Time Management Introduction

So you’ve entered college: congrats!!

But now you realize there’s a lot to learn about attending classes, keeping up with homework, and remembering every detail that goes into being a successful college student. We shouldn’t ignore the fact that other aspects of life, other responsibilities, also pull on your availability: for instance, you might need to work, whether it be full-time or part-time, some of us have family obligations, or church/volunteer obligations, some have children to care for, and let's not forget that all important ingredient: social life. There are many more examples we can detail that pull on our time, so how do you become a successful college student when so many other things, besides the heavy load of college, demand your attention? Time Management.

The most successful students are not always the most intelligent. In fact, many “smart” students struggle when first entering college. However, it is the organized, hardworking student that succeeds most often. Steve Jobs wasn’t the smartest man to enter the world of computer science, but he had a vision, was driven, and knew how to get there. He understood the key factor of being organized. If this is one of your weakest traits, it’s time to change that and become organized.

So, say it with me for a moment: time management, time management, time management. Yes, that’s it: time management.

What is time management? Time management is the ability to organize every demand of your time in a meaningful way, so responsibilities, appointments, and events are met without issue. Many beginning college students brush off the importance of time management, and to their misfortune they discover how wrong they are. Time management is one of the most important ingredients to a successful college career (let’s not forget this skill will be required in any profession you choose, so it’s important to learn it now).