“The desire to win is nothing without the will to prepare.” This quote, found on the wall of an old weight room on campus, sticks with me as I approach changes in life. For a successful first semester and beyond, you need the will to prepare!

Here are 4 things you can do to help set you up for success before you arrive on campus.

1. Complete your checklist from orientation.
2. Create a solid plan for how you’ll cover the semester’s costs.
3. Log into Blackboard, Campus Connection, and other campus tech to get familiar with each platform. While you are at it, take a look at the NDSU dates and deadlines so you don’t miss anything important.
4. Think of strategies to balance your school life and personal life.

If you don’t know where to start, no worries! Now is the time to ask questions and figure it out.

Just two more weeks! See you all very soon!

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