

# The Legacy



Produced by the members of Professor Hill's Spring 2016 SD-10 classes

To Next Semester's Incoming students,

This book is a legacy that we have left for you.

A legacy is something that you leave behind for those that follow you. It is something that you pass on to the future, so that those that come after you may find the world different, and hopefully a little better than you did.

In the Spring 2016 semester, the students in my SD-10 classes at Kingsborough Community College were asked to leave a legacy for the following semester's students. In the Legacy project, each student was responsible for producing 1 page of material in which they

1. Reflect on their successes and failures during their first semester at Kingsborough, and
2. Give some advice to next semester's incoming students on how to make the most of their first semester of college.

It was left totally up to the students as to what format their page would be. It could be art, music, poetry, or prose. It was also left up to them as to what they wanted to say to you, the next SD-10 students, what advice they wanted to give you, and what they wanted to share with you.

The students who produced these pages have left you a legacy: their reflections and hopes that you will find your first semester a little better than they did, that you will make your transition to Kingsborough a little more smoothly, that you will not hit so many stumbling blocks along the road.

As there was someone before them who inspired these students to leave you a legacy, I hope that these reflections will inspire you to continue the legacy, add your own unique stamp to it, and make it your own.

This book is a legacy that we have left for you.

What will you leave to those who follow you?

Best Wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George J. Hill", written in a cursive style.

Professor George J. Hill

Out of Class experience:

Yoga: May 17, 2016





Out of Class experience:

Working on the campus Urban Farm: May 16, 2016





Out of Class experience:

Urban Farm Visit: May 23, 2016



Entering college is a big deal of your life. But it still can be a very hard process for a lot of people. Also it was like that for me too, because it's new country for me, and I was a little afraid that period of adaptation to the new socium would be too long and hard, but hopefully it was just prejudice, because my classes are interesting, professors are helpful and clear, my classmates are very friendly and good persons.

But anyway, I promise you, education here will be really different from what you had been doing for last eleven or twelve years. In high school getting good grades was not a big deal, because teachers knew your possibilities, your reputation. Yes, college life is a much more independent, but this independence costs a lot of efforts. The main distinction between school and college is that in college you are all on your own. Nobody cares about your preparation for text, doing assignment or attendance. You have to do it by yourself. To get good grade and pass all the exams depends only on you. So, you need to really work hard, it is no more school.

George Hill is really helpful professor, his classes are really interesting, because he is also interested in class. He gave some useful advices as key management. Key Management is the crucial thing if you want to stay in the rhythm of a studying. You have to understand that studying is more important than your any other deals and you have to provide enough efforts to be a successful student, you have to do notes for exam, do assignments because no one will do this for you.

So, entering college was really good decision for me and I have no regrets, even though my first semester is not so easy, but I believe that the second will be better. I wish good luck for anyone who will read this, just don't forget to adjust your time and try to not miss class even one time. College can be really hard, but don't give up.

Allen Grinberg

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5/23/16

## **New Students First Semester**

I remember Having my older brother push me for years and I kept trying to push myself to go back to school for years as well. Having 2 kids and I couldn't imagine going to school because I knew I had to provide for my family. So I said I will work and forget about school for a little while. Well guess what freshmen's I waited 8 years to go to college. I was so used to my freedom and having a great work schedule and making good money that I didn't bother even thinking of going to college. But life should not stop there. You should want more and I wanted more. Why not go to college and do what you love. So finally I was pushed so hard that I signed up for college in march and my major is Culinary Arts. I remember going to orientation, listening to teachers, peers, instructors I was falling asleep a few times but that's ok I stayed the entire session. Next school is to begin the following day I come to school early and my classes say TBA and I'm like really ( what the heck ) so I was lost and I went to some room I don't remember which 1 though but I saw a lady and a computer and I asked her please look into my account my classes say TBA and today is the 1st day and I was in the cluster building and I'm early and nervous. So long story short this lady helped me and I was printed a copy of my classes and room numbers. I went from being early to now running to the T building uughh what a day it was for me. So my first day sounds a bit crazy that's normal freshmen's you'll have your memory of the 1st few days as well 8-). My success in Kingsborough is that I'm still there and i didn't give up believe me you will want to give up and tell yourself maybe I won't go today or tomorrow just because I'm tired and want the extra sleep. Because i go to school then after school I go to work then after work I come home and do homework. it is very hard in the beginning but and I'm assuming it'll only get harder but it will get easier in time it's all about you. Key word is not to give up ask yourself why you are there? why did you wake up this morning and come to school? don't do it because someone forced you to do it. But do it because you want to, because you need it. I'm happy I was pushed by my brother and my family I need that push because I wanted to go to college I want more I want better. I got to meet good people, new faces, a different life. I have a goal and that is to graduate. Kingsborough has so much opportunities waiting for you all you have to do is just find what you want. But remember this once you step foot into Kingsborough you are already one stepper closer to success. The rest is up to you. You will get stupid essays to do, you will be quizzed, you will get projects, you will be writing a lot, you will get tired and drained. But once you see results 80's and 90's and 100's you will have that smile on your face and you'll tell yourself I'm happy I made that first step into Kingsborough the rest



was up to me and I'm happy with my results i knew that I could do it and all those times I wanted to give up I'm happy I pushed myself not to quit and fight for a cause. good luck freshmen's. I'm just putting this out there I could of been riding my motorcycle tonight after work with my crew instead I'm here writing this annoying essay for you freshmen's and its 2:53 am. I'm doing this for a reason. Make sure you have a reason as well once again good luck to all.

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Your average college freshmen are usually 17-18 years old. Starting this semester, I was very worried about how I would fit in with my classmates. I am not 17or 18 yrs old. I am 27 yrs old and this isn't my first time at Kingsborough Community College. Back in 2008, I was enrolled as a freshman but due to some family tragedy and some emotional problems –I didn't continue with my education. So coming back this year, I was scared about being older than the other students and if I would be able to handle being back in a school environment after almost 10 years. When registering for classes, I was given the option to take the "opening doors" classes, where three of my classes were linked. This meant I would have the same students in all three classes.

This was a great thing for me. I got to know my classmates better since I saw them everyday not just in one class but in three. It has been a great experience so far. And being in the opening doors link courses has helped me with my fear of public speaking. I use to get very nervous to speak in front of big groups of people or to give speeches. But taking the speech class and being with the same students, I found that I did not get as nervous as I would before when it came to presenting my speeches during class. The only thing I wish I did better is time management. Between my class assignments, my work schedule and family commitments- I had a few slip-ups on finishing up my assignments on time. There has been many a nights where I had to pull all nighters because of this.

College has been everything I thought it would be. My advice for you incoming students is that you should really follow your syllabus and create some sort of calendar or schedule of all of your assignments. You should also give yourself plenty of time to study. Don't wait for the last minute and always pull all-nighters. Get your sleep.

