College Success Guaranteed: 5 Rules to Make It Happen

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As a lifelong teacher, Malcolm Gauld has watched thousands of kids go off to college. Some return to visit after their first year exuding the vibe of conquering heroes. Others look, well, pretty bummed out. This book offers a plan to help the new college student complete Year #1 as a member of the first group. With anecdotes from current college students and recent graduates, the book presents five simple rules: Rule #1: Go to Class - I've never known a kid who flunked out of college who attended all his or her classes. Rule #2: Study 3 Hours X 5 days per week - How to transition from homework to study. Rule #3: Commit to Something - Don't drown in free time. Here's how to stay afloat. Rule #4: Get a Mentor - How to set up a support system. Rule #5: Procrastination Kills - How to rise above. The book is a short, non-preachy, fun, and tad irreverent primer that can help you get off to a strong start toward the 'best four years of your life.'

Malcolm Gauld is president of the Hyde Schools, a national community of public and private schools and programs committed to a unique brand of family-based character education. I have read many guides for college freshmen, and this is one of the best. Show Up, Study, and Serve is a wonderful pocket guide full of practical tips for surviving and enjoying college life. Gauld offers thoughtful, succinct, relevant common sensewisdom that can help every freshman, no matter what his discipline, energy or interests, find success in the classroom and beyond. Every entering college freshman should read Show Up, Study, and Serve? and then do it!!!! (Anne K. W. Richardson, director of college counseling, director of international and ESL programs, and Amnesty International Advisor; Kents Hill School)

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Malcolm Gauld presents five rules for college success. I have a sixth: read this book. College Success Guaranteed is small in size, but big in insight and wisdom. Gauld knows teens and it shows. (Steven Antonoff, PhD, educational consultant, Antonoff Associates, Inc., Denver, CO)

Loved the "Old School Wisdom" in this book and can't wait to send it to my grandchildren on the eve of their departure to college. Well-said! (Patrick F. Bassett, president, National Association of Independent Schools (NAIS))

College Success Guaranteed is what I call a 'wow' book-it's written in a readable, relaxed, conversational style. Packing a lot into its few pages, this book follows what I call 'the 60 rule.' It will take no more than 60 minutes to read, but its 'invisible ink' has rules for success far beyond a student's college career that will last for 60 years. (Louis Schmier, professor of history, Valdosta State University)

This country makes a lot of noise about getting more kids into college. But, a much better goal is to help more students have a great college experience. Ultimately, students will be

the ones who will determine the quality and value of that experience. This book is a fun, readable, and insightful handbook for every student (Bob Stuart, independent college counselor and director, Maine College Circle)

Malcolm Gauld has crafted a book that should be required reading for all those high school students who are bent on getting a first-class college education. It should also be required reading for all those students' teachers, counselors, and, oh yes, their parents. (Warren Bennis, Distinguished Professor of Business Administration, University of Southern California)

With college costs soaring, it's critical that today's students enter college with a plan for their success. Education and parenting expert Malcolm Gauld is President of Hyde Schools and author of College Success Guaranteed: Five Rules to Make it Happen. Gauld has spent much of his prolific career teaching and coaching college-bound teenagers and working with their parents....College Success Guaranteed outlines a simple plan for students navigating the new world of college life. The lessons focus on the idea that attitude is everything in college....Even the most talented students will struggle in college if they lack confidence, the ability to seek out mentors, and emotional independence from their parents. (Staten Island Parent 2011-09-01)

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