

**TO ALL THE KIDS STARTING COLLEGE,
YOU PROBABLY DON'T FEEL READY.**

There are things you wish you would have learned, advice you regret not taking, money you should have saved, and tasks you should have mastered.

BUT CAN I LET YOU IN ON A LITTLE SECRET OF ADULTHOOD?

None of us truly feel ready for big, new things, no matter how old we get.

Those who progress are simply willing to take the step anyway.
So I hope you are ready to jump in, just as you are. And if you get stuck,

REMEMBER THAT PRETTY MUCH EVERYTHING IS "FIGUREOUTTABLE."

Between a phone call to your parents, a discussion with a professor,
a YouTube tutorial, or a conversation with God,

THERE IS NO PROBLEM YOU CAN'T SOLVE.

And if you are paralyzed with worry about being on the "right path"
or always making the "right decision" for your future, remember:
You can always change your mind.

DON'T BE AFRAID TO PIVOT OR CHANGE YOUR PLANS.

You have plenty of time for do-overs. Fill the next four years
with opportunities to learn and grow in every way.
Meet new people, try new food, explore new opinions, take up a new hobby.
Engage. In your classes, your school, your community, your church.
You are paying way too much money to cheat your way through.

DO THE WORK, EVEN WHEN OTHERS DON'T.

You have so much to offer. Be willing to share your whole self.
It will change you and others in the best ways.

BE PRESENT WITH PEOPLE. GET TO KNOW THEM. LOVE THEM.

Give them your full attention. You will never regret getting off
your screen and making time for in-person connection.
Do not be a quiet bystander in your life.

YOU ARE WRITING YOUR OWN STORY.

MAKE IT ONE YOU CAN'T WAIT TO BE A PART OF.

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