## My Freshman College Legacy

My first semester of college is what I would call bittersweet. I have learned a lot, but it was also a stressful ride. During my semester it was hard to transition back into school life, so my time management skills were no good. I kept being late for class and I always did my homework at the last minute SMH. So you know it was never easy for me. But with this Opening Doors Community I have built good relationships with my peers and we have kept each other on our toes, and helped each other stay focused. This community is the best thing that happened to me cause without it, I could truly say my first year would have been way harder. But as my semester have went on my classroom work has definitely upgraded and all I was getting was straight As and I was very proud of myself as was my family and friends. I have perfected my speech and my writing has gotten better. I wish I would have learned to have better time management, but it was a learning experience and I know next semester would be much better. But to be honest I thought I would do very bad in school but I'm at the top of my class and I love it. It took some time but I did it. School is just like life. It's what you make it "simple". If you apply yourself it would come easy to you but if you play with it it will be harder, but my advice to you is take advantage of all the help they provide for us cause it really does make things easier. And the people that's sitting beside you right now will become your family and friends and biggest supporters. So embrace it all and I know you could make it.

Zain L. Morisset

Motivation is what makes us strive in life, it is what makes us reach our goal. It is what drives me to go back to school since I left high school eight years ago. It helps me get through college challenges. I thought college was easy but it's not, because you will have to learn time management, be ahead of everything you are learning. Once you remember why you are here and why you made that choice, it won't be so hard. I feel blessed because I am in a good school. KCC is the best college you can ever be. The people here will provide you with all sorts of help from financial situations to emotional help. It feels good to know that people do care about us, because we are working hard to get where we want to be despite all those challenges, whether it is life or academic. My advice to you incoming students is to stay motivated no matter how hard it gets, don't forget to talk to your advisors if you need help with academic support. They will be happy to help. Be on top of your courses and manage your time wisely.

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May 24<sup>th</sup>, 2016

### My Legacy Can Be Your Legacy!

As the semester draws close to an end, I can take my time and reflect on the good, the bad, and the ugly of the months prior. It felt like just yesterday, I entered the link and met my fellow classmates and professors, who I would become one with for the following weeks to come. I had many ups and downs but I've somehow manage to make it through. If I could change one aspect, it would have been, being more diligent about handing in work on time. I also wished I studied more. Overall, I had a great school year and have accepted that my grades are a reflection of my efforts, which was not merrily as great as it could have been.

It's beyond cliché to say that there is a secret behind the success of doing well in college, because there isn't. Your performance and successfulness, relies solely on yourself. You have to put your best foot forward and tackle the semester head on. From beginning to end you have to keep the same motivations and drives. There is no one size fits all manual on how to pass your classes, but planning can carry you a long way. Find time to study, and rather than waiting for your due dates, knock the easier work out in your spare time. Even though this this sounds miniscule it's not, and will prove to be very beneficial in the long run.

In the beginning of the semester, a list of your work and brief explanations of your classes will be given to you. Since the first week will be mainly introductions, take the time to put due dates, test, quizzes and important events in a list, or on a calendar, simple enough for you



to follow. It will help you keep up with deadlines, which you will surely need to keep track of, since the following week will become intense. Also try your best to get all your textbooks by the end of the first week, no excuses; your professors may be lenient but not all. You are expected to be prepared and your professors will not be afraid to let you know it.

Am I a poster child for great work ethics? No! Did I always live up to my highest potential? Sadly, I did not. Due to my own personal situation, performing at my optimal level had not been feasible, but I still had to try my best, rain or shine. As fun as College may have been thought up to be, and actually is, at times it's definitely not easy. Reality is sometimes the work will be a breeze and other times you will have to dedicate nights and days to getting the work done. It's an ongoing process. Don't for one minute become discouraged, just keep the bigger picture in your mind and you'll see it through. Kingsborough College has many programs to assist you in your endeavors. It offers some of the best if not the best programs, dedicated to helping students advance their education. So definitely make time to find out what this school has to offer you. My advice to you is; do your best, try hard, and the reward after giving your most exceptional performance, will be the greatest feeling yet, I promise you. You're welcomed here at Kingsborough with opened arms, good luck and just remember you got this.

Meesha Lewis

Prof. George Hill

May 18, 2016

SD 10

### ***THE LEGACY***

Where do I start? . This semester has been great for me to be honest, I wont lie and say it wasn't challenging because it definitely was but that only made me want to work even harder.

Coming into Kingsborough I knew what to expect, I already had some college experience so I knew what the workload was going to be like, I knew that I would probably have a very limited social life, I knew that nobody was going to be breathing down my neck telling me I need to do this or I need to do that and most importantly I knew I needed to work on my time management skills seeing as though I also work after school. With all this being said I knew that my work ethic had to be superb and I knew that if I really wanted to succeed not just this semester just the rest of my college years I would have to set goals and actually follow through with them. In my first SD ten class I was asked to write a self assessment essay about what I knew coming into college, what are my goals and how do I plan to achieve them. I took this essay really serious because all those goals had I put into that essay I made they were realistic and I knew I was going to follow

through with them. I read that essay multiple times and made sure all those goals stuck with me.

I made a pact with myself that I was not going to procrastinate and I was going to manage my time wisely. For me procrastination was my biggest issue, I struggled with it throughout high school and because of that my grades suffered for a period time and I told myself I would not take this habit with me to college and I did everything I could to break this bad habit.

What I thought I could have done better? Honestly I wouldn't change a thing about this semester. The appropriate phrase for me is what I think I should work harder on. I have done a great job this semester and I must admit I am proud of that, what I would work harder on though is my study skills. Even though I studied I knew I could have studied harder, and my studying methods needs improvement. They are a few things I think I have done really well this semester; I stuck to my goals that I set at the beginning of the semester, I made sure I put in at least five hours of studying a day and I managed my time wisely.

My advice for prospective students is to study and most importantly manage your time wisely. I cannot stress enough how important this is. People might say "college is really hard and if you blink once you lose track of everything", don't listen to them. Nothing is hard if you really want to achieve something, just telling yourself yes I can do it does nothing if you don't have the action to back this up, this is where the idea of setting goals come in. I use to think setting goals was annoying but since I have to college I have come to appreciate this exercise, so at the beginning of a semester when the professor asks you to set goals take, these goals and the exercise seriously. Another



advice I would tell you is to learn how to prioritize your time. For example if you know you have an assignment due next week and your friends invite you out for the weekend the best thing to do would be to say "I'm sorry guys I can't, I'm going have to pass on this one maybe a next time". This is what you signed up for when you enrolled in college, you are going to have a very limited or maybe a non-existent social life but it is a risk I think is definitely worth taking, it will all pay off in the end. So do not be discouraged you can do it! Good luck on your first semester and all the best for the rest of your college career.

Kemoy Watkis

SD 10

05/23/2016

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Professor Hill

### Legacy Project

What I want every person who reads this to understand is that everything that happens here and beyond this is your choice. I suppose that is a bit absolute.... I guess what I mean is, although this world is filled with events that are completely out of your control, what you choose to do before or after these events are within your control. What you do after events is within your control. Are you going to be proactive or reactive? Terribly sorry to say this but...it doesn't matter what is happening in your life be it children, your place of work, volatile home situation, anything. I'm being blunt but remember what I said before this is your choice and every choice has negative and positive consequences. I can't tell you why you came here or what you have sacrifice to continue going here and noone or nothing can force you to make this or any other thing a priority just remember the specific reason for your attending this place. What?!! Don't have specific reason (goal) for being here, wasting money and much worse time aren't you? Of course college is all about "finding yourself" but you must have some direction, some aim, some simple directive. I say all that just to say this whatever goal you have however rudimentary or simple will shine some light upon this glorious experience. Moving toward something can make

whatever you're going through seem small. Even if your goal is something is like graduating with a 3.9 gpa (94%). This can change your perspective make you motivated to succeed in every class. I nor anyone else can tell you that this goal is not bound in reality or maybe your goal is something else who cares. You care that is the point, the mere fact that it matters to will motivate you to better self. So find a goal and try to align it with your life.



