**Applying Responsibility Talents in Academics**

*These insights and action ideas can help you apply Responsibility talents to achieve in various aspects of your academic life.*

**General Academic Life**

* Prepare for the term by listing the dates of all tests, projects, and papers.
* Ask professors and successful students to show you what an "A" paper and an "A" essay look like.
* Think about what it would mean to be a truly responsible student. Work toward that standard in a progressive manner, taking one step at a time.
* Strive to always work ahead. Read ahead and work problems before the professor has presented them in class.

**Study Techniques**

* Discover what "doing it right" means to each of your professors
* Schedule specific study times for each of your classes, and assume full responsibility for investing the necessary time, talents, and effort.
* As you do your reading assignments, highlight the key vocabulary words, main ideas, and characters.
* Make choices about class assignments as soon as possible.

**Relationships**

* Choose friends you trust.
* Find a mentor.
* Consider having a circle of friends who are older than you.

**Class Selection**

* Choose core classes or those required by your major first.
* Select professors you trust.
* Opt for courses in which you have choices to make about your learning.

**Extracurricular Activities**

* Wisely consider how much time you can devote to clubs and activities.
* Run for an office only if you have the capacity to fulfill it as you would like.
* Select organizations that stand for the same values you do.