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Reflective Essay

My name is Isaiah Hoffer, collage freshmen and graduated high school from Thomas Maclaren in May. I’m going to college to get my Computer Science degree to learn programming. At the beginning of the semester, I assumed I would be in huge classes like I see if TV shows and would be stressed the entire time, but that wasn’t the case. Instead, I got normal sized rooms and have less work than high school.

For my first semester I took four classes: Calculus 1, Computer Science 1150, Rhetoric 1300, and my required gateway class. I particularly like my computer science class because I enjoy programming, but because I get easily distracted, I can’t self learn I enjoy having a class to force me to do things I want to improve on. Studying for me is looking at the topics the test will cover and seeing if I know how to do it with a hundred percent confidence and if I do, I don’t study that part and thankfully it has been working for me. The biggest challenge this semester for me what my GPS presentation because I hate talking in front of people, but I know I will have to more in the future so it is nice to get practice with a less stressed class, but still would have preferred not to do it.

At the beginning of the semester, I was very stressed because of the different environment and how college does classes. In high school I did not know what would happen in two weeks in a certain class, there could be a test, presentation, paper, hard subject, I did not know the classes semester plan. However, in college, I was able to see the whole curriculum for the semester, which gave me stress because at the time it felt like it would happen at once, but after the first week I got a handle on this and was pretty stress free. I did not need to manage my time perfectly for the first half of the semester, but now I decided to put reminders up because I would sometimes forget about an assignment or just want to set a goal for myself.

I have not faced a real challenge this semester, but I have achieved something I thought I could not do in high school, getting straight A’s, which I hope to end the semester on. My goals for the rest of my college future are to continue getting A’s and keep trying in school and not get tired of it. Overall, my college experience has been the best I could be, and I am looking forward to what my college future holds.