What Will Happen This Year?

Will I Be Okay?…

Recipe for Success

- *Form a network of friends for fun, help and support.*

- *Seek out social outlets. There is more to life than academics.*

- *Seek out information. Know what colleges services are available.*

- *Attend all classes. Attendance is strongly linked to success.*

- *Talk to your profs. They are friendlier than you think ☺*

- *Know course requirements.*

Can I Really Do This?

Fear is okay and is very common in first year.

There are people here with a wide variety of backgrounds, responsibilities and experience. Yet you are more alike than you realize.

You can do this! You will make mistakes, we all do. We cannot learn and move forward venturing forth, making mistakes and learning from them.

As Ms Frizzle would say: take chances, make mistakes and get messy.

Greatest Fears

1. *Will I fit in?*
2. *Can I manage the workload?*
3. *Will my partner/children be okay?*
4. *Will my money last?*
5. *Can I handle being on my own?*
6. *Are my professors approachable?*
7. *Will my roommate like gaming?*

Greatest Fears

7. You find out you have to take an html course.

8. You realize you don't know anything about html.

9. Your friends expect you to tutor them in html.

10. Your friends find out you don't know anything about html.

College Facts

- *Success is very closely tied to attendance.*
- *Expect 2 hours of coursework for every hour of class.*
- *There are no end of term exams. Testing is frequent and covers more material.*
- *No one will tell you to get off the internet and go to sleep.*
- *The pace is faster.*

It's Okay ...

- *to make mistakes. That's the only way to learn.*
- *to be homesick sometimes.*
- *if you don't always know what the prof is saying. It will come in time. If not, visit a prof's office hour.*

What Will You Gain Here?

1. A sense of belonging.
2. The ability to learn new things.
3. Database knowledge.
4. Confidence.
5. Wrinkles and stress lines.
6. Web programming skills.
7. Friendships to last a lifetime.
8. A truckload of acronyms.
9. Problem solving.
10. Greater job opportunities.
11. Network administration.
12. 10 pounds.
13. Debugging skills.