First Year Advice

“...get involved within the campus community, it's the best way to make new connections. Don't just come for class and leave, embrace the other opportunities Willy P has to offer.”
~Christine Alicia, Resident Assistant

“Don't wait for financial aid to follow up with you; YOU follow up with financial aid.”
~Francis Socorro, Peer Academic Leader

“Your freshman year will set the tone for the rest of your career in college, and will produce some of the most lasting memories. Try new things and meet new people as soon as you get here so you set a solid foundation to build on while at William Paterson.”
~Matt James, Resident Director of Hillside Hall

"Have a back-up of everything, and then a back-up of your back-ups! Because of this, I've never freaked out over losing a paper!”
~Melissa Marques, Resident Assistant

“I wish someone had told me to only buy books for major classes and rent the rest or get them used. I spent over $600 on books my first year because I bought all my books new.”
~Lorato Anderson, Peer Academic Leader

"The best way to feel like you are truly at home when living on campus is to get involved and stay involved because it is the easiest way to feel comfortable in your community!”
~Stephanie Hernandez, Graduate Class of 2012

“Put yourself out there. Don’t be afraid to push yourself to join a club, become a student leader, or even just walk up to someone you don’t know and complement them on their outfit. Every time you put yourself out there, you might be meeting your new best friend.”
~Amber Pantiliano, Resident Director of High Mountain