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Happy Homecoming Week!!

Fun fact: I was once a student too. Let me share some pro-tips for connecting with your instructors.

1. Successful communication with instructors depends on three key things: professionalism, responsibility, and interest. The best communication happens face to face, whether that means stopping by during office hours or making an appointment.
2. In email, be a little more formal than you are with family and friends. Professional communication utilizes greetings, full sentences, proper grammar and punctuation, appropriate titles (Dr., Professor, Instructor), and is clear and concise. Think *'Good Morning, Professor Bison'* versus *'hey thundar!!'*
3. It's ok to ask for help or flexibility when you really need it, just make sure it's clear you understand that it's your responsibility to do the work and follow through if extensions are granted.
4. Finally, showing an interest in the course material or the professor's research is a great way to build a strong relationship and open doors to opportunity.

Your professors enjoy hearing from you, so don't be afraid to reach out and make those connections.

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