

## Asserting Responsibility

Self-responsibility is one of the most important things your student can learn at college. It may initially take some trial and error for the lessons to kick in but, once they do, your student will have learned a valuable fact: no one is responsible for your life but you.

We expect students to take responsibility for their own lives. For example, they are responsible for:

- their behavioral choices
- following rules
- academic honesty
- personal integrity
- developing healthy study, eating and sleep habits
- seeking academic assistance when needed
- being a positive member of the campus community

That's why it's not up to you to "fix" things when something happens. Many people are available to your student to help them. As long as they take responsibility for their choices and actions, they'll find support every step of the way.

## FERPA Facts

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act is a federal law designed to protect the privacy of a student's education records. It applies to schools receiving funds through a U.S. Department of Education program.

Once a student enters college, information from his student record can not be shared with others – including parents – unless he/she gives written permission. The law does allow an institution to disclose records without consent in some special cases. These include health and safety emergencies.

All schools are required to post an annual FERPA notification so, check out the school's website or just ask.

## Involvement equals Success

Studies repeatedly say that students who are involved in campus life – through clubs, hall government, intramurals and beyond – are more likely to stay in school. We've seen those facts in action!

When a student gets to campus, he/she is searching for a sense of belonging. Getting involved in a campus organization is a positive way for him/her to belong.

If your student calls and says they would like to join the student programming board, try not to squelch their enthusiasm. They can focus on academics while also participating in out-of-class activities. Involved students tend to do better in school. So, encourage your student to get involved.