#YellowJacketLife:

The Buzz on Your Future

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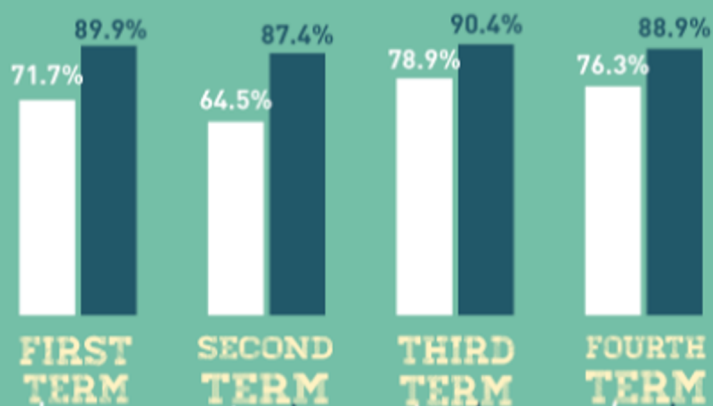Session 8
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Today's Topics

- Why Participate?
- Co-curriculars @City Tech
- Extracurriculars @City Tech
- Case in Point: The Soho Memory Project Video
- Department Connect Day/New Student Welcome
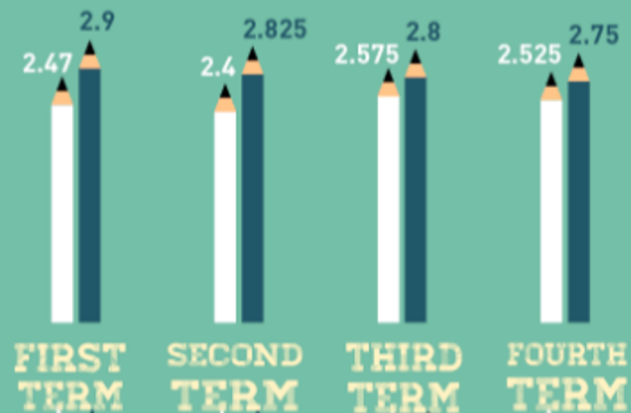- Beginning of Semester Action Plan
- Next Steps

Why Participate?

Students with Good-Standing Rates

Good-standing: Undergraduate students whose cumulative grade point average is 2.0 or above.

71.7% / 89.9% — FIRST TERM
64.5% / 87.4% — SECOND TERM
78.9% / 90.4% — THIRD TERM
76.3% / 88.9% — FOURTH TERM

Average Cumulative GPA

2.47 / 2.9 — FIRST TERM
2.4 / 2.825 — SECOND TERM
2.575 / 2.8 — THIRD TERM
2.525 / 2.75 — FOURTH TERM

Non-Participants

ECA Participants

Building Skills Through Participation

- Decision-Making Skills
- Interpersonal Skills
- Managerial Skills
- General Workplace Knowledge

LANDING A JOB

Your academic transcript may be what gets your foot in the door, but employers look for candidates with relevant experience when making hiring decisions. Extra-curricular activities help you gain the key skills and experiences to help you land that job.

> "The biggest challenge is showing relevant experience, which employers say is one of the most important factors they look for in applications form recent college graduates. This isn't limited to professional work experience ... *school activities and volunteering also qualify as relevant experience* and can be included in your resume as well."
>
> - Brent Rasmussen, president of CareerBuilder North America

THE LEADER OF THE ECA PAC: THE INTERN

Benefits for New Grads with Intern Experience

When it comes to landing a job, an internship is far and away **the most valuable extra-curricular to have on your resume.** According to 2010 Boston University survey and 2008 NACE survey:

31%

Higher Salary

53%

Job Offer by Graduation

75%

Preferred in Hiring

Sources

- Boston University
- California State University, Sacramento
- Careerbuilder.com
- The College Board
- Collegiate Assessment
- Elearninginfographics.com
- Graduate Management Admissions Council
- Harris Interactive
- National Association of Colleges and Employers
- National Center for Education Statistics
- Stanford University

Co-curricular

Programs, clubs, + activities directly related to what you are studying in college

Extracurricular

Programs, clubs, + activities NOT directly related to what you are studying in college, but still relevant to your growth as a student

Co-curricular Examples

Honors Scholars Program

Emerging Scholars Program

Undergraduate Research

Academic Competitions

Place-based Learning

Internships/Externships

Clubs related to a major or department

Events related to a major or department

Study Abroad Programs

More information: http://citytech.cuny.edu/research/
http://www.citytech.cuny.edu/pdc/
https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/student-life/

Extracurriculars @City Tech

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Extracurricular Examples

Affinity Clubs (ex. Bengali Students Club, Chinese Christian Fellowship)

Social Clubs (ex. E-sports Club, Step Team)

Student Government

Peer Mentoring (ex. FYP Peer Mentors, Perkins Peer Advisement)

Social Events (ex. Welcome Back Bash, De-Stress Week)

Community Events (ex. PLAN Week, Literary Arts Festival)

Volunteering (ex. Spoons Across America)

More information: https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/student-life/
https://www.citytech.cuny.edu/sga/

If you can't find what you are looking for...

Start your own club!

How To Get Involved

- [Student Life website](#)
- [OpenLab](#)
- [Instagram](#)
- [Facebook](#)

- Flyers on campus
- Club + Activities Fair
- Email Announcements
- Weekly PM Newsletter

Or Szyflingier and The Soho Memory Project

- Several City Tech communication design students, with the guidance of their professor Josh Kapusinski, created an award-winning short documentary film called *The Soho Memory Project*
- This film, which has opened up professional opportunities for the students after graduation, emerged out of a departmental club that Prof. Kapusinski started.
- Or Szyfingier, the film director who is now a City Tech alumna, spoke at a recent campus event about the value of co-curricular activities and the process of making the film.

My Action Plan: Spring 2022

What do you need to do during the first two weeks?

- Attend Department Connect Day

- Make copy of semester schedule from CUNYfirst

- Collect syllabi from all classes

- Review syllabi + Ask questions

- Download Spring Academic Calendar

- Compile list of important dates

- Put all dates in ONE calendar/planner

- Do 'Time Management Math'

- Create daily + weekly schedules (set alarms!)

- Get books + course materials

- Make a good impression in your classes (be prepared, be on time, active learner, hand in assignments)

- Understand expectations for classes/professors

- Check on Financial Aid in CUNYfirst

- Connect with at least one other City Tech student

- If you have on campus classes…

  -Get your ID card

  -Upload your vaccine info on CUNYfirst

  -Orient yourself to campus

ID cards and proof of vaccination

- Identification cards can be obtained in room LG 24N
- The student has to provide a form of Photo ID and proof of registration for current semester.
- Hours of operation: January 24th - Febuary 4th, 2022
- Monday - Friday
  8:00am-2:30pm and 5:00pm -7:00pm
- Replacement ID Card is $15, payment should first be made at the Bursar Office.

Submit vaccine info to CUNYfirst by Jan 18!

Feb. 3: Department Connect Day

New Student Welcome

One Last Breakout Room…

- If you have any final questions for your peer mentors, here's a chance to ask them.
- Once you've discussed any questions you might have, each group should prepare a presentation (song lyrics? Chant? Poem? Use your creativity!) about our workshop topics and college life.
- After the breakout session, Team Olamide and Team Ngozi will have a chance to present whatever you've created!

Final Thoughts