

# CSI Institute Fall 2011: Student Comments

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## 1. What was the most important lesson you learned about college?

- ❖ *To not jump ahead especially during your first time in college. Take your time in decision making as well.*
- ❖ *College is way better than high school*
- ❖ *Don't take it as a joke and that it won't be easy*
- ❖ *Time management and how it is critical.*
- ❖ *I guess what to do and not to do in first quarter.*
- ❖ *How to be successful in college. That because I am a student of color, I must not let myself be categorized by any statistics and be expected to fail. I must believe in self and succeed.*
- ❖ *The resources we have to be successful.*
- ❖ *The most important lesson I learned about college is that you are independent and have to control yourself.*
- ❖ *It's all on you now.*
- ❖ *To not be afraid to ask.*
- ❖ *That there are many solutions available for us as 1<sup>st</sup> time college students*
- ❖ *You need to be able to face reality & know you're responsible for the outcome of your success.*
- ❖ *That does not take then 2 classes.*
- ❖ *The most important lesson I learned was to use my time wisely. If I waste my time here in college I will not have gained much from my experience.*
- ❖ *The most important lesson I learned about college was managing my time.*
- ❖ *To just go talk to your advisor, never advise yourself.*
- ❖ *What I need to improve on to be a good college student.*
- ❖ *Good to be successful.*
- ❖ *How to "survive." I learned a lot of the basic things I would need to be successful.*
- ❖ *To always go and pay attention also if you need help get it.*
- ❖ *What I need to do and how I need to act in order to excel. That you have to be completely determined t is here to excel.*
- ❖ *Time management.*
- ❖ *I learned that college takes a lot of effort and if you put in that effort you will succeed. Also I learned that focus is also real.*
- ❖ *Majority of students finish with in the time they plan. Most students take more time to get there degree. It's better to take a lighter loads and get A's than take a full load and get C's.*
- ❖ *There's a lot of help.*

- ❖ *What's in CSI & MCS. How to survive in a college environment. How to ask for help & whom to ask. Action taking/ planning. Statistics & motivation to change them. Classes, books, courses, career paths.*
- ❖ *You're by yourself but there's always a person behind your back and worry about your success in college. Don't forget the college offers a lot of tools to be the best in your major.*
- ❖ *It is not like high school; very fast pace, taking your time to succeed will get you further.*

## **2. What did you like most about the CSI Institute?**

- ❖ *What I liked most about the CSI institute is how the teachers explained everything clearly.*
- ❖ *Meeting new people.*
- ❖ *The advisors and the energy of all of them, very nice persons, the way that they responded on us, treat us as a family, the environment.*
- ❖ *Very diverse, welcoming, food, Ata, Skip, Glenn, Ron (cool people), interesting.*
- ❖ *Meeting new people and becoming family, food, teachers.*
- ❖ *CSI institute gave us future insight into what college will be like and give us tools and guidelines to go by.*
- ❖ *Excellent commitment to students of color.*
- ❖ *Our teachers were welcoming and prepared to sincerely help us. They understood our need and answered all our questions.*
- ❖ *It was real informational.*
- ❖ *The people that I met. Ata, Glenn, Faisal, Skip and Ron were great examples of the staff and they made me feel welcomed and want to continue to come back.*
- ❖ *I learned a lot.*
- ❖ *It provides help and support with every aspect of college.*
- ❖ *The cohort members.*
- ❖ *The puzzles in group were what I liked most about CSI Institute.*
- ❖ *I loved the instructors. They are AMAZING. I can't thank them enough for how much they have taught me about college. I know I can count on them for anything and I am grateful for them!*
- ❖ *The activities.*
- ❖ *The bonding.*
- ❖ *Almost everything. Hospitability of course.*
- ❖ *Then sense of support.*
- ❖ *Meeting people and getting a better understanding of the college.*
- ❖ *The staff they were really helpful and understanding.*
- ❖ *There are other students that I can relate to who are in the same conditions as me.*
- ❖ *The comfort to be open with one another and ask questions.*
- ❖ *The community. I wish I had classes with these people.*

- ❖ *Helped me thought of a plan, now my options and know what to work on.*
- ❖ *The open conversation and hands on learning. The staff.*
- ❖ *They give us a lot of resources and give us good advice.*
- ❖ *Help provided.*
- ❖ *The environment was very comfortable and open.*