Prof. George Hill  
Legacy Project  
(reflect on current semester)

Ashley Smith





To: ALL  
Incoming Freshman

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To: ALL  
Incoming freshman

Dear, Incoming freshman...

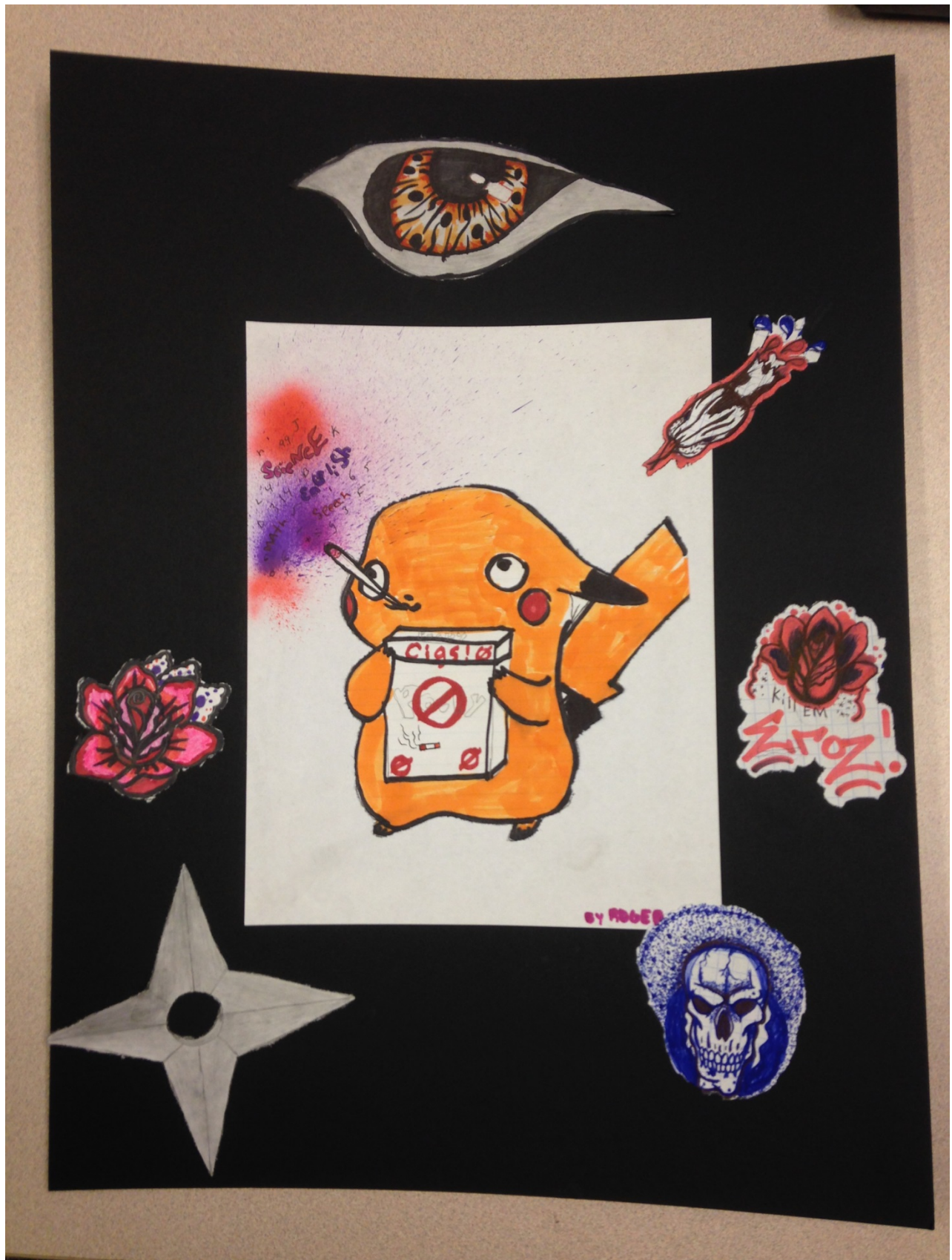
I know you are overwhelmed, excited, nervous or whatever the case may be, but to be honest, you should feel relaxed. College isn't as bad as every one makes it seem, just a little bit more responsibility. When I just started my first semester I was like "oh my god what if I go crazy? What if I don't get through this semester?" But I swear if you practice time management and good studying skills, you will be just fine. Oh yeah! Another thing, college is way different from high school, you are not able to miss as many classes as you want or else you will fail. This is actually a place for you to grow, and as you get used to it, you will grow to love it. You will meet amazing, understanding people, and at some point you won't ever feel alone. This place will help shape you into a wonderful adult. So don't be scared you got this, I promise.... ♡ And don't give up, no matter what obstacle gets in the way! It'll be worth it. If ~~you can~~ I can do it, so can you. I was never a straight A/B student but as I got to college, I began passing all my classes. One thing I did learn is to take everything one step at a time. DO NOT stress yourself, start off with 4 classes and you will be just fine. Good luck! ♡ ♡

Sincerely,  
A student who been through  
it.



Roger Belizairo

Came to school thinking he was going to do one thing. Discovered the high feelings from his classes



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Aaqib Javaid

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College is a learning experience, it is a growing experience, but above else it's a medium of socialization. My college experience has been of friendship and personal growth. I came to school with the intentions of making friends; that was one of the driving factors in my decision to start school. College is hard enough by itself, it consumes ones free time and the workload may detach us from our other obligations. That's where friends come in, they keep us grounded, they make sure we enjoy the finer pleasure of life, and they are an excellent support system.

I've made some excellent friend's in my short time in this institute. We hang out, go to the movics, and study together. Spending time with them has shown me the value of diversity and difference in our thinking processes. That's a change in prospective I will always cherish, and that is my advice to incoming students. Make friends. Your college experience will be ten times better.

