

An Open Letter to All Northland Pioneer College Students...

As the spring semester begins, it's time for you to think about what you can do to make sure you have a productive semester! Here are some handy tips to help you get the most out of your time as a NPC student:

Are finances an issue?

Each semester, many students miss out on financial aid opportunities that could help with the cost of higher education. Do you know what scholarships NPC offers and for which ones you are eligible? If not, speak with an academic advisor today or visit the Financial Aid website at www.npc.edu. The Scholarships section of the Financial Aid website lists available scholarships, application criteria, and deadline dates.

NPC even has scholarships and financial assistance specifically for students who do not qualify for a Pell Grant. If you have unmet financial need but no longer qualify for Pell, contact an advisor or Financial Aid and see what we can do to help you! Don't delay – the clock is ticking on most scholarship deadlines.

Do you have a plan?

National statistics show that the more contact you have with your advisor, and the clearer picture you have of your degree path, the better chance you have to reach your goal. If you don't have a clear sense of what courses you need, how close you are to graduation, and what your course or degree options are, make an appointment with an advisor today. Regular meetings with your advisor can help you create a plan, stay on track and stay on time. Our goal is for every NPC student to have all the tools they need to achieve their dreams.

Does your faculty member know you?

The strongest indicator of who will be successful in a course is often who comes to class and who makes an effort to get to know the instructor. College is like life – you can't win if you don't show up. Be in class, be prepared for class, and take the time to work with your instructor outside of class. I think you'll find that instructors are excited when students show interest in the course – and are more than willing to work with you to help you succeed.

I'm frustrated and I don't know where else to turn – what do I do?

Call me (928-532-6141, or x6141 from a college phone). I can't promise you that I have all the answers or that I can solve your problem, but I can guarantee you I'll put college resources to work to help you in any way I can.

Good luck this semester!

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Get Involved in Your Student Government

Welcome Back!

Your NPC Student Government Association is looking for people like you to help organize and participate in various clubs and to provide input into how NPC can better serve its students.

Based on student surveys, you would like to have clubs centered on outdoor activities, virtual gaming, poetry, film/photography and the performing arts.

There could be other areas of interest, you just need to let your SGA know what clubs or activities you would like to see at NPC.

And we can always use more help with Student Government, too. There's even tuition waivers available for those who get involved.

If you would like to become more involved, email your name, best form of contact, along with your interests or intentions to:

sga@npc.edu

Or give us a call and leave your name, number and a reason for calling: from any NPC campus phone – 6178, or direct to 532.6187 or toll-free 800.266.7845, ext. 6187.

Or visit us online at www.npc.edu/sga.html.