Welcome, to College.

**Summer Break**
- Enjoy it, but don’t slack off. You have summer reading; don’t start off your college experience by procrastinating.
- Pack your stuff before the day you leave home. At the very least, make a list throughout the summer.
- Don’t make huge, life altering decisions. College is a major step, try not to complicate things.

**Move In**
- You do not need to bring everything you own. You will not have anywhere to put it all.
- Bet on everyone else moving in on the last day; you shouldn’t.
- Explore! Weave your way through the hallways, find out where you will eat and meet your Resident Assistant.
- West Texas is known for crazy weather, ask anyone who has lived here for a month, so you’ll need to be prepared. Bring a coat, even if it is August, you never know.

**Success: Yours for the Taking**

**Time Management**
Make a schedule and keep to it. You have to consciously build time in for studying and for social activity.

**Test Taking**
Preparation is key. Find the techniques that work for you now. What worked in High School will not work here.

**Involvement**
Getting to know people can have positive and negative effects. People can take up your time, but they can also help make your college experience more enjoyable. Find a balance and be sure you remember why you are here — Education.

**Consistency**
It may sound like a simple task, but chaos abounds in college life. By putting your keys and phone in the same place and preparing your book-bag before going to bed you have less to worry about when your alarm doesn’t go off on time and you have 3.4 minutes to traverse campus.

**Class**
Go. Being in class is one of the most important things a new students can do. Some instructors do not require attendance, go anyway.

**Assignments**
Getting an education is your job. Showing up is the only way you will get paid. Same thing applies for doing your work. Do it well and on time.

**Resources**
You pay tuition and fees for programs that will help you succeed. Take full advantage of them. Odds are, if you have a problem, you aren’t the first and someone else has gone through it. Asking someone can mean the difference between a C or an A. The Learning Center has Mentors available who are armed with such advice. For availability see the website: [www.lc.soar.ttu.edu](http://www.lc.soar.ttu.edu)

**Day One**
- Figure out where your classes are BEFORE the first day.
- Sit in front, this is no longer High School, the back is not where the cool kids sit.
- Write things down. The syllabus is important and what they talk about is even more so.
- Some professors lecture the first day, be prepared.
- BE ON TIME!!

**Professors**
- Go visit your instructors during their office hours.
- Listen closely and show respect. They teach because they love their job, not for the paycheck.
- If you promise something, fulfill it. This includes keeping arranged appointments.
- Build a rapport with your instructor. Who better to be on good terms with than the person who determines your grade?