Anthony Hall

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May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016

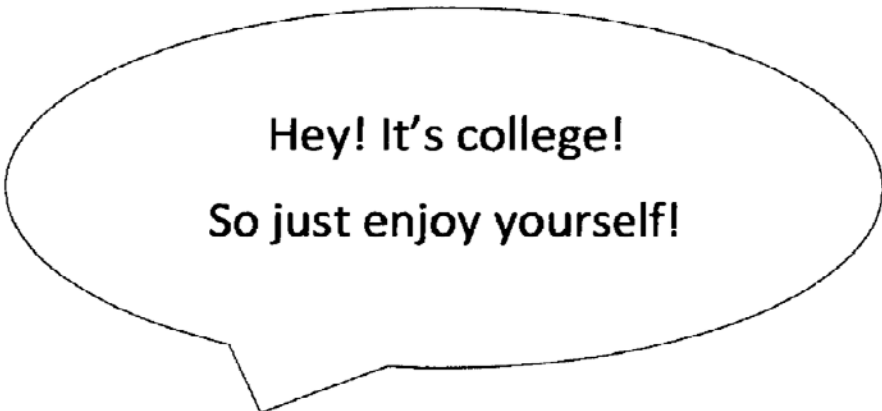
The thought of going to college was exciting and daring for me because I didn't know what to expect in the first semester. Not knowing anyone's name or even the class locations on such a big campus. Kingsborough campus offers a very culturally diverse environment and it was a thrill to meet and to befriend persons that came from different countries.

For my first semester in college, I took Accounting, Economics, Speech, English and SD, classes from Monday to Friday. Accounting class was like a "breeze through" with just A+. I maintained A grades in Economics but I didn't like when the professor kept on calling my name at the beginning of most of the classes to answer questions of what was taught in the previous class because when I went home in the evenings I didn't revise my notes. I usually do class assignments during the weeks and study on the weekends. Speech class was fair with A grades and English was somewhat shaky. The grades were good but in the first few weeks of the semester I sat at the back of class and kept on falling asleep. I had to change my seating to the front of the class just to grasp what the professor was saying and to remain awake. SD classes gave me intangible tools such as time management and class registration to work through the beginning episodes of college and these tools will further assist me in my college life.

Maintaining good grades, early class attendance and following school policies should already be the priorities in your mindset but here is a list of my advices to you:



1. Schedule yourself in order to complete assignments on-time and to know when is your upcoming exams
2. Don't just close your notebook at the end of class then reopen your notebook at the beginning of that same class but try to revise your notes during your spare time or at least before that same class begins. This will make you stay in the knowing of what's happening in that class and remember that you'll be receiving a participation grade as a part of your overall grade for that course
3. Apart from studying, read novels, magazines, newspapers or something that excites you. Reading is exercise for the brain and you'll start to retain more information in a single reading and have a more general knowledge of different aspects. This is very beneficial for college success
4. Surround yourself with positive thinking persons because in college you'll see persons who are idling and might hinder you from reaching your career goals



Hey! It's college!  
So just enjoy yourself!

Imani Vaz

Professor George Hill

Student Development

23 May 2016

Legacy Project

Dear future students of Kingsborough,

My first semester here at Kingsborough Community college is about to come to an end and I must say it has been full of laughs and tears. As I begin to reflect on my time here I realized that overall it was a great experience, but there were many challenges that I faced as well. It was a great experience because it was an honor to be around such amazing professors as well as students. The environment was different and it was great to be around students who had a lot of self motivation and determination. Starting of this semester I was filled with ambition and self motivation but there does come a point in time where the work will be overwhelming and you will loose a bit of that self motivation. In college it is very easy to become lazy and tired remember it's not like high school, in college you are your own responsibility. You are your own reminder your professors will remind you ,but they won't run you down for any of your assignments, it's either you have it or you don't. I am not sure how your professors will be but I was lucky to have such wonderful, nurturing and, caring professors. In college when you are making your schedule if you yourself know your not a morning person don't do an eight o'clock class because it will affect you. Kingsborough is far from where most of us live you have to wake up at least an hour or two before the time your first class is scheduled just to reach on time. Overall in college I have learned that it is very easy to get distracted, lose self motivation, and,

be late to class. Kingsborough has a lot to offer, lots of resources and people that are willing to help you, and you yourself have to make use of all the help that is provided to ensure your success. This school gives you a lot of exposure to what the real world is like of course, your advisor will also be with you every step of the way to assist you in the process of becoming a better college student and person overall. Lastly don't be afraid to speak your mind, share your ideas, and, make friends. I wish you all the best and enjoy your first semester at Kingsborough Community college.

Best of luck Sincerely,

Imani Vaz

Ashely Harris

Professor Hill

SD 10

21 May 2016

As a student who didn't go to college right after high school it has been a challenge. I didn't know what to expect. I had to adjust.

Being in a learning community has been great. I think being with the same classmates brings a sense of loyalty and you really get to connect with each other. Attending Kingsborough, community is very important.

I found it difficult making time to study and manage my time wisely. As the semester is ending I have a better system of doing things. I make set times for assignments and study times. Group sessions are better if you have trouble doing it alone.

The school offers plenty of free services that you should utilize. There are so many great offices that can help you for school and personal issues. Attending this school was definitely the right choice. Don't ever be afraid to ask questions. Good luck with the semester.

Rana Sarsour

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Prof. George Hill

May 23, 2016

Although I thought that I would never be able to go to college due to being a mother and not having much time to spare. I decided to give it a chance. I can honestly say it has been a great decision. I feel like I'm finally accomplishing something even though its only the first semester.

I was so anxious on my first day, the KBCC campus is big and I would get lost on my way to class, but I figured it out after a couple of days. I have met some amazing people at KBCC this semester, and the professors were all great! My experience was wonderful.

In the beginning I thought all I would have to do is just listen to the Professors lectures and I would be fine, but that definitely was not the case. Then I started to study more and take notes. I was up many late nights studying, but it was well worth it when my grades improved. This semester definitely taught me things that I will use next semester.

My advice to new students would be to make sure you take notes, notes are very important. Try not to miss any days, each day you will most likely be taught something new that would probably be on an exam. Don't cram, study an hour or two each day. Do not be a quitter, it may get hard but keep pushing through it and

you will make it to where you want to be. Don't overwhelm yourself, if you need help, just ask! Tutoring is always available when you need it. Knowledge is power, don't be a quitter, you can do anything you put your mind to!



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### **The Legacy**

Oh my friend if you ask me how is college?  
So depressing but with Mr. George Hill and Fernando  
You'll be perfectly organized student.  
I faced many challenges in college during my first semester.  
Managing my time, getting enough of sleep  
Doing my homeworks on time (or preparing for test)  
Getting used to rules of professors, they are all different.  
Some professors are understanding and helps you to get through it just like  
Pr. George Hill, my speech Pr. Laurie Garson, and others.  
If I tell you how much I wanted to catch up on my favorite shows, oh God I had  
no time at all. I'm a full time student, I get up for college from early morning, I'll be  
there studying till 3pm then work right away, I finish my job at late 9. Cleaning my  
home, cooking, and doing my homeworks what kind of 'getting enough of sleep'  
or shows are we talking about?!

I started to care less about shows, instagram, and etc.

One more thing I would recommend you not to drop any of your classes, like I  
did. I understand that you have work, your own responsibilities but at least try to  
think though of consequences.

Know that you have your adviser to help you, s/he will be there all the time just  
make an appointment and get comfy notebook to write about upcoming events  
that you have just so you don't forget.

I hope you will do great in college your first and in the rest of your semesters.  
Good luck!

Justyna Kulig

SD 10

Prof. George Hill

05/20/16

### The Legacy

Dear New Student! I want to share with you my experience from KBCC!

