

# Ten Ways Faculty Can Help Students Succeed in College

1. Emphasize the importance of attending class and remind students periodically.
2. Learn the name of each student as quickly as possible and use the student's name in class. A number of techniques are available to do this such as working on X names at a time each class period, assigned seating, etc.
3. Arrive early and stay late to give students the opportunity to talk with you.
4. Respond to students with respectful answers. Listen intently to students' comments and opinions so students know their opinions are valued.
5. Have the students establish a "buddy" system for absences, work missed, assignments, tutoring, etc.
6. Circulate around the class as you talk or ask questions. Avoid standing behind a lectern or sitting behind the desk for the entire period. Avoid reading from a PowerPoint presentation or your notes.
7. Give each student graded feedback early in the semester and indicate what each student must do to improve.
8. Return tests, quizzes, and papers as soon as possible. Write comments when appropriate.
9. Be sure students are aware of learning support services such as tutors, writing labs, counseling, etc. and refer at risk students at the first sign of problems.
10. Take advantage of resources provided by the Program for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning (<http://www.southalabama.edu/petal>).