Family Strategies for Supporting Student Success

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Orientation 2022
FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

FIRST DAY OF COLLEGE
Everything is new

Balancing:

• Classes
• Living arrangements
• Friends and social environment
• Finding way around
• Being on own
• Making own decisions
Starting Strong

Encourage your student to:
• Start with tutoring
  ◦ Campus tutoring centers
  ◦ Supplemental Instruction (SI)
• Find their workspace
Building a Success Team

Team members:
• Academic advisors
• Faculty
• Peer mentors
• Career mentors...
• Most importantly, YOU!
Vital Habits for Success: Health & Well-being

• Utilize provided resources (YOU at Western, counseling services, and more)
• Check out the Student Recreation Center, fitness classes, and intramurals
Vital Habits for Success: Time Management

- Check and respond to email daily
- Use Outlook calendar and planners
- Use and adapt
Transitioning to Campus

- Attend Bronco Bash
- Explore interests - attend RSO info meetings
- Practice leadership
- Learn with campus resources (Office of Student Engagement, RSOs, and more)
Grit = "Both the perseverance and the passion for especially challenging long-term goals."
-Angela Duckworth, Ph.D.

Success vs. Salvage
Managing Relationships

- Setting expectations
- Open communication
- Grace
Student Employment Resources

- Career and Student Employment Services
- Financial Literacy Resources via WMU
- Financial Aid
Fitting In

- Consider interests, passions, and goals
- Academic, extracurricular, and living space connections
- Recognizing differences
Summer To-Do List

- Practice life skills
- Check pre-college resources (ex: 101 Things to Do Before You Graduate)
- Job shadowing
- Go fail
Welcome to the WMU Community!

Our faculty is here to help you learn.

Our staff is here to help you succeed.