

The College Corner

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Congrats and Good Luck!

Well, this is it, the last article. By now, most students have made their decision about what school they're attending. Now it's time for them to take the plunge into a whole new life in college.

The other day a student asked me if I had any words of advice for college. For what it's worth, I'd like to give some parting advice to the class of 2013 as they get ready for their next big adventure:

Wear flip-flops in the dorm shower—trust me.

Join a club—get involved in your school and join something, even if it takes you out of your comfort zone.

Turn off the TV. You have your entire life to be a couch potato. Your life right now is the best reality TV show there is. Don't miss an episode of your college life.

If you have the chance, study abroad. The world is one of the best classrooms you'll ever be in.

Don't be afraid of food trucks—everything tastes amazingly good after 2 A.M. with friends.

Dance...even if you're bad at it.

Old high school friends are fun, but make sure you make new friends.

Stop wearing your old high school shirts. You will always be a Golden Eagle, but now you are

a [insert school mascot here]. Live in the now, not in the past.

Studying a little bit each night is better than cramming at the last minute.

You're starting over in college. If you're unhappy with how things have gone so far in your life, reinvent yourself in college. Be the person you always wanted to be. Many people really hit their stride in college.

Don't give up. At some point, everyone thinks they can't do it in college. Keep fighting.

Don't go home every weekend. Stay on campus and embrace your new life.

Don't start F.A.C. on Wednesday night. Pace yourself.

Look for internships and undergraduate research. It could help open new doors for you.

Don't take others for granted; don't put up with others who take you for granted.

Ramen noodles are cheap and filling. Stock up.

Don't skip class. You're paying for this education; get your money's worth.

Sometimes the person who is the life of the party freshman year is no longer there sophomore year. Learn to find a balance between work and play.

People change in college. You

will hang out with people you probably would have never associated with in high school. Embrace the change.

Accept the fact that not everyone grew up like you, believes like you, or sees the world the way you do. Be willing to learn about different perspectives on life.

And...call your parents. They're actually kind of cool once you get to know them.

On a personal note, I've really enjoyed getting to know the class of 2013. My only regret is that I wasn't able to meet all of them until this year. I hope they will remember that my door is always open and if they ever need anything they can always stop by or contact me—this "Wahlert Family" doesn't break-up on graduation day. Congratulations to the Wahlert Class of 2013, and may God bless you and watch over you on your journey.

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