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Essay 1

College and high school are two completely different experiences in many aspects, whether it be learning, socializing, and even clubs. The high school I attended did not help me prepare for college. It is nearly impossible to really prepare yourself for college. Especially if you are living away from home and in a dorm. The three things high school did not prepare me for was time management, experience with professors, and socializing with others. If I had learned these two aspects about college I would have performed much better. Making my first semester more smooth, and stress free.

One thing I really struggled the most with in college was time management. In high school, they did not do a good job with preparing students. The teachers were very flexible when it came to assignments and due dates. If I did not manage time well in high school I could still do well from all the quizzes and tests. Also, assignments were very short and easy which usually led to students procrastinating and still getting good grades. In college assignments could range from 500-1000 word essays and even longer. Teachers are usually more strict with deadlines and even more strict with grading. Making it very difficult to work on assignments the night before its due.

The biggest thing my high school did not prepare me for was the difference between teachers and professors. Teachers in high school were very nice and sometimes went out of the way to help students perform well. Doing things such as staying after school for them, assigning extra credit, and even bumping up their grades. When I got to college I realized that professors are

humans too, and have their own life outside of teaching. They occasionally go the extra mile to help me with assignments, but I could not expect too much from them. In my high school my teachers would stay after school, and even if I did not understand the material they would bump up a test score. In college if I do not understand the topic, then I would be in big trouble.

I never had trouble socializing with people throughout high school, but once I had reached college that is when I had to change my approach to people. In high school I use to approach anyone and everyone the same way. But, now in a university with roughly 25,000 thousand students all coming from different places of the world, everyone being different and having different ideologies. I would sometimes have awkward encounters with people because I approached them the same way I did in high school. Once I was able to realize the difference in socializing skills between the two environments. That was when I was able to make friends, and talk to new people everyday.

If I had learned these aspects in high school properly before I left for college, my first semester would've went well. But, without learning these things about college I suffered my first semester. I had trouble finding time to study, and even when I found time I struggled with managing how long I should study. I could no longer expect professors to help me because I was studying. Realizing that I had to become more independent. Realizing that high school did a bad job preparing me for college, and made me think college was going to be high school part 2.