student Successful?

I can't even count the number of articles I've read about community colleges and the number of people I've asked for advice and tips in order to lead a successful student life. What I found out from my research is that in order to be a successful community college, you need to set goals, be organized and have supportive people around you.

Firstly, in order to become a successful community college student, you need to have goals. The importance of goals should not be diminished because they help us to battle procrastination by creating a path we want to follow and setting a deadline for it. The first step that can help you to figure out what your goals are can be achieved by asking yourself questions. For instance, what are my short-term goals for the current semester? What do I need from this degree? It is important to set goals because they can help us to break what seemed to be an incomprehensible task into a few smaller ones. For instance, you may think that getting into NC State is impossible even though you strongly desire to transfer there. But if you set small goals such as doing your homework everyday for at least two hours, or turning every assignment on time, you can enhance your GPA and that directly increases your chances to get accepted into a prestigious university.

Also, you need to stay organized in college to become the best version of a student you can be. You should keep track of all your work, and try to submit everything on time as some of the professors do not accept late work or reduce a mark for it. For instance, you can get a planner that can help you to stay organized and keep track of your daily duties. You can write important dates in your planner such as tests or homework due dates, and that can help you to spread out your duties evenly. As a result, it is important to stay organized in a college as you don't want to stress out and panic after realizing that you have two essays, one project and one test due tomorrow night.

Last but not least, try to surround yourself with caring and supportive people. Many people experience downs, especially during the stressful moments of their lives, and you need someone who can support you through these tough times. Whenever I feel sad or self-conscious, I text my best friend. For example, last time I was anxious a week before my Precalculus test, saying that I am not smart enough to be good at something like math, and I should withdraw from the class. She listened, gave me a piece of advice and calmed me down; later I got ninety-three on that test. According to Mayo Clinic, friends can help you to decrease stress and increase your sense of self-worth; also, adults who have friends are shown to have a lower risk of developing depression ("Friendships"). As a consequence, supportive people around you can help you to maintain a good state of well-being. It is important to take care of mental health, as issues associated with it might affect your mental abilities, decrease concentration or even result in depression; and depression increases the chances of withdrawing from school ("Consequences").

Consequently, you are likely to perform better at school if you have people who can morally support you. Finally, anyone who attends a community college can become a successful student. You need to stay organized and keep track of the important dates, keep your goals in mind to achieve them, and don't forget about your friends, who can support you in your hard times. College can be tough, and many of us may feel as if we are not smart enough to be good in studies, but these three tips can definitely improve our chances to succeed at a community college. Stay put and good luck in conquering the possibility.

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