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It's all up to you It's all over now. No more strict teachers, no more guidance counselors that tell you what is best for you, no more restrictions; this all happens when you graduate high school. Once you throw that cap in the air, you begin a new stage in your life that will carry out for the rest of your future.

In college, you are now becoming an individual and now you are responsible for your own actions. High school and college are very different and as incoming freshmen, you think that it's the same but the work is much harder. Well let's get this myth straightened out. The capacity of work does get much harder, but other things come along with the experience of college. Freedom is one of the biggest privileges that are given to you as a college student, and now it's up to you to know what to do with it. No one will be there to tell you what you have to do, whether or not you go to class, whether or not you are on time; it's all up to you.

You are thinking, "well that's great", but what you don't realize is that for all of your actions there will be a consequence. As freshmen, you are vulnerable to the evils of freedom. This is when prioritizing comes in handy. You must realize what is important and what's not. The first thing you should have in mind is academics. Then the rest follows. In high school teachers were always behind your back and telling you what you had to do.

They reminded you when an assignment was due and if you didn't do it than they would call your parents. They would extend their helping hand so you could do well in their course. They would go that extra mile for you. They

never let you give up and they always believed that you could achieve the goals of the class.

They gave you support and if you asked for help they wouldn't deny you it. This is what you are giving up and freedom is what you are getting in return. In college it changes in a dramatic way. You lose teachers and gain professors. The first day of class the professor hands out a syllabus. By doing this, the professor eliminates all the doubts and possible excuses that a student might give. "The homework is due today, I thought it was due on Friday", you will never use this excuse because it is clearly stated on the syllabus.

You as the student know what is ahead and must be ready to handle a course that is demanding. You are responsible to make sure that everything is handed in on time. Professors don't attach themselves to the pupil and this is one of the differences between a professor and a teacher. During high school you had to beat school at a certain time or you would have to face punishments such as detention. If you didn't go to class or school they would call your parents and tell them that you are absent.

In my high school they would mail out every month how many cuts or skips we had in all of our classes. If you had more than a certain number of absences, you would lose credit in that class. Everything was very strict and regulated. You are the one who chooses what is best for you while you are attending college. It's up to you if you go to class or whether you are on time. If you do your work, or if you skip class or if you study, these are all your

choices. Most colleges don't keep attendance. If you don't go to class, you are the one missing out on the lesson not the professor.

He doesn't care as long as you do what you have to do in order to survive in his class. The professor will not become irate with himself because of your childish manners. It's up to you to show that your parents, school, and anyone that has surrounded you has shown you what an etiquette behavior is. Here is when prioritizing comes in hand. First you have to realize that the reason you are attending college is to further your education.

Also, you are paying for a higher learning education so you must take full advantage of it. Therefore you must keep up your grades and maintain a good overall grade point average. Going to class is very important because this is the place that all of the learning takes place. If you are not there in class then what do you get out of it? College life means social life because now you