The Challenges of Being a College Student

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While studying in my room on a Thursday night, I often wonder if all the effort and sacrifice I am putting forth will benefit me in the long run. Around me, many girls, are getting ready to go to yet another party or club by caking on makeup and taking shots of tequila. I cannot avoid the observation of the two distinctly different types of college kids. There are those who party and are willing to risk the money, grades and sleep in order to never miss out on a good time and there are students like me who put forth every ounce of knowledge and perseverance to study almost every hour of the day to get good grades and succeed. Although these differences may seem drastic, one similarity between the two is that we are both paying extraordinarily high tuitions. College is expensive, yet some “college students” feel as though their education comes second to their social life, and those are the ones who give college students a bad reputation.

My day on average consists of going to class, eating, going to the gym, and spending the rest of the night studying. As a college student I have very limited time to myself. The time I do have is usually spent catching up on the sleep I lost throughout the week. I feel as though the sacrifices I am making by going to college such as sleep deprivation, being away from home, and dedicating the majority of my time to my studies, are small prices to pay for how much college is supposedly going to benefit me in the future.

It has been instilled into most of my generation that in order to do well in life and have a good job, one must go to college. Although the salaries of those who go to college are usually higher than those who did not, getting a college-required job is not always guaranteed. This means that I could go to college for 4+ years and still not be able to find a decent job. This is terrifying as a college student. I am paying a lot of money in tuition to be able to have a good job one day, yet if I go to college I still may not get a job. This makes me wonder if college, and the price of a college education is worth it in the end. Or at least this is what I think while sitting in my dorm on a Thursday night.

On nights where I feel overwhelmed by all of the work and responsibilities I have while in school, I remind myself of all of the opportunities I will have once I graduate. Yes, a good job is not guaranteed to a college graduate, but finding a career that I enjoy and that has a decent salary will be more possible with a degree. Although on nights where I feel overwhelmed by the workload, and possibly jealous of those who go out and do not feel the stress of classes and exams, I am confident through my hard work and determination in college that I will be successful later on in my life.

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