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Freshman are usually overwhelmed with the differences of high school and college. High school may seem to be a cake walk compared to the difficulties of college. However, these differences can be easily managed. Although there are a lot of barriers of success, managing money and time are the two major obstacles in my way.

Like many people, I enjoy spending my money impulsively. Since I don’t have a job, it makes my money situation worse than it could be. I also don’t keep track of my spending. My account sometimes goes negative because I buy something that I don’t have enough money for. If this continues, I may not be able to pay for and continue college or university. In order to overcome this, I will start by getting a job for the days that I do not have class so I can make some money to help with my expenses. I will start limiting my spending to only things I need for school like gas, books, or food. Keeping a spreadsheet of my budget will also keep me on track to not spend money on any unnecessary things.

I love doing community service and also interacting with people. I tend to overbook myself with extracurricular activities like student ambassadors instead of prioritizing my school work. I will push off homework until the day before it’s due. I will even start playing video games if I have homework to do just because I am not motivated to finish it. Overcoming this obstacle may be difficult but I will start by creating a calendar of homework assignments and their due dates. Starting my assignments the day they are assigned will also help me finish them on time. Limiting the amount of time I spend on video games and extracurricular activities by designating more time to focus on school work will help me keep my priorities in check.   
 When I started college, I was under the assumption that it was similar to high school. I didn’t think I would need to do anything different. Many students have barriers to success but they are easily overcome by simply putting in a little effort to make changes and form new habits. I may have a few barriers to success but I now realize what they are. I can now focus on developing better habits that will help me succeed even beyond college.