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Year One Journal #1

1. For me, the greatest difference between college and high school is the workload, but I expected that before starting the school year. I know there are higher expectations from professors for knowing and understanding any information I’ve been given. A major change have made because of this is looking over my notes after each lecture. I mainly do this for my calculus class because we move at a faster pace and if I don’t look over what I learned each day, I know I’ll fall behind. I also try to look over what is being taught before the class, primarily on MyCourses or wherever the professor has a lecture or class calendar. The main thing I try to focus on is managing my time to fit all my course work into a single day. I am still working on studying for tests well in advance instead of cramming the night before, and looking over my notes after lectures does help that!
2. I would definitely put most of the responsibility on myself, so around 50%. Next, I think the professors and TAs are important, so I would give them 25%. Academic advisors would be next with about 15% and then my parents would be last at 10%. Obviously it is up to me whether or not I even try to do well in college, and every decision will ultimately be my decision. I think professors would be next because in order to learn well, I need to be able to reach out to my professors and gain relationships that can help me with not only the class, but other opportunities at college. The academic advisors are there to help with courses, and I admire the help because I would have no idea what courses to even take and what could help me with my major. Lastly, I think my parents are an excellent source, financially, and they do support me with whatever I’m doing at college, but I don’t feel they are the biggest impact or responsibility when it comes to my success.