

Tips for Parents

1. **Mindset Shift:** It's time to let your student lead

- ✓ It can be challenging to watch your child struggle as they learn new skills. Let them learn.
- ✓ Allow your student to fill out the forms. As tempting as it is to complete it for them, let them work through each step slowly. Learning takes time, and these are important life skills.
- ✓ Help your student advocate for themselves. They will tell you they're scared—that's normal. Practice a script if necessary.
- ✓ Don't deprive your student of these experiences.

2. **Time Management:** Your student might struggle to manage it all

- ✓ Watching our child struggle is never easy, but be careful not to step into the shoes of managing their due dates & assignments for them.
- ✓ Offer tips & suggestions for how to manage their schedules—don't just do it for them.
- ✓ Resist the temptation of saving their username & password so you can login and check on their work, pay their fees, and manage their schedule. If you want to view something in their college accounts, ask them permission.

3. **Communication is Key:** Student confidentiality & privacy laws

- ✓ Remember that FERPA is a federal law followed by all institutions of education. In college, this means your student's information is protected, regardless of the student's age.
- ✓ If you have a question about general policy or next steps, please call us! If you have a question that concerns your child's registration status, transcript, or past due balances—please have your student present.

4. **Save Time & Money:** But don't expect perfection

- ✓ Students often struggle as they transition from a high school setting to a college setting. If your student fails a class or makes a mistake—encourage them, support them, and help them learn from the experience.
- ✓ If they fail or withdraw from a class, they may need to pay for it out of pocket before taking another one.

5. **Dealing with Pressure:** Helping your student find the balance

- ✓ There is no perfect balance between high school, college classes, and extracurricular activities. There will be times when their sport has to take a back seat to an important college exam (or vice versa). Support your child as they struggle with this balance.