

## TIPS

College freshmen to high school seniors

## WHAT I WISH I WOULD VE KNOWN

"Alternate ways of completing my general requirements. [Community college] can save money and sometimes time and energy.

"Most people have an idea of what they want in life, but overall this is a new step for everyone and no one knows what the process is going to look like."

"It's normal to change your major if you have doubts about your current plan."

"There are many college resources, staff, and clubs focused on helping first generation college students and undocumented students succeed."

"A piece of advice I received about my career is to find someone [or people] who has the job that you aspire to have and ask them how they got to where they are." Then get an idea of the paths they've taken and what you'd like to do.



You don't need to have your whole life figured out when you're 18. You're still a kid figuring out life on your own for the first time.

## LIVING LIFE AS A FRESHMAN

"It may be scary and overwhelming at first but college is SO fun, I promise. Getting comfortable with uncomfortable situations and doing things you won't normally do is how you meet so many amazing people! You will also have all kinds of opportunities to have fun and figure out what you would like to do in life."

Stay organized (use a planner, homework tracker app, etc.)

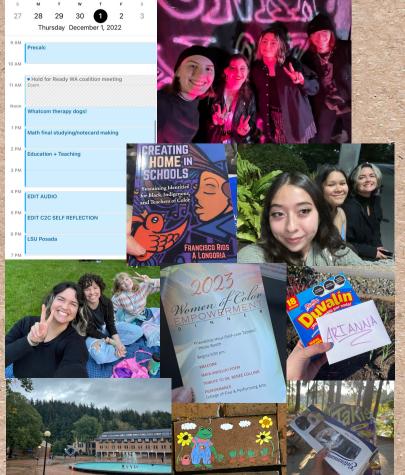
> Join clubs or dorm events

Use student services! (Food pantries, Tutoring Centers, etc.)

> Go to office hours and ask questions!

Communication platforms like Discord are your friend

A SNAPSHOT OF MY 1ST YEAR



Gaining basic life skills and knowledge about budgeting or feeding yourself are very useful. Motivating yourself to eat regularly can be difficult if you're not used to planning your own meals"