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Post-graduate life reflects achievements in college

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Achievement after college can sometimes be directly traced to one's achievement in college, according to the guest speaker for UNL's first Senior Week Wednesday night.

Adele Scheele, the author of Making College Pay Off and also an employment consultant for ABC's Good Morning America program, gave numerous tips on how to get the most out of college. She also cited several examples of what successful people did during their college years.

Scheele said she did a comparative study of why some people are more successful than others. She found basically two types of people - achievers and sustainers. Sustainers, she said, do their jobs well but tend to wait to be recognized, while achievers not only do their jobs well, but go after opportunities presented.

"It has nothing to do with IQs, parents, race, sex or schooling," Scheele said. All people are ingrained with the system of waiting throughout their educational years, she said. As long as they pass a grade, she said, they automatically are promoted to the next level.

But life in the real world is not that way, Scheele said. People need to go after opportunities and to show their potential and qualifications, she said. This is what the achievers have learned to do in order to get where they are, she said.

"See college as a laboratory," Scheele said. "It's an investment in hope, of chances you otherwise would not get." Scheele told students to get involved

with extra curricular activities, and especially those in which they have a special interest.

Scheele said students should get to know professors in their chosen fields. Professors can help by providing valuable recommendations, she said, but, they also get a feeling of being able to help others succeed.

"They need you as much as you need them," Scheele said. By having students succeed, professors gain recognition and feel that they have accomplished something worthwhile, she said.

Scheele also recommended that students write papers not only for classroom purposes, but also for the possibility of publication. Students also should try to get internships or some work experience in related fields, she said.

"Internships can change your lives," Scheele said. An internship can show people what the job is like so they can decide if they are suited for it, she said.

The best career for anybody, Scheele said, is one that combines a strong interest with a satisfying career.

Senior Week also included information booths in the Nebraska Union Thursday. Representatives from banks, investment brokerages, insurance companies, the U.S. Post Office and the Department of Motor Vehicles provided seniors with tips for life after college.

Senior Week concludes today with a "Friday Afternoon Club" at Chesterfield's, 245 N. 13th St. Only seniors with special passes issued at Tuesday's champagne reception will receive drink specials, she said.

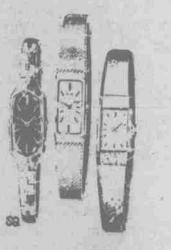


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