

HOW PHI THETA KAPPA WILL HELP YOU COMPLETE

- We commit to planning for college completion
- We commit to discussing career planning with college instructors
- We commit to seeking advisement on course selection to ensure timely college completion
- We commit to learning about and using college support networks and resources adding college completion
- We commit to serving as role models by attending classes, being prepared and participating in and engaging in discussions with instructors and students inside and outside of class
- We commit to reaching out to students in need my encouraging, nurturing and guiding them towards college completion

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Community College Completion



**Community
College
Completion:
Why is
Completing
Important
to Me?**



HOW DOES COMPLETING BENEFIT YOU?

Many students come to a Community College expecting to transfer to a four year University within a year. However, did you know that completing an associates degree prior to transferring could exempt you from taking many costly General Education courses at the four year University? In the long run, that can save you **thousands of dollars** in tuition. Many students also feel more prepared to enter a four year school after completing their associates degree.



Additionally, many jobs require at least an associates degree for an entry position. Having a degree will open a wider array of job opportunities, because the unemployment rate for people with a degree is 30% less than for those who do not. You can also expect to make **\$500,000** more in a lifetime with a degree than a high school graduate.

Staying at a Community College also allows students to live at home for the duration of classes while they obtain their associates degree. This saves them even more money since they aren't required to pay for room and board at a four year University.

Top Reasons Students Drop Out

- **31% of people who drop out say they couldn't afford college.**
- **60% of college students work at least 20 hours a week, and 25% work at least 35 hours.**
- **23% of college students have dependent children.**
- **College costs have increased 200% in the last 7 years**
- **Students enrolled part time are limited in what they can receive in financial aid and benefits**