When I saw for the first time the Kingsborough Community College three years ago during my vacation in NYC, I said: "I wish to study here someday". Now, I am finishing my first semester in this college and with a clear conscience I can loudly say: It was one of my best decisions I have ever made!

Transitioning to college is a challenge for many students. I was not an exception. At the beginning, I had many concerns and aspects to overcome. First of all, I was anxious about the English language because I did not learn it much in the past. I was barely speaking and writing. There were many words that I did not understand. I still laugh when I remind myself how my classmates were trying to explain me the word "feces" in biology class... :) Then, because of some health issues, on the 4<sup>th</sup> week of classes I ended up in a hospital for a whole week. It was another challenge to overcome because classes are pretty intense and it is important not to miss them. But I did not give up. I put 100% of my heart into a study for all my subjects and now I can see how I have improved.

Probably you, as a New Student, will experience also some challenges but I advise you to do not give up. There is a huge support in the school and if you will have any problem do not hesitate to ask for help. Advisors and professors are here for you. If you will struggle with classes, KBCC offers free tutoring from every subject.

I am very happy that I joined BIO tutoring, It helped me a lot. ASAP program will provide you a metro card and help with graduating as soon as possible. Also, there is a variety of clubs and sports activities. There are much more things that this college has to offer so don't be shy to ask questions and explore!

You begin a great adventure but behind that there is a hard work if you want to stay on track. Put your heart into it and it will pay off you someday. You may feel overwhelming sometimes but think about your future and reasons for your study. I believe it will motivate you well. Don't be late for your classes and bring your assignments on time. Let yourself be someone that you are really proud of. I wish you all the best!

Mykola Pylypenko

George J. Hill M.A

SD 10

May 23, 2016

This college semester has been something. It has been both challenging and new. The things that I wish that I did better in this college semester was showing up to classes, which I will improve on in the next semester. My college expectation was that you would sit in these big class rooms with big black chalkboards but it was nothing like that. I just sat in regular classrooms like the ones i had back in high school.

For students coming into the next semester to increase there college experience is to join some clubs so you can meet new people and see the campus like that. Make your classes around a time that you're comfortable with and not like at six in the morning unless you're into that. Also try out different classes so that you can experience new things.

Student: Sitora Abdullaeva

Professor: George Hill

Course: SD

Date: 5/20/2016.

#### Achievement!...

College is place that helps to their students to achieve dreams for their future. I think every teenager wants to be a student of the college or university. There thousands and million of them. However, thank you for the God, this year I became one of the college student at Kingsborough Community College. I knew to achieve my dream of being nurse will not easy. Because in college has many challenge situations which is different form High school.

At the beginning, this college became more challenge than I thought. The most challenge situations happened when I wrote the essays for different courses. Especially, in my English and Psychology classes. Beginning days of being at college I did the same mistakes over and over again when I wrote my essays for these 2 subjects. Some days the college seem to me reachless place. Because I couldn't help myself to change doing of mistakes over and over again. I think tried hard of doing things over and over again, but after checking the professors, it still more tough. I thought, "I'm in the dark world and nothing will be help me". Actually this moments was my horrible college days.

But one day the sun start showing their shadows in my dark college life. I wrote all the my essays, for all of my courses. Now, some times my professors giving me better grades than before. Most of time I start getting "A" or "B" from my Sociology and Psychology courses. However English still little rough for me because of my English grammar mistakes. I wish oncs I will get the result that I expect to have. I think having challenge situations are always helpful for me and my English language. Because English is second language for me.

Another challenge situations is having worse test or exam results from Biology and Psychology. I love the both courses and their professors are very helpful and they're so kind for their students and for me also. But I start to got the worse test results from them. I think I got those results because, I didn't

knew how to practice or how to use the review notes before the test day. However, I think I could changing my bad behave of reviewing for the test and star getting little higher grades than before.

An addition, being college student still challenge for me because now I have to be part of Pre clinical program. If I couldn't make this program in this semester, I will lost my dream of being nurse. I hope I could pass all of my coming final exams and tests, which will help me to achieve my dream on real!...



Nathaniel Ullman

Professor hill

Sd-10

5/22/16

Hello freshmen of Kingsborough,

You will be reading this within your first month of college and let me give you a tip to make college a better experience. Look to the people that are on your sides and everyday keep saying good morning or, hello, or whatever it is but start a small conversation and before you realize that person will be your friend. The truth is college is meant for young adults to express themselves without any real help from our adults and that might be difficult for if you so don't get worried or sad, just make a friend and things will change because everything is easier when you're not alone. Making a friend in college was the best thing ever did I now have a group of friends but not ordinary friends we all have different backgrounds different lives and basically very different people in the real world but in college we are all like brothers and sisters.

So my final words to you are make a friend and even friends The more the better.

Miralisher Mirsabirov

SD 10

Prof. George J. Hill

May 23<sup>rd</sup> 2016

Welcome Peeps!

Life gives everyone a lesson in discovery and self exploration. I've had really-really tough week on my first Spring semester. Monday through Friday from 9am to 4 pm and it was very tough schedule for me. In the first day of college I had a lot of assignments and projects. Time management will play a big role in these circumstances. So be prepared to face all the difficulties. If you working at the same time, find a way to study at least one hour a day. You must keep on grinding and study wherever you have the chance to. College is like a next step to success. There's big transition from high school to college.

College is nowhere close to high school. College is whole new level. It's the future. What you do here decides what will you become in life. In high school it wasn't too serious but in college you always have to give your best. And you have to make your own time and must try to pass all classes. Being self independent and overcoming college assignments are the biggest challenge in college. For me to overcome these obstacles was to plan ahead and stick to schedule. So using time wisely is one of the good ways to do well in college. Everything you need to know will be on the syllabus. It's a way to keep yourself organized. Some profs don't like to accept late works so be prepared to hand in all the projects on time.

Enjoy your time in college and be prepared to fight all the challenges and win it. The minute you think of giving up, think of the reason why you held on so long. Even the darkest nights will end and SUN will Rise! Peace and Good Luck!!!

Waldine Edouard

SD 10

Professor: George Hill

MAY 23 2016

***Legacy Recipe***

Hello,

I'm honored and happy that I can actually help you get a better first semester in Kingsborough! I hope you like trying new recipe. This one is a better version of what I used last semester and I hope you will enjoy it.

For this recipe you will need:

***1 cup of information***

***½ of determination***

***1 cup of time management***

***1 cup of honesty or self-analysis***

***½ table spoon of self-control***

***1 tea spoon of being proactive***

***Put the information and your time management in a bowl, stir it, and add the determination. When it starts to boil, add the tea spoon of self-control. Let it cool down, then sprinkle honesty or self-analysis for the taste. Bon appetite!!!***

What I literally mean is there are a lot of resources in this school, and all the departments are willing to help you, all you need is to ask the right questions. You need to be determined to do your work. Only time management will help you do so in a proactive way. I might make it sound simple and easy but it's not. I sometimes was lazy to get my homework's done and guess what? I almost fail calculus. It's always better to start with high grade, than having to catch up. You will get lazy and will want to procrastinate: that's when your honesty or self-analysis will come handy. Ask yourself every day and every time:

***How can what I'm doing right now help me with my responsibility?*** You will learn self-control through the same process if you don't already have it. Have an awesome semester!! I wish you the best!!! See you in Honoral Student Reunion!!!!

