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“What does it take to do well at college?”

For every single student who does well at college and even for those who don't do well this question has been of utmost importance throughout their academic journey. Now, the truth is that not all students are able to answer this question. In college, there have been a great variety of students with different personalities, qualities and skills. Which in rare occasions, freshman students who come into college for their first time know what to do next, or seem to have a good management skill. However, for the most part new students usually tend to need all help they could be granted, and some would also need even more help from their advisors. Thus, learning to know what it takes to do well at college is the key to have a successful student's life. Scholars from different fields have discussed the subject over years seeking for answers that could help solve the struggles that most students face at college.

“Yet nearly half the students who begin college in this country don't finish within six years,” (Department of Education.) According to this statistic given by the DOE a great number of students are still failing to answer the question, “ what does it take to do well at college?”

Hundreds and hundreds of students yearly start college with a bag full of dreams and the following year decide to drop out of college without fulfilling their goals. Despite this fact, as students who want and deserve to do well at college the questions are still being brought back to context; “ What does it take to do well at college?” In the book “ On Course” by Jonathan Brennan, he describes and explains the strategies for creating a successful college, career life. As he does so, Brennan provides a list of strategies and skills that has helped hundreds of students over the course of their academic journey in being greatly successful. Given the testimonies of some of these students who succeed in college there were some notable qualities that all of them had in common. Most of these students were good at time management. They had also developed a creator mindset and learned to be critical at school. These qualities along with many others were commonly skills that enhanced their academic life.

Hereby, the results of these multiplex studies and testimonials from students have implied that in order for any scholar to be successful they will always need to learn and acquire especially these three main skills. From the point of view of any student, time management would include having self-control over their time, which is where some fail to succeed. Since this implies not going out with friends whenever they please but when their academic life allows it. The second skill is a creator mindset, students are responsible for their own outcomes. Therefore, instead of demanding and blaming others for everything they must embrace every challenge critically to create their own outcomes. This will also require the student to understand their weakness and ask for help when needed.

In conclusion, as stated before students who often struggle at college and fail at their task of taking the best out of their college life are basically faced with almost the same task than those who are successful. Nevertheless, what make some students be successful while other aren't is

their willingness towards developing the skills mentioned above.