**Student and Work Lives: They are the Same**

People say that student life is very different from work life. I believe they are lying. Writing from experience, I have seen that many comparisons can be made between these two distinct lifestyles. I think the major similarities are time management, accountability, and motivation.

Time management skill has been very useful to me in both lives. When I was a student, I had to schedule appointments with teachers, make time for homework, and socialize with friends and family. The same is true even now that I have joined the workforce. Instead of meeting teachers, I have to deal with coordinators and bosses. Homework may no longer be an issue, but I sometimes have to work on projects at home. As one can see quite clearly, one has been replaced with another, yet the function remains the same.

The next major similarity between studying at university and working is accountability. As a student, my teachers held me responsible for homework, term papers, group-work, and presentations. They would assign me various things to do and would grade my submissions based on the quality of my work. I thought it would be different when I joined the workplace. However, it is the same. In the office,my peers and supervisors hold me responsible for the quality of my work. The latter group appraises my work throughout the year, determining whether I get a promotion at the end or not.

Finally, motivation remains similar in both cases. I was an extremely lazy student, foregoing study in favor of other pursuits. However, I learned to motivate myself over time to get good grades. Consequently, my grades suffered when I was not motivated and improved when I was. I am in a similar position at work: I have to encourage myself from time to time to perform my job well. In both cases, I have offered myself incentives in the form of rewards when I want to do well.

From what I have written, it is clear that time management, accountability, and motivation are the three biggest similarities between student and work lives. Managing assignments and projects are extremely similar. I have had to report to people about my work as both a student and an employer. Finally, I have had to motivate myself in both cases.

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