**Shawn Hawkins**  
**Student Development Legacy Project**  
**Due: May 23rd**

Being a new income Freshmen I've had many trials and tribulations. My experience this semester I noticed many things about myself good and bad, for example my work ethic. When i'm presently in class i can get so much done and learn a lot. Such as in my Speech 11 class which I surprisingly enjoy I've been noticing that when i enjoy something i put my best foot forward, which is also terrible trait of mines. Seeing the things I don't like within myself I wish I could've done things this semester totally different. Such as my attendance. I wish this semester I wouldn't had so much scheduling conflicts which made me miss many class and now affect my grades, which also taught me that sometimes having too much on your plate won't really help you if you can't time manage everything. But within all the madness you meet some really good people here and i'm proud of the connects that i've made and going to make here at kingsboro and even in my personal life. So coming into this whole new and different stage of your life my advice is to just be ready, focused, and to make sure your that your first priority is college. Good Luck!!!!

**Professor: George J. Hill**  
**Muhammad kazmi**  
**Student Development**  
**22 May 22, 2016**

## **Legacy Project**

Kingsborough was my first college experience and I'll admit I was a bit skeptical about it even though I heard it was really great from some people, I was still wary as I had heard that community college were not so "cool", but when I joined kbcc I realized that all the stereotypes about community aren't true especially not for Kingsborough. Kingsborough really impacted my life in a positive way, and now looking at myself and comparing current me and before I joined kbcc I can see I have changed a lot, socially, mentally and physical (you know we hitting the gym) and I liked the journey so far. SD class way one influential class as we doing something different every week and we got to know how the college system works, and I would recommend this class to everyone, but you should be careful about a few things , not be late as he will write you up for that and you don't wanna let that happen, the other things I always submit your assignments on time and I mean always if you plan on getting a good grade and if you submit it even 1 day later ,boom there goes your A+ and if you worked really hard on project and you got a bad grade just because of late submission it makes you angry. So this is my advice for you the next generation of freshman is that college is no easy task and it only gets harder so in order to succeed you have to work hard , prioritize your work and complete all your assignments in time and this is a tip for people who have trouble remembering their schedule and wanna change that so what really helped me was copied my class timings and details in my google calendar and every assignment as it was stated in the syllabus , so now I know exactly when it is due and the great part is its synced over my laptop and my desktop so now I'm really on tops of my assignments and you can even set the time limit like how soon you want google to remind anything from minute to ranging up to weeks so I find this very helpful and hope you can benefit from it too.

Hasan mian

SD 10

Professor hill

***Legacy project***

To go to college in sweet morning,  
The routine of my college freshman year,  
Then to attend class back to class,  
Was the aim of my freshman college year life.

To borrow books from the library and study,  
For a few hours was part of my college life.  
Sometimes when free time would come by,  
I would hang out with friends just enough to  
Keep intact the sense of friendship.

If you ask me about college life,  
I would suggest you that  
Just close your eyes, put on your  
Headphones, remember you're loved  
Ones and listen.

Viel Mylene Matondo  
Student Development 10  
George J. Hill  
Spring 2016

## LEGACY PROJECT

This isn't my first time attending college. I was already in my Junior year of college when I decided to transfer here. I've applied to four CUNY schools but honestly I did not expect to get in to Kingsborough Community College. I received a letter saying that I need to take some Reading and Writing exam, without knowing that I already got accepted. Everything went really fast because I took the exam on the last few days before the Spring semester starts. I was hesitant at first to attend the Spring semester since I wasn't ready at all but took the challenge. The adviser that helped me during the registration, without knowing, put me in the Learning Community. Having linked classes were actually very helpful, topics in English and Biology were somewhat related to each other so we didn't have any problem doing our essays. As for Student Development class, I learned a lot about what the school has to offer. Every sources available in campus, to dealing with CUNYfirst and CUNYportal, any help you need if you are dealing with any issues in life. We were also required to attend an hour of Study Hall where we can work with our classmates in reviewing our exams or just by doing some assignments. Overall the experience was pretty amazing. You will never regret choosing KBCC. The most important thing is that you know how to manage your time in doing all your school works, I admit it is tough but then if you'll get used to it, you don't have to worry at all. Just focus on your studies, do your assignments, study for your exams, don't miss any class and you're good to go!



Sean O'Rourke

Dear, Students to come,

Coming into Kingsborough in the spring of 2016 I felt like a kindergartener all over again. I was kind of scared that I wouldn't find friends and that the work would be really hard. But thanks to professor hill he hooked me up with a schedule with people that I would have stuff in common with. At first it took some getting used to but once I got the hang of it, it was a breeze. As a 25-year-old I honestly never pictured myself going back to school. As a high school dropout at age 16 my options for work was very limited so I decided to attend Kingsborough for their EMS program. I would also like to add they are the only Cuny School in NYS with a EMS program.

In the beginning my classes were a little complicated and I contemplated dropping out and giving up but my fellow classmates helped me get the hang of it and everything started becoming a piece of cake. Now I am doing really well and found friends and we all work together to keep each other on track and hopefully I'll be in my ems classes starting in September. The best advice I can give to you is don't procrastinate your papers work on them a little day by day so they don't pile up.

By,

That fresh whiteboii get at me ;)

Medjen Romelus

Professor, George

SD 10

May 23, 2016

Legacy

### The Legacy Project

For a first semester I can say that things are pretty good because I learn how to register for class and how to use the library and so on. Of course for a freshmen you will be worry about those things especially if you don't have anybody to help you. Luckily I was able to learn all these in my SD 10 class. I don't see anything that I could have done better because everything that I learned I did not know about them.

Even though College is a new experience for me but I kind of like how everything is taking care of and I really like it so far.

My advise is that if you are a freshmen make sure you know what to do and which class to take to help you grow your educational life.

Richard Stubits  
Legacy Project.  
Professor Hill  
5/20/16

My first semester at Kingsborough was kind of surprising for me. The previous semester I had attended college upstate, and left after a month. When the spring semester came around, the only option for school on such short notice was Kingsborough. In my high school, students and teachers talked about Kingsborough like it was some sort of bad joke. If you failed a test or didn't do your homework a teacher might tell you to get ready for Kingsborough, and students would say #KingsboroughBound as a joke. I wasn't too enthused about coming here, but what choice did I have? My first semester here wasn't too bad, but I could have done a lot better.

I pretty much held all my work down until spring break, but after school came back, I kinda let everything fall apart. I also procrastinated too much, and slept in too much after Spring break. Additionally, I didn't pay enough attention in Professor Hill's course, and that's a very important class. I don't really think I had any strengths this semester, I would call it a kind of failure.

The best advice I have for you is to listen to professor Hill and try your best in every class, or at least put some effort in. But seriously, listen to professor Hill, he knows what he's talking about.

MOHAMED SHALABY

SD SECTION 52P

Legacy Project

Prof: George Hill

May 23, 2016

Spring semester, my first semester in college

This is how you feel.

Lost, don't know where to go where is your classes and what should I do. Also feeling lonely



But that's only at the beginning, the first two weeks.

