

Hey it's Ahuixchel first of all I want to say CONGRATS on applying to PCC! I'm glad you decided to come start your education instead of going straight to work after high school. Even though high school wasn't your thing, college is different you decide what you are interested in and take the corresponding courses. As a first year Design Tech Pathway student. I am proud to say PCC is among the best junior colleges to receive an education from. As Matt Williams, a Coach here at PCC would say, "It is the Harvard of community colleges". So you don't have to worry about if the classes you will be taking will be stimulating. My goal is to become an engineer which is why I chose the Design Tech Pathway, but don't feel pressured to join this one look around to see what you might be interested in or good at. Design Tech has basically taught me how to adapt to new programs and software and how to meet deadlines. A word for the wise MAKE DEADLINES and DO NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES PROCRASTONATE! If you follow this advice you will definitely end up getting more out of what you are learning and will be less stressed. Also if you are worried that maybe you can't afford college, you are definitely mistaken. There are several financial services accessible for you here at PCC one being the BOG waiver. For this semester I only paid \$24 for all of my classes. Which was extremely helpful and also don't forget about FASFA. Joining a pathway program you will meet new, fun interesting and different people within your program. Nina Rvoyr writes in the book Southland "Because it was impossible to walk without seeing someone different than you." College is a new experience in your step to adult hood and although it may seem scary at first the pathway programs give a good sense of community and familiarity. Being a pathway student, you are spoiled with classes with all your friends, priority registration, free tutoring, free printing also access to expensive tools and software. Honestly I feel the most difficult challenge for me was getting to school. All I can say is find a system that works for you along with a back up plan to get to school. Also remember don't be late, miss or ditch class this isn't high school anymore no ones going to hold your hand on your way to school. You are in control of your education now. Don't be afraid to try out different careers or classes experimenting is the fun part of college you discover things about yourself. Think about it you will be a first generation college man, which will make your family proud. Nina Revoyr writes, "For The Sake of their families they would never be less than heros". So be that hero break the barriers and rise up take the challenge that is college and make your family proud for accomplishing what your family wanted for you. A better life.