



Assisting Students During Their First Year

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What next?

- **Clear consistent messages**
- **Provide challenges with support**
- **Meet them where they are and bring them where you want them to go..(facebook, text messaging)**
- **Identify new ways to stimulate all of their senses**
- **Affect before Cognitive**
- **Connect student to the Community**

What next?

- **Encourage students to participate in Co-Curricular activities**
- **Incorporate Code switching**
- **Support and understand the value of Developmental Courses**
- **Challenge your comfort level**
- **Code Switching**
- **People who work closely with First Year Students see the world through different lenses**
- **Attend Student functions**
- **Volunteer to help with first year initiatives**

Resources

- **Garsombke, T. (2006) Millennial African American Entrepreneurs: Developing appropriate Campus learning Strategies. Network a Journal of Faculty Development. Retrieved June 7, 2007, from Network A Journal of Faculty Development website:
<http://www.nyu.edu/frn/publications/millennial.student/network-journal/Articles/Entrepreneur-Garsombke.html>**
- **Szelenyi, K (2004) Minority student retention and academic achievement in community colleges. Eric Digest. Retrieved June 5, 2007, from the Eric Digest Website:
<http://www.ericdigests.org/2001-4/minority.html>**