Are there things some students do that make them more successful than others?

ABSOLUTELY! Here are some helpful tips that will assist you in becoming the most successful student you can be—whether this is your first term, or you are a seasoned veteran of online learning.

Manage your time.

At the beginning of each term, set up your schedule, making sure to include plenty of time for studying and all other responsibilities. Also, factor in time for unexpected setbacks in your weekly routine and don’t procrastinate.

Plan for problems.

Create a plan for dealing with stress, setbacks, emergencies or just lack of motivation so you are prepared when it hits.

Set goals.

This will keep you motivated and on track in school and life.

Know what is expected.

Do this by reading the syllabus from start to finish at the beginning of the term and always read communications from your instructors.

Login and check your emails daily.

This will help you stay on top of things and stay active in your class.

Ask for help.

No question is a stupid question. The more questions you ask the better you will understand things.
Career Management Services

We are pleased to announce that our job posting system, Experience, is now named Panther Career Link! Online students must register with Career Management Services on Panther Career Link to search for jobs posted for Florida Tech students and graduates and to receive individualized services such as resume reviews. Go to www.fit.experience.com and use the password token “panther” to get registered. To request an individual appointment with a career advisor, please email your request to career@fit.edu from your Florida Tech email address. We will not consider requests for services from generic email addresses.

There are also many other services offered on our website including CareerShift, which is an online set of integrated applications proven to help job seekers successfully find employment and Optimal Résumé, which provides virtual résumé assistance. All services require registration with your Florida Tech email address. Looking for a job overseas? We now offer Going Global, a resource designed to help you find an international job or internship. The resources include expert advice on CV, résumé, work permit and visa requirements to work abroad. You will find a link to Going Global in your Panther Career Link account. For more information and further services available online, go to www.fit.edu/career/online/index.php.

Bridging the Distance: Summon!

The following is an excerpt of a recent post on the Evans Library Blog, authored by Instruction Librarian Rose Petralia. You can view this and other posts on the library website—look for the Blog tab on the bottom right corner of the home page.

SUMMON

You already know that the quality information that you need for your academic research is found in the library, but perhaps you’re not quite sure which tool to consult. Do you need the catalog? Which database is best for your purposes? Do you scrap the library altogether and just find what you can on the Internet?

Wait! The Evans Library has a new search tool to add to your arsenal.

Summon, the newest tab on the library website, is a single repository of almost all of the library’s books, articles, newspapers, databases and more—that you can search the same way you search the open web. Summon the magic of instant access to the library’s authoritative content.

Summon performs a Google-like search of the library’s physical and electronic content at one go, stacking the most relevant resources at the top of the results list. So, instead of searching the catalog for books, and then the databases for articles, and then the Internet for open-access material, you can search all of these places at once with Summon.

Just as with the library databases you are accustomed to, Summon allows you to limit results to full-text, peer-reviewed articles within a certain date range, as well as many other options. View only the items you want to see in your results lists.

Some resources (like SciFinder) and reference materials cannot be found using Summon, so if you are not retrieving what you expect to find, check your favorite databases and reference materials directly.

It’s simple, it’s fast, and it’s familiar. Though Summon is certainly not the only tool the serious researcher should reach for, it’s a great, one-stop place to start.

For more information on using Summon, view these tutorials:

- Summon: Searching and Refining Results
- Summon: Managing Results and Citations
- Or view the Tutorials page on the library website.

Remember! If you have any questions, I am here to help. I can be reached at (321) 674-8766 or at cdavis05@fit.edu. And, you can always use our Ask a Librarian service at http://lib.fit.edu/services/askalibrarian.php.
### IMPORTANT DATES

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#### VA Base

**Post 9/11 GI Bill**

Questions about your veterans’ education benefits? Contact your VA representative, Andrea Morley, at (321) 674-8204 or amorley@fit.edu.

**ATTENTION! CHANGES TO POST-9/11 ACT ARE NOW IN EFFECT**

For information on the Post-9/11 Veterans Educational Assistance Act, go to www.gibill.va.gov/benefits/post_911_gibill/index.html. There are many changes that have taken effect, so please become aware.

Did you know online students can receive a housing allowance?

- **BAH or Housing Allowance**
- The Housing allowance is now payable to students enrolled solely in distance learning. The housing allowance is ½ the national average BAH for an E-5 with dependents (the rate would be $684 for 2012).
- The amount of $684 is only for those who are considered at the 100% level. If they are at another percentage level, the VA will pay the appropriate percentage.
- Example: If the student is at the 80% level, they would receive $547.20, 70% $478.80 and so on.
- A student must be enrolled full-time in order to receive the housing allowance.

Unfortunately graduate students who are taking one three-credit class every eight weeks do not benefit from this change.

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**Forbes Again Names Florida Tech among America’s Top Colleges; University Rises Almost 100 Spots in Two Years**

**08/10/2012**

MELBOURNE, FLA.—*Forbes* lists Florida Institute of Technology among America’s Best Colleges in its recently published annual rankings of top colleges. The university climbed 52 spots, coming in at #453 overall. This compares to #505 in 2011 and #550 in 2010.

Forbes recognized Florida Tech among the top American undergraduate institutions in a ranking of the top 650 colleges and universities in the nation. The rankings are prepared for *Forbes* by the Center for College Affordability and Productivity (CCAP), a Washington, D.C., think tank.

For more information, visit: www.forbes.com/sites/michaelnoer/2012/08/01/americas-top-colleges-2

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“Intelligence plus character – that is the goal of true education.”

—Martin Luther King Jr.

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