Throughout The Course:

-Eat well and stay hydrated so you do not suffer from fatigue or illnesses

-Get as much sleep as you can in order to better absorb and retain new information

-Make friends! This will be a great network in your professional career

-Don’t be afraid to ask for help. It’s the best way to learn

-Everybody comes in with a different background and skill level. Learn to adapt!

-Make most of the TA Office Hours. One thing for sure is all a/A staff is incredibly nice and willing to help

-Block out a small chunk of your weekend to go out and do something. Your mind needs to get away from the computer and recharge

-Try to live as close to the office as possible. My nearly one-hour commute made time management more difficult

Projects:

-Dedicate 100% and more when working on these projects

-This is your time to get help when needed to make them stand out

-Architect projects that can showcase your skills and creativity

-Projects are one of the only ways you can sell yourself to a recruiter

-Write clean and efficient code. Doesn’t happen all the time but some employers do look into your Github

-Aim high and set high goals when it comes to expectations for yourself

-For group projects, learn to work effectively with other developers especially when it comes to planning

Job Search:

-Self motivation is the absolute biggest factor to a successful job search

-Keep yourself driven and stay dedicated

-Get in the habit of organizing a day’s events

-Read and work through “Cracking the Coding Interview” by Gayle Laakmann McDowell

-NETWORK! Making friends within a company will give you a huge edge

-Reach out to your connections only after you’ve gotten your foot in the water with several interviews. You want to be as prepared as possible

-Imposter syndrome is real. It affects even the most senior of engineers. In the software development world, there is no way you can know it all