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Assistive Devices for the College Student

One of the main objectives of the NASNTI grant program is to focus on helping students in the classroom. Therefore, SSC NASNTI will establish an Access Lab on campus to provide flexible access to computers equipped with assistive devices and software for students who identify with a disability. The lab is scheduled to open in August 2022! What is an assistive device?

According to the Organization for Autism Research, you might find assistive technologies helpful if you need extra help academically in college, whether with taking notes in class, writing a paper, or studying for a test. Assistive technologies include devices or programs that help people with challenges related to their disability. The NASNTI Grant will offer assistive devices to students who identify with a disability to help with their courses during the fall 2022-2023 academic year! What classifies a student with a disability?

According to National Network, an organization that supplies information, training, and guidance on the Americans with Disability Act states, ADA defines a person with a disability as a person who has a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities.

SSC NASNTI will strengthen support for online students with disabilities by training faculty and staff in best practices, implementing new assistive devices and technology, and redesigning foundational courses. Throughout the five years, the program will also develop and pilot new services, resources, and opportunities to promote holistic student development that will support students' persistence through college and prepare them for their next steps in higher education and ultimately in their careers.

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What does Academic Success mean to you?



My name is **Dominic Green**. I graduated high school at the age of sixteen. I am eighteen and a sophomore at Seminole State College. I plan on graduating this summer with an Associate's Degree in Psychology and continue my education at the University of Oklahoma (OU) this fall. Currently, I am Vice President of SSC Phi Theta Kappa (PTK).

Academic success means many different things to me. Academic success represents opportunity, financial prosperity, discipline, and overall excellence. When one becomes academically successful it's an achievement. It means that you have the drive and determination to achieve whatever you set in place for yourself.

One of the most important aspects of academic success is the opportunity that it can bring. That opportunity can come in many different ways.

Personally, I was able to do a lot of charity work through PTK. I was able to donate and participate in the Seminole State College's Trunk or Treat Halloween activity and give some of that candy to Schizophrenic patients. I volunteer for the SSC Food Pantry. I was also able to do a fantastic speech last semester for Angel Tree, which is a charitable organization that gives impoverished children gifts for Christmas; the gifts are usually toys and clothes. I was able to do that speech because I donated a significant amount of money to their organization through PTK. I'm also eligible for a scholarship called *Crimson Commitment* partially because of PTK. Through *Crimson Commitment*, OU will pay for my tuition and fees. This is an absolutely amazing opportunity for me that I wouldn't have been able to achieve without academic success and ambition.

Everybody needs money, we live in a capitalist society. Succeeding in college will likely help us make that money. A college degree makes you more likely to make more money than if you had a high school degree. I think that college is a good choice for that reason alone. In order to live a genuinely enjoyable life, you need discipline. Going to college has helped me with discipline tremendously. It motivates me. I attend classes five days a week, so it gives me something to do to keep from being bored. I am forced to sleep at regular hours instead of staying up all night. Additionally, I have been weightlifting for about 2 months and I'm already getting stronger. Building discipline is not easy, but it's what I've been striving for and college has definitely given me discipline in my life. Academic success as a whole leads to overall excellence because of all it can grant you.

Academic success has granted me a lot in life in the form of opportunity, discipline, and financial prosperity. I'm truly thankful for everything I've gained. I don't think I would be where I am in life if I had not tried as hard as I could in everything I did, especially in academics.

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