



In the September Campus Pulse (9/16-9/27), students left 490 comments about **WHAT WAS GOING BEST FOR THEM**, with some of the most common themes being:

1) Social Connections and Friendships

- “Made friendships and support system for the classes I’m taking.”
- “Meeting new people, and forming conversations.”
- “Feeling included and welcome!”
- “Connecting with classmates in my major classes.”
- “Seeing friends again since last semester.”
- “Meeting new friends to hang out with.”

2) Interactions with faculty and other support services

- “Professors from School of Social Work are so kind and supportive.”
- “My professors have been amazing and have been helping me during my personal family situations.”
- “I really appreciate the effort professors make to help students and develop meaningful relationships.”
- “Support from advisors and cohort.”
- “Connecting with advisors and connecting with the Career Center for an appointment.”
- “The support I got from basic needs.”

3) Classes and coursework, including being able to stay up with assignments

- “Enjoying my classes and connecting with my classmates and professors.”
- “Finding my courses very interesting and my professors very communicative and approachable.”
- “Classes related to my major area of study.”
- “I have been meeting deadlines on all assignments.”
- “Staying on top of my assignments.”
- “Completing assignments on time.”

4) The campus facilities and environment

- “Library areas to study.”
- “Making use of the COB Open Access Lab.”
- “The study spaces on campus have helped me find a space to work.”
- “Food vendors on campus and their affordable prices.”
- “The booths around campus that give out farmers market coupons have saved me from starving on campus all day.”

5) Extracurricular Activities, Clubs and sports

- “My Esports team.”
- “Extracurricular club activities.”
- “Joining new clubs and getting to meet new people who share similar interests and career goals that I have.”
- “Playing volleyball.”
- “Going to the Rec Center or joining an engineering club.”
- “Yoga class, badminton club, rec center, and Christian club on campus.”

6) Gaining practical experience:

- “My new internship! It’s kept me very busy and on my feet.”
- “Working at my campus job.”
- “I’ve been given many opportunities that will help me with pursuing my career, along with assistance in making my resume, applying for graduate schools, and more.”

Students also left 493 comments about what **WAS CAUSING THEM THE MOST TROUBLE**, with some of the most common themes being:

1) Parking and Transportation

- “Parking: having to come to school much earlier than my class just to be able to get parking.”
- “The parking issues on campus have made my experience going to class extremely difficult.”
- “Finding parking has definitely been causing some trouble as I commute to my classes.”
- “Traffic to campus on the streets.”
- “The shuttle buses are unreliable because they have inconsistent schedules.”

2) Financial difficulties, including tuition, fees, and other living expenses

- “Figuring out how to pay all the ridiculous fees that continue to increase.”
- “Financial troubles as I am unable to pay tuition fees.”
- “Trying to figure out how to pay for tuition and other expenses with a halt on financial aid.”
- “The stress of not having enough money to pay for basic necessities has impacted my wellbeing.”
- “How expensive food is on campus.”
- “Expenses for school.”
- (cost of books)

3. Balancing responsibilities and time management

- “Balancing this grad school while having to work, and other personal/life challenges is QUITE overwhelming.”
- “Overall just balancing my job and actually completing assignments for my courses.”
- “Juggling full-time job and graduate program.”
- “Procrastination and lack of time management.”

- “Trying to keep up and balance/juggle student life.”
- “Time management and having to wake up at 6:00 am to get to class.”

4. Academic challenges

- “The amount of textbook reading for four classes has always been hard for me.”
- “Assignments due almost every day.”
- “The work and how it is overwhelming a lot of times.”
- “The material is tough and moves really fast.”
- “Trying to get a hang of my new classes.”

5. Mental health and well-being, including loneliness and isolation

- “I am struggling with depression with my current situation of school, work, and home crisis.”
- “Burnout and lack of motivation to do anything.”
- “The anxiety that comes with the beginning of my first year of internship and balancing my studies, work, life, and now internship.”
- “Feeling alone in my classes, especially feeling left out from the people in my BFA program.”
- “Making friends.”
- “Dealing with being alone during school, not knowing that many people around campus as before.”

6. Campus facilities and resources seem lacking, especially Wi-Fi

- “A lot of on-campus amenities are unavailable when I - a disabled part-time student who takes night and Saturday classes is on campus.”
- “Finding a quiet space to finish work or study besides the library. Every seat is filled.”
- “Not enough resources or less effective resources on campus for those with mental health, emergency situations for sustaining students in their program.”
- “Spotty Wi-Fi all across campus.”
- “WiFi was a little slow in the beginning, but got better.”