After that you start knowing your classes and where you should go and you also start memorizing some places on campus.

I found myself lonely and that is not what I thought before going to college.

This is what I was thinking

College is a lot of fun, and it's not hard we not asked to do a lot of homework or assignments also make lots of friends and spend the great time with them and have so much fun in college

This is what I found.

I have a lot of work to do and a lot of assignment that has to be hand in on time also have to take it seriously. This is what you need to do in order to keep up with your work.

You need to work in groups with you classmates, pay some more attention to every class and avoid the need to cram.

You will need to manage your time and greater self-motivation in order not to fall in struggling many responsibilities

Remember one thing that college is more independent learning

"college is like a small community where we get the opportunity to absorb new knowledge and knowing different types of people at this small society "



Marie Nasibova  
Legacy Project  
05/23/2016

Dear Incoming Freshman,

I was ready for the semester to start. To finally be back in school and learn, which was odd for me because I've always hated school. After taking an 8 month break I thought I was finally ready to do great and take this semester on with no problem. 1 month went by and everything was great, then the second month went by and my bills got more expensive and I had to work a second job, having less time for school.

It wasn't that I was working 2 jobs and going to school but I was also getting a 1-2 hour session of lifting in a day with the help of a supplement called pre workout which later did not let me go to sleep for hours and in result I get 3-5 hours of sleep a night. After this my grandfather had gotten sick and I was the only one available to care for him in the early mornings causing me to be consecutively late.

Life really just threw dozens of obstacles in my way and I could not drop any one. The one thing that I really learned for the first time after failing many times in life, is that no matter how discouraged you get or how badly you think you will fail, keep pushing through and trying your absolute hardest. That way you give yourself a chance and trust me your professors will see that you care and that you're trying. As corny as it is just try to do your best under the circumstances and everything will eventually fall into place. Everyone has problems and issues in life and it's not a reason to give up or put what's important in the long run on hold.

Your's truly,  
An current incoming freshman

You made it! You're finally here, after so many years of waiting, you're an official college student. But what now? What lies ahead of you? How do you prepare for Kingsborough's unique curriculum? Starting off will most likely be the difficult part, in my experience, two years would pass by after graduating high school before I picked up a pen again. Although I was an A student in high school and leading a successful academic lifestyle came natural to me, the exact opposite happened my first semester of college. Because I work, I chose to take morning classes and didn't see it an issue being it that I woke up at 6 am in the morning for four straight years. But this time things were different, I couldn't get out of bed, I found myself wrestling with the few minutes on my alarm clock I felt I could juggle, and faced many stressful mornings getting my things together and running to catch the train. Ironically it did not matter how much advice I received because I would do the exact opposite. So I'm going to switch things up a bit, and instead of telling you what to do in order to be the best you can be in college, here's a list of things not to do.

- Don't wait for the morning of to complete an assignment due one week ahead
- Don't expect to only study during your commute time and expect to pass an exam
- Do not throw out any handouts received in class, everything serves as a reference point
- Don't stay up at 3 am in the morning if you have class at 9 am
- Don't use your phone while studying
- Don't skip breakfast
- Don't miss class without following up with your professor
- Don't wear tight sneakers on your longest day of the week
- Don't get home, toss your bag and wait until the next morning to review your notes and assignments

Although these might seem silly, and probably an obvious list of things not to do as a student, these became every day habits I struggled with to break. The first few weeks of college might feel like an intro to high school again, but believe me it isn't. Do not get comfortable because as soon you give yourself a break the first time around, it you'll soon find yourself drowning in pressure. But don't be afraid, it isn't all stress and work, you make friends, you share laughs, you have a good time. I always thought college would be where I learn how to conquer text books, but it turns out I've had to learn how to conquer myself first before taking on the world.

Bagir Khan

5/23/16

**My first semester at Kingsborough community college has been smooth. College hasn't been bad to me as I predicted it would. Sometimes it can get very frustrating with a lot of work to do at one time. I've met some great people here at my first semester at Kingsborough community college. A lot of those people are now my good friends. I learned how to network with people this semester and make connections. I also learned how to stay consistent and how to avoid procrastination. I've been good at showing up to class compared to my high school attendance. Furthermore , I learned how to adapt to college. I wish I had been a little more focused in my classes. I could of showed a better performance than I've shown. Sort of like settling for a grade of B when you know you can achieve an A. My expectation of college was similar to what college was really like. I knew it would be a calm experience where I'll learn a lot but also will be challenging and it is a mixture of both. So my expectations were right. For all the incoming freshman, I suggest don't panic and have an anxiety attack when you think about college. Instead think of it as a learning experience where you'll grow mentally. The way we have responsibilities such as homework or projects that are due on a certain date, get us ready for the real world. We feel the pressure and adapt to it and that's what the real worlds all about. Lastly, for the incoming freshman come in with a positive mindset!**

Sofia Granovskaia  
SD10  
Legacy Project

Dear incoming freshman,

My experience in Kingsborough is going great, the only mistake i've made is to take six classes and work two jobs at the same time. The professors here are great. They're very understanding and will listen to what you have to say. They actually care about you as a person and a student. My advice to you is to start easy but also give yourself a challenge which will not only help you succeed in school but also help you prepare yourself for upcoming hardships in life.

Sincerely,  
Current Freshman



**Sandra Guaman  
Professor Hills  
SD10**

**The legacy**

**Coming from a huge family and who travel a lot and learning how to live on my own is hard and going to college was another experience i had to learn to deal with.From a person who had recently moved into New York from Ecuador and went to a new school almost every few years was scary.Now that I was able to settle in New York and that I can make most of my own decisions I say that living here has been so far a good experience and part of this is Kingsborough Community College.**

**My first semester at this college was scary at the beginning because I worried about my grades and the classes I had because before coming into college my grades were good.Throughout this semester i have learned threw many mistakes,I have made and learned from them.Some of these things was being lazy this can make you fail the course or bring your grades down and you would be doing this with such easy classes is a huge mistake but I was able to fix this by doing the reading I had to do and bring my grades up again.You also have to pay attention it is really important in most of the classes you have and take notes or learn what they are talking about because they would not write anything down for you because in some classes you would get tested in what they had just discussed and without paying attention you are putting yourself at jeopardy.Also a suggestion is to manage your time because they would stack a bunch of work for you on the same day and you wouldn't know how to deal with it I think you need to do a Schedule for yourself to follow everyday without this you can lose track of what to do and getting any time for yourself.**

**So my advice for the incoming students is not to overwhelm,stress or worry.DO YOUR ASSIGNMENTS ON TIME.STUDY HARD ALMOST EVERYDAY.NEVER STRESS ALWAYS THINK THAT EDUCATION CAN BE USEFUL FOR YOU IN THE FUTURE.HAVE FUN AND MAKE FRIENDS THERE ARE MANY THINGS TO DO IN THIS CAMPUS.NEVER HESITATE TO ASK ANY QUESTIONS.GOOD LUCK!!!**

