

GO. TO. CLASS. Get on your teachers' good side and show them that you care, want to succeed, and are not wasting their time. Stop falling asleep or leaving in the middle of a lecture! Also, don't procrastinate! Those 5 pounds of stress don't look too good on you!

Canan

I Need First Semester Me to Know...



During this first year of college it will be nothing like high school. Not even what they tell you about this place is correct. Your classes will indeed be difficult but only as much as you make them. Paying attention and writing notes will be the weapons you wield. Not every professor is against you. Most actually want to help you. So relax and pretty much treat it like a job. If you respect your supervisors and “co-workers,” show up on time, and do your work, you will be rewarded greatly.

Mustafa

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It is going to be okay. Stop stressing. You just had a horrible summer and before that 4 years of high school you hated. This is going to be different. Feel free to be as passionate as you want in every class. It will only benefit you in the long run. Feel free to embrace how much you love what you're learning because I know you will love it. Don't stray from what you know is right or stress too much on anything or anyone. Hug your parents more because they got you here, and, by the end of the semester, you will wish you had appreciated them more and earlier. All in all, calm down, be confident in your decisions, and do what will make you happy. This is your future; don't downplay it.

Danica

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Dear Edgar, just so you know your first semester of college is going to be rough. Not because you're not smart but because you will have to deal with oncoming family situations. But don't stress or give up. You're going to work through this and do great things this semester. You will meet someone special but will try not to fall for them because you're dealing with situations at home and at school. Remember, Edgar, whatever you do, do not give up. Be time-organized, show up for your classes, have fun even though working a lot may seem like a big solution. It's not. Make sure you take time off and get schoolwork done. Do not overwhelm yourself.

Edgar

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First of all, BREATHE. It's time you grow up and move on from high school and enter a new chapter in your life. The workload will be manageable. No one will care about what you're wearing. Just wear what you want to. Go to the Cage the Elephant concert; it will be fun. Try to be social even if it's easier not to talk. Don't be afraid to speak up in class. Live your best life.

Reily

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Don't worry. Everything is going to be okay. Walking up that hill is a butt ... it is fine to go out with friends, but do that after homework. Don't wait until the due date to write a 4-page paper. Study, study, study. Make friends. Go to class. Everything will be fine. It is just high school with more people.

Emma

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When starting your first semester, understand you are going to be stressed. Make sure you don't take on outside of school responsibilities that are going to take too much of your time and overwhelm you. Learn to study before your first tests. When starting college, you have to find the way you learn best. Find that way and practice it regularly. Plan your weeks out. Lay out all your stuff that's due, and study weeks before your tests. I think using Freshman Guided Pathway as a platform to let students reach out to upcoming students would help.

Ciera

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Me: Misses one day of class

College: 5 assignments, 3 essays, 2 quizzes.

All due yesterday.

Canan

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Gabriel -

You started as a clueless rookie, someone who had no idea about college. Don't let the first 2 weeks fool you, and don't get laid back. Matter of fact, use those weeks so you're not so stressed the last 2 weeks.

Gabriel

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