

## **HOW TO HELP YOUR STUDENT SUCCEED IN COLLEGE:**

The staff in Student Life would like to encourage your student to make a commitment. Succeeding in school should be the **#1 priority**. It is very difficult to be successful in college if there are too many outside responsibilities. Having a campus job for 5-10 hours a week can actually help your student to get organized and also to get connected on campus. However, working more than 10-20 hours per week can be detrimental to academic success.

Be proactive. Check in regularly with your child to find out how things are going. Encourage your child to think ahead, to plan ahead and to use the available campus resources. *Buy your student a calendar!* Many students don't think to write down their assignments on a calendar. Far too often we hear the lament of students who suddenly realize they have three papers due the same week and they waited too long to get them all done on time. If all of the assignments had been written down on a calendar, they could have planned for all of the work to be completed on time. Student Government Office sells "Lifeline" calendars for about **\$15**. These calendars also include important campus events, offices and telephone numbers. Also encourage your student to check their campus mailbox and use Campus Cruiser. Important information and news is disseminated to the campus community on-line through Campus Cruiser.

The Center for Writing and Learning provides student tutoring services free of charge to all undergraduate students. Encourage your student to use this service *early and often*. Your student can also apply for a paid position as a tutor after the freshman year.

The faculty and staff here at FPU want to help. Each student has a mentor to guide and assist them in their college journey. Should your child have any questions or concerns encourage them to speak with their mentor. Encourage your student to keep their professors informed. FPU's size allows professors to get to know students in their classes, they worry if a student is not present. Students are encouraged to call, email or have another student let the professor know if they are sick or otherwise unable to attend class.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Fay Nielsen at 559-453-2051. We look forward to working with your student.