Erik Paz

Professor G. Hill

SD10 Section 52P

21 May 2016

### **Legacy**

Reflecting on my personal struggles that I have encountered my first semester as a college student has to deal with time management, chronologically setting my priorities, and something we all have or will face at least once; Procrastination. Analyzing where I've started as a college student to where I stand now, I can say I have enhanced my time management skills with various strategies, a few consisting of multiple calendars or setting reminders prior to due dates on my phone. I have also improved on setting priorities, where I understood I would have to miss basketball games that I would love to watch to finish up a paper or project for a class. Considering those were the things I felt I did well and improved in this semester I feel there are more areas that can use improvement, for instance the procrastination. Although I was able to minimize the amount of times I can procrastinate with my time management ability, there were times where I skipped a day or so due to procrastination. As far as my college experience goes I can say it has exceeded my expectations in some areas opposed to others. When I was in High School something consecutively told to me by my teachers was that in college you were on your own. That has been expressed my time being, I've had to do TAP and financial aid alone, seek tutoring in a specific subject, and go out and search for textbooks; they weren't given. This leads me to the advice that I would have for the upcoming freshman and that is to have recognition of yourself in many different areas. Understand who you are as a student, friend, employee or any

other type of relationship you may have with another person to make your college experience easier. Starting with you as a student, if you know you are not a morning person, do not take a 9am class. Also, if you know you are unable to sit through a three-hour class, then take that class twice a week instead of once. This will help with your focus and enthusiasm that you can bring to a classroom. Another advantage with learning who you are as a student is your learning style. There are three types: Visual learner, auditory learner, kinesthetic learner. Visual meaning you need to see an image or demonstration in order to learn to your best ability, Auditory being that you need to hear to learn, and Kinesthetic meaning you learn better when you are hands on. This can be very helpful when it comes to studying, for instance I have learned in my first semester that I am an auditory learner so when I study for a test I try to formulate study groups with peers that way I can repetitively hear the material until it eventually sticks. Overall what I am trying to conclude is that the way your college experience goes is in your hands, and who or how you were in high school can always be amplified to a better you and there is no better way or doing that than understanding who you are first.

### Legacy Project

My dad once told me that “the day you stop learning is the day you are dead.” This has been an ideology of mine since I was a kid. Nothing is worse on this planet than time wasted. Growing up and transitioning from a high school student to a young adult in college, I realize that this is absolutely true. Time is the one thing that does not wait for anyone. Achieving your highest potential is acting upon your thoughts. A vision without action is merely a dream.

My first year in college was a stressful one, because I took procrastination to a whole new level. I waited until the last day to do projects; I wasn’t keeping up with my studies because I would depend on what was discussed in class. This was one of the hardest things I had to experience because the professor is not there to remind you of every little detail over and over again. Your Freedom increases in college and therefore responsibilities increase.

Another important thing I learned is taking that extra step plays a major role in your academic achievements. Depending m\solely on the information in class like high school is not going to work. Going home and opening a book and reviewing is what helps you achieve your full potential. Setting alarms and reminders for tests or due dates is also another way to stay on track. The more you push back work and assignments they pile up on to of each other and either you mess up and the pressure makes you fail, r you stay up struggling to complete the work. Either or, this is not a position you want to put yourself in.

Being organized is key to having a better semester or in general a better life. Managing your time, space, and work is key to success. Without being organized you won’t remember due dates, reminders, or even acknowledge what your forgetting. In order to maximize your college experience, learn from others mistakes. Don’t just wait until you go through the trouble yourself. You have to remember that college is the first step

into the adult world. I'm not going to say it depicts your future, but it plays a major role in discovering what you want to and the direction you're walking towards. Don't belittle any assignment, and take things seriously. This is your education you're dealing with.

I'm going to leave you off with this quote "it's not how hard you hit, but how hard you can get hit and get back up." this has a deep message because no matter what your doing, where you are, you will always go through obstacles and hardships to knock you down. In this case, college knocks you down, but that doesn't mean to give up. If there's a will there's a way.

Teristina Williams

Legacy Project

First semester,  
New people, new location.

First semester,  
More work, less time.

First semester,  
New people, more friends.

First semester,  
New teachers, less rules.

First semester,  
New people, new life.

During your first semester of college it'll be a tough start, it's almost like kindergarten all over again. Actually no it's like the first day of High School all over again. But at the end it's all worth it.

During my first semester I admit it was hard to keep up with the workload. I felt the new kid all over again, in some of my classes. And being 18 while everyone else I met is in their 20s didn't make it any better. I feel that near the end by me minimizing the amount of time I spent with new friends and spending more time focusing on work helped me get back on track of keeping up. College so far to be honest has reminded me a lot of high school. I can't say I enjoyed this semester as much as I thought I would, but it's definitely a learning experience.

Nifemi Omoijuanfo

Professor Hill

Student Development 10

6/6/2016

### LEGACY PROJECT

This semester was a good start for me. My first semester in Kingsborough was in the CUNY Start program and that kind of prepared me for my credit classes but not as much as I thought. My biggest issues were procrastination, time management, forgetting to do my work, being responsible for myself and self-advocating. These were five of my biggest challenges and I'm going to talk about how they affected me and how I tried to avoid them.

PROCASTINATION- I am like the queen of procrastinating. I put things off till the very last minute especially things that I need to take my time on like 5 page essays. Like my sociology essay, it was a 4-7 page essay and we had more than a month to write it. But I put it off till the day of and I almost missed the dead line. I started to make a list of all the things I had and put false due dates just so I remember that I have to do it and stop putting thing off. Even this legacy project I am submitting two weeks after the due date. Thanks to procrastination. And because of that I get a lower grade which could ultimately affect my final grade.

TIME MANAGEMENT- this was also a big issue for me but I think it is mostly because I procrastinate a lot which leaves little to no time to do my school work.

FORGETTING TO DO MY WORK- most days once I get home I completely forget anything school related except it is urgent. Sometimes I forget that I even have work to do and I miss the due date and sometimes the professor will not take the assignment and sometimes they

go down on grade or deduct points. Writing things down and putting it on a wall helps me with this. It is a visual reminder that I have work to do.

**BEING RESPONSIBLE FOR MYSELF-** this has to do waking up early, going to class on time, not skipping classes and seeking help. I had to step up, I knew this was serious and so there was no time for games. I knew my failure or success was up to me, I wanted to succeed and I tried my best to work toward success.

**SELF-ADVOCATING-** I am the last born and everyone treats me like a 2 year old. So all my life I have had someone speak for me and make decisions for me and I was fine with this until I got here. No one can come with me, I had to ask questions myself, I had to make decisions and I had to learn how to get useful campus resources. Self-advocating is something that has been difficult for me because I am shy and interactions are often difficult for me. But I look at it from the point of view that if I don't speak up I may lose out on some very helpful resources like tutoring.

My advice is to look at the future, continuously, remember why you even decided to come here in the first place. Have a reason no matter what it is and hold on to it. Because when it gets tough, like really tough and you just feel like giving up that reason will help you push further. Don't be scared to inquire about campus resources. Tutoring, ASAP, SEEK, Counseling, Library resources, all these are there to make things easier and they are really helpful. You could get free metro cards, book vouchers, borrow books, during the winter if you qualify they give you a winter jacket and some winter essentials just to make your life easier. I wish you the best and always remember why you started.