

HAAMI ENRICHMENT SESSION



SUCCESS TIPS FROM HAAMI GRADUATES

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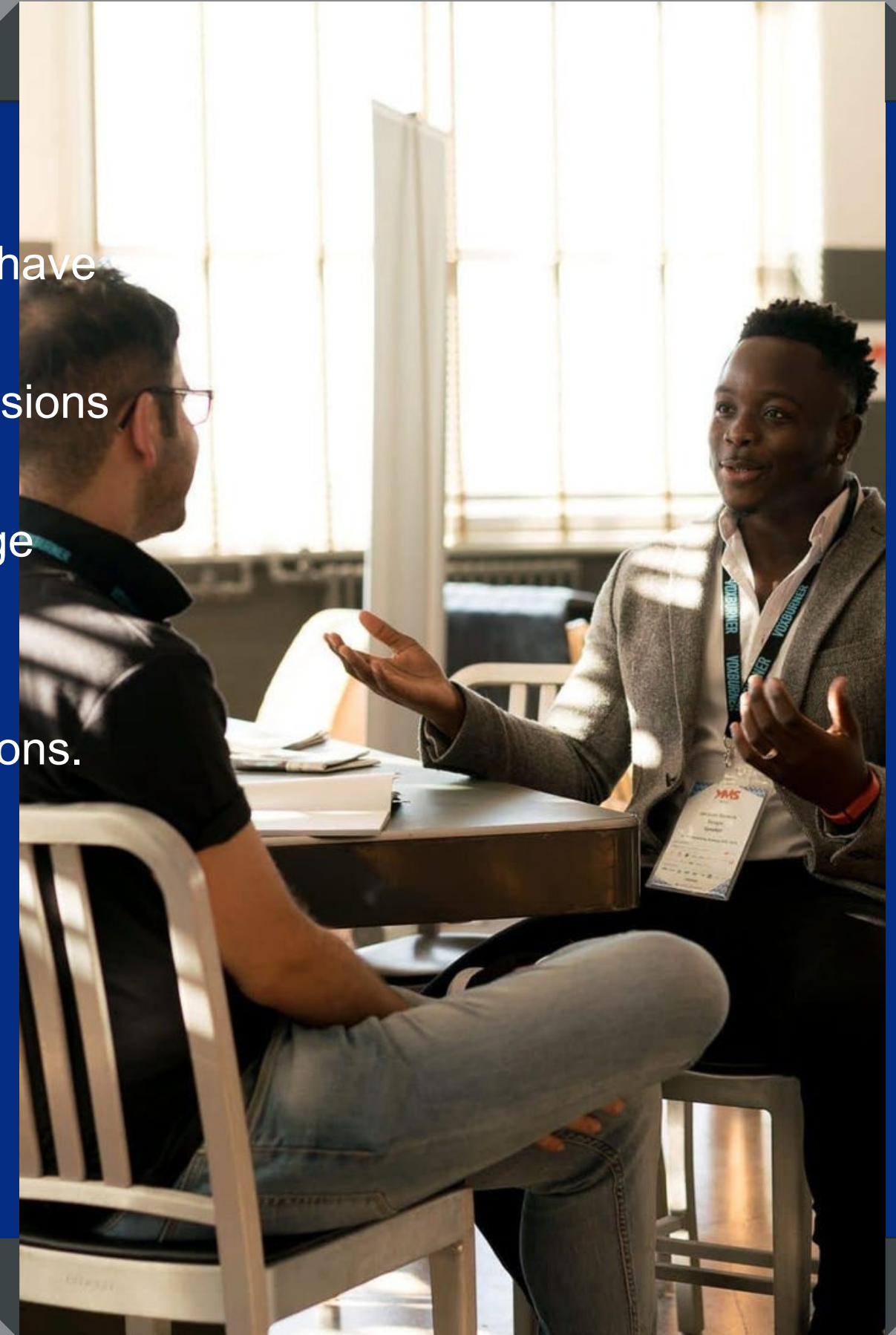
SUCCESS

- Take college seriously from the beginning.
- Your GPA is like credit. If you mess it up, it's hard to get it back.
- Review evaluations of professors when you're choosing your classes.
- Be about business in class. You're there to accomplish a task. Professors will read your energy.
- Build a relationship with your professors early on. Don't wait until the end of the semester.
- Talk with your professors one-on-one about class expectations and opportunities for extra credit.
- If professors see a good work ethic, they're more likely to recommend you for opportunities.
- Graduating is an expectation. Set your goal for excellence.
- Think about the end (graduation) from the beginning.



IMPORTANCE OF ADVISING

- Have multiple advisors, beyond just your academic advisor so that you can have different perspectives.
- Take control and ownership. Be responsible for your life. Go to advising sessions prepared, knowing what courses you need and what you can handle.
- Remember, you're the boss with advising. Have a plan for your whole college experience.
- Advisor's role is to support, suggest and approve your plan.
- Take the advice you're given and use it as a framework to make your decisions.
- Find an advisor you trust and who is going to work with you.
- You can change your advisor.
- Communicate to people what your dreams are so that they can help you.
- Know yourself and be honest about what you can and can't handle.
- Don't be afraid to switch or expand your path.



HANDLING CHALLENGES AND OBSTACLES



- Don't let the freedoms of college life distract you from your goals.
- Don't be too proud to ask for help.
- Use the resources that are there to help you.
- Get help and support from each other. Iron sharpens steel.
- Challenges and disappointments are growth opportunities. Pressure makes diamonds.
- Obstacles help you mature and grow.
- Figure out how to balance when you get overwhelmed.
- Don't try to be everything to everyone. Sometimes you have to say no.

PERSONAL GROWTH

- Don't make fear-informed decisions. Don't be afraid to step out of your comfort zone.
- Be driven. Make things happen for yourself.
- Don't let other people discourage you.
- Have people in your life who will speak hard truths to you.
- Good enough isn't enough. Do above and beyond.
- You have to be accountable for your decisions, and hold other people accountable.
- Take advantage of opportunities that are offered to you, even if it's not something you're comfortable with.
- Don't focus on just opportunities with pay. You can benefit from volunteering. You will gain experience, knowledge, and networking.
- Start thinking about your finances now.
- Men represent our communities. Think about the people coming after you.
- Remember that eyes are always on you. Someone observing you might be able to help you later in life.
- Be aware of your personal brand and how you represent yourself.
- Get a mentor.



NETWORKING

- Networking is as important as your degree.
- Be around people who will speak hard truths to you.
- Network with professors. If they endorse you, they'll help you with a lot of opportunities.
- Go to networking events, especially like the HAAMI dinner and the Hooks Institute gala.
- Support each other. When one of us wins, we win as a group and as a community.
- Take advantage of the resources and opportunities offered to you.

