



To: New York City College of Technology Freshmen
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Subject: Advice Starting Off Your Year

Hello students,

In my first semester in City Tech I have faced difficulties that I wish I knew prior. I wish to address them to you so that your first semester becomes a more easier experience. First thing you should know is that city tech has very limited staff. It would be recommended that if you were to visit the financial aid office to make sure it's as early in the morning. The line becomes unbelievably long and can last hours through my own personal experience. Here is a few things to keep in mind.

Communication

During your first semester try and keep in touch with all of the friends and professors you make. Especially if you share the same major. It will help you in the future. It could be about projects, supplies or even advice. During my time at City Tech a lot of the people I met were really nice and I was able to go back them if I needed advice. For example I had a design that I needed help with, so I asked a professor I had the semester before. He gladly gave me advice. The design I had was for a website and I had no design classes that semester so it helped me.

Join a club

City Tech has many clubs and it would also be recommended to join one that has your relevant interests and or major. For example for design students, it would be a great idea to join the newspaper club. I knew many people that joined that benefited from it. There are many to choose from and its a great way to make friends and to make connections for your future.

Free online tutor

If you ever need help working technically on any of the adobe suite programs, one great resource that you should definitely also take advantage of that I learned recently is a site called Lynda. One of my professors recommended it to me because I was rusty in photo shop and illustrator/In design. I wasn't aware that this existed or what it was until he pointed it out. It's a free tutorial site that teaches you how to use almost any design program and for free. The only catch is that you must login and register through the site while in school. If you ever want to practice or need help of any kind this is a great place to go.

Online tutorial classes available In Lynda.com.

- Design
- Developing Code
- Web Design
- Buisness
- Photography
- Video Editing
- Audio Editing
- 3D Modeling

Take advantage of school trips

When going on trips also make sure to keep their business cards. You never know when you could land an internship through communication. I was lucky enough to go on a trip too see up close in person how products were processed. I knew some people that got internships by keeping in touch with the employers they met. Make sure to plan ahead and always try and make connections. It could greatly benefit you in the long run.