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**Financial Aid**

Keeping your academic standing up is a sure fire way of keeping your financial aid intact. Although meeting the requirements to keep your financial aid is important it is necessary to file all required paperwork and to meet the deadline for said paperwork early on. What is most important when applying for FAFSA is that your taxes must be filed as soon as possible that way the FAFSA can be processed fast and efficiently.

**Study Skills**

It is important to have these skills not only to ensure good grades in your classes but to be able to absorb information in a way that makes learning efficient and remembering that info a breeze. Although being able to study alone shows focus, being able to study in a group allows any misunderstanding of information to be corrected. One person in the group may not have all the answers but another may have just the one you are looking for. Studying in a group does not affect a single person but every member.

**Campus Resources**

From resources like the Career Development Services to the NJIT police everything within this institution is for the benefit of the students. By not taking advantage of the services students limit their success for their future as well as their studies. Knowing where these resources are and how to use them are key to getting the most out of your education.

**Preparing for Exams**

Some always wait until the day before the big test to start preparing while others mat start a week or so in advance yet the difference in score may end up to be negligible. Getting a jump on studying is great but is wasted if you don’t know what to study. This is why NJIT posts old exams, so that students don’t end up studying things that may not even be on the exam. By looking through old exams you not only know what to expect but be exposed to problems you may have not been able to figure out during the test.

**Branding Yourself**

It is necessary that you make yourself into an item that employers want and need in order to get an edge on the competition. Gaining experience or working on independent projects raise your value as a potential employee. Having your accomplishments speak for themselves is the byproduct of you making yourself marketable. Those without these qualities makes it that much harder for them to land a job. The goal is to get companies to reach out to you and not the other way around, but just getting close to that goal puts you higher on the list.

**Financial Literacy**

“How much you spend is much more important than how much you earn.” It’s important to budget and invest and part of that is making sure that you pay off your student loans. By paying your loans off early you can avoid interest and save money overall. As much as you might want to spend it is far more beneficial to save for the big expenses that come in life. To pay for these big expenses, such as a car, home, or retirement, it is necessary to build up good credit. Building up this credit is as easy as paying your bills on time yet many fall into debt because they can’t follow a budget and end up spending more than they can afford.

**Resume Writing**

A resume is a living document and as such it is always changing, hopefully for the better. Filling up your resume should never make it go over a page. A resume should reflect your most recent achievements and expertise in your field. A good format shows that you are neat and organized. That most important thing not to do on a resume is lie. If you get in that lie your credibility is tarnished and could ruin your shot at other jobs. You can get help creating a resume at the Career Development Services office to get it to be as professional as possible.

**Interview/Dress**

Being able to communicate your abilities in an interview and dressing professionally are key components to landing a job at a company. The CDS office is the place to go to practice and perfect your interviewing. When doing an interview you want to arrive on time and show confidence in your knowledge of what the job entails and that you can hold your own. Being able to perform good interview etiquette is not enough though. Dressing the part is just as important as your ability to communicate. Having tattoos or a unusual hair style may make you look different but working for a company means that you are a part of something bigger and that means you will come to represent the company itself. If you cannot look presentable no one will want you to represent their company.