

ENGAGEMENT

Changes Everything

STUDENT ENGAGEMENT EQUALS SUCCESS!

How Do I Engage? Follow these 3 principles:

✓ **Develop a Student Engagement Plan**

A student engagement plan specifically targets your interests and career goals. It's tailor made for you. You select the events on your college's campus that will allow you to make connections with your peers and will help you to develop a sense of "belonging" in your new environment. This is a fun time because you will make new friends and will meet other students that share your interests and passions. Be sure to mix it up and attend academic events and social events. Academic events, such as student leadership workshops, speaker presentations, scholarship and internship search days, and job fairs will help you to begin developing a network of contacts when you transition into your career. Social events, such as talent showcases and athletic games are a good way to help you have fun and enjoy your college life!

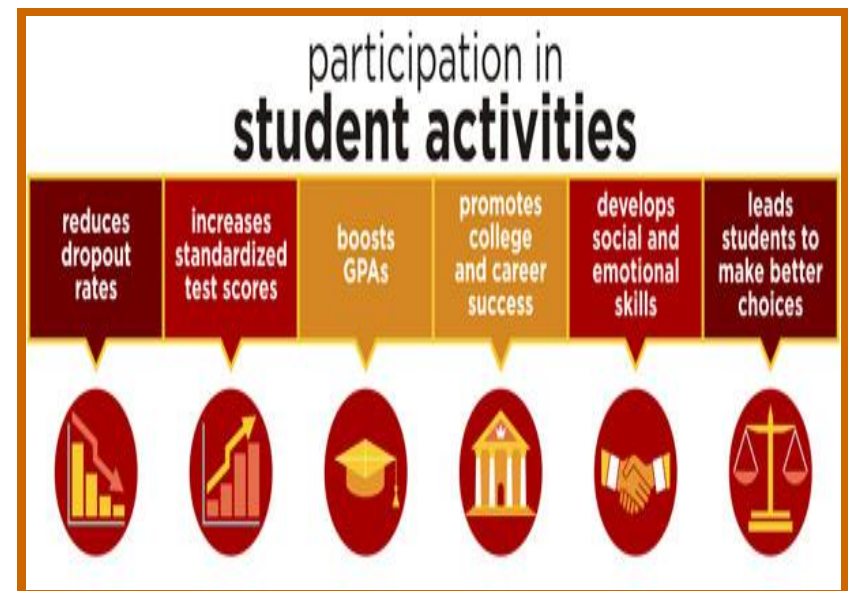
✓ **Use All Student Support Services**

Take advantage of **ALL** tutorial programs that are offered on campus. Visit the academic success center(s) and make appointments as needed. These services are here to help you!!!

✓ **Consistently Meet with your Academic Advisor**
First, take the time to map out all of the required coursework for your major. Meet with your Academic Advisor during the first few days of school to develop an action plan for academic success. Think of your Academic Advisor as another resource on campus. He/she is there to help you!!! Therefore, you should meet often. Make an appointment(s) to address questions and/or concerns. Remember, your advisor has been assigned to you to ensure that you are successful in staying on track and meeting your goals.

Why is Student Engagement such a BIG DEAL?

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• **Financial Aid**

You and your parents should schedule an appointment to meet with your Financial Aid Counselor to ensure that the proper paperwork has been completed regarding **ALL** types of financial aid assistance that you have received. Your Financial Aid Counselor should discuss your Satisfactory Academic Progress (**SAP**) requirements during this time. Your grades can affect your eligibility for future financial aid from one academic school year to the next. If you and your parents have any remaining questions concerning the **FAFSA**, **NOW** is the time to **ASK!!**

• **Academics**

Share information about your assignments with your parents. They will be able to offer ideas that you may not have thought about and they will help you to keep track of meeting **ALL** deadlines.

• **Student Responsibility**

Don't be surprised if your parents are expecting you to be more responsible! You should be learning new things and becoming more independent. You should begin developing into your own self-advocate.

Tips for Achieving College Success:

- Do your work on time.
- Keep up with your weekly schedule.
- Be on time for class.
- Learn how you learn best.
- Visit the academic success center(s).
- Learn to think critically.
- Strive to improve your writing & speaking.
- Ask questions in class!
- Learn from criticism.
- Have a plan for remembering more from every class.
- Learn how to use the library and campus computer resources.
- Find study partners.
- Become engaged in campus activities to increase your learning.
- Meet with your instructors outside of class.
- Use minority support services.
- Be PROUD of yourself!