

YOU MADE IT!

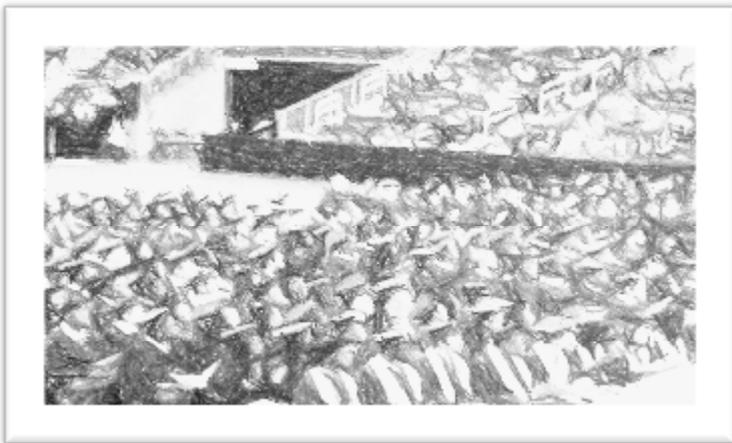
Whew! You made it! You couldn't be happier to be done with it! And if you think you are happy to be done with it, your parents are super elated and as they say "on cloud nine", "tickled pink" and "so happy they could cry". However you say it everybody, even your high school teachers are glad you did it!

So you ask "Did what, what did I do that's got all these people so happy"? Come on, you know, that thing you did when you and a bunch of your classmates dressed up in some funny looking gowns and some weird looking hats with tassels hanging down in your face and sat through a long (boring?!) speech and then threw your hats up in the air like you just don't care (or is that wave your hands in the air like you just don't care?).

What you did is the result of hard work consistently applied over the last four years. You stuck with it through the hard times. You faced the challenges of Physics, Math, Spanish and some of you even dared to take AP courses. You woke up before the crack of dawn every morning so you could catch the bus to get to class on time and you put up with some students and teachers who were, well hard to put up with. But you made some really good friends along the way. And in the end You Made It, You Did It and congratulations are in order!

Hey Freshman, Can We Talk?

So what is this thing you did?
You graduated from high school .



**CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU
JOB WELL DONE!**

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So now it's off to Collegeland. Being a freshman in college land will be a little like Alice (or Al for you guys) in Wonderland. In fact you may already be done with registration and well into your first semester in Collegeland or Wonderland. It's all the same, or at to a freshman, Collegeland can seem just like Wonderland felt like for Alice. So much to learn, so many new friends to make, so many parties to attend (I won't tell Mom or Dad that you are hitting the party circuit, they already know!) and oh yeah, so much to study!

This book will try to share with you in a fun casual way some real practical ways to decipher or decrypt all the "newness" of freshman life.

The biggest challenge in your freshman year will be learning how to recognize those people who can help you versus those who can hurt you. And I don't mean hurt you physically but hurt you by leading you down a path that prevents you from maximizing your enjoyment and education in your first year in the big leagues. And don't get it twisted, make no mistake college is the big leagues! You thought being a senior in high school was big stuff, now as a freshman you are at the bottom of the totem pole and there will be some folks, fellow students who will try to "play you" for a rookie and lead you down the wrong path. I would like to help you not let that

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happen. You don't want some loser or maybe even a well-intentioned fellow student to screw up what can be the most exciting four years of your life, do you?

Yeