"One thing I wish I could share…"

**Communicate**

- “Stop by faculty members offices to ask questions during their office hours. This shows a little extra initiative on the part of the student and gives faculty a chance to get to know you.” SS

- “Instructors want students to succeed and are available to help them do so; therefore, students should take full advantage of office hours by asking questions, bringing assignments for review, etc. Also, if a student is struggling for any reason, communicating with the instructor is essential. In my experience, students who communicate with me pass because we’re able to sit down and put together a game plan for success. Students who don’t communicate, typically fail.” TR

- “Don’t be afraid to admit when you are struggling and seek resources early, early, early! Ask your instructor, go see the Advising office, talk to someone in Student Services- seek assistance as needed. Don’t wait until you are 6 feet under water.” CL

**Attend**

- “Go to class. Seems obvious, but nothing replaces the experience of being in the classroom, even if the topic is not of high interest to you.” MJ & CL

- “Inconsistent attendance can cause gaps in your understanding of the material…and in the gradebook.” LW

**Organize & Prioritize**

- “There really is truth behind-organization, time management, and goal-setting (motivation).” CS

- “For every minute spent in organizing, an hour is earned.” LW
Make Time

- “That for every credit hour a student takes, he or she should plan on spending an average of 2-3 hours outside of class on studying.”

- “Read!!!” (Syllabus, Textbook, and Assignments) SS

- “No matter your major or focus, take at least one class that will be pure joy and full of personal interest for you.” CL

Invest & Network

- “Find a faculty mentor in the subject area you are interested in. Get to know them.” SS

- “Connect with your advisor right away, long before advising is needed. Stop in and introduce yourself so they can put a name with a face when advising time begins.” CL

- “Don’t be afraid to push your boundaries. Do something you wouldn’t normally do or take a class that is challenging, but really interesting. Take a step or two outside your comfort zone as you will never again be in a place this safe to do so.” CL

- “This time will speed by. Have fun!” CL

- “College is worth it! You’re preparing yourself for a career you can have for the rest of your life, one that will provide you with financial and personal stability. College at times will seem very tough, but don’t allow yourself to get discouraged or think you have to do this by yourself...there is lots of support here at NIC to help you succeed. Hang in there – work hard – ask questions – get connected – it makes all the difference!” BS