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Writer: College is more than just furthering your education



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The most important of these experiences is the people that you come into contact with — especially if you are from a smaller town; you not only meet people of different cultures and backgrounds, but you also meet those who are from different environments altogether. Students learn the most from one another than from almost anything else.

But of course, let's not leave out the knowledge gained from the classes you take. Being at a four-year institution means taking a variety of classes to make you a 'well-rounded' person. This is why I also would like to emphasize going to a four-year institution rather than a school that concentrates on your chosen field.

In four-year college classrooms you not only learn a great deal from the course, but you also learn from your classmates. It is a great environment to be exposed to new ideas. The experiences of other students adds to your own experience.

It has been proven that humans rely on personal experience as a base for experience as a base for our decision making. I think we also base our decisions on information we have received from others.

I have personally met so many interesting people and formed many relationships while at UNL. It is not only those that became close friends that I have learned from, but it's also those relationships that were formed from being in a class together and talking and sharing during that time.

My college years have given me time to find out who I am, what I'm about, and what I want. I often wonder how I would have truly found these things out without college.

We all continue to grow beyond college, and we learn to adapt to changes. And four years of college is good practice and experience in that.

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Hina Holstein encourages students to attend college for life experience.

I'd like to talk about the decision people make to go to college and to stay in college until graduation. Except for extreme cases of personal or financial problems, I wholeheartedly encourage people to attend college. Many people go to college so that they can get a job, but I don't think that is the importance of going to college. There are people with college degrees working the same jobs out there that many people without degrees have.

The importance of going to college is the experience — life experience. It's about being in a different environment from the one you've known. It's being in different living situations from a dorm to a greek house or an apartment off campus. There is no other way to get these same experiences.

College is the land of opportunity. There is a magnitude of organizations opened to students in college.

Just smile and say 'hi'

I am writing on the "Depersonalization of Individuals." Veronica says that she makes efforts to be friendly with others and in return gets many questioning glances or looks that suggest she's weird. I must say that I heartily identified with Veronica's point of view and I found myself chuckling, because it made me think of many instances that I think we all encounter walking on campus.

But it's not as obvious in a situation where you're walking between classes and there are throngs of people. What is very hilarious, however, is when you are walking in a single file style and you are passing a broken stream of people, face to face. I swear, both I and the person that I am about to pass are

both very conscious of that fact and I find myself (and I can see the other person) going through this weird quick-decision process of: A. Should I look down? B. Should I just look in the other direction? C. Should I look straight ahead? or D. Should I stare at them like an idiot and feel out the possibility of saying "Hi?"

Most of the time this results in a shifting of the eyes of both parties and either the ol' quick look down or the fast hello at high volume. Except for those rare exceptions, it most often is a funny experience shared by most. As I mentioned in class, elevators are very humorous occasions of "Let's watch the numbers," and by no means look at each other. This situation is the one

that I enjoy the most. I can't stand being close to someone in a fixed position and not talking to them, so I usually will turn to the person next to me and make a remark about something general, like the weather.

It's great to watch someone who a moment ago looked like they had gas, break into a smile and let out some air as if they couldn't wait to talk. The tension is immediately lifted. So, it would be nice if we could all make a conscious effort to be interested in people. And whether you are in a big city or a small town, it always brightens your day and someone else's when you just smile and say, "Hi."

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