

## Tips for Academic Success

With the busy schedule that you undoubtedly have, there are times when you will be feeling yourself pulled a little thin. It is important to remember that although your leadership responsibilities are important, you are first and foremost a student. Because of your additional duties, procrastination is not a luxury that you should be affording yourself. Taking a proactive approach to your academics will help you save a lot of time and energy during crunch times. Review the below tips on how you can keep on top and successful in your academics:

- Take a seat in front of the classroom. This will help you keep focus throughout your class, and make it easier for you to participate in discussions. Another benefit of a front row seat is that you won't have to struggle to see any visual aids that your professor may use.
- Use a different notebook for each class. Also, try to coordinate your materials for each class so that they are easily accessible and identifiable. This helps you reduce the risk of taking the wrong folder to class, or needing to fumble through paperwork to find a syllabus or other class documentation.
- Have the right supplies with you. Nothing is more panic inducing than realizing that you don't have a pen when your professor begins a fast moving and important lecture!
- To maximize retention, study in 15-minute periods with two minutes of break in between.
- At the first hint of a struggle, get a tutor. Don't wait until your problem compounds to the point where you can no longer follow along in class, or until it is near exam time.
- Finally, keep a regular dialogue with your professors. A quick question or visit during their office hours can save you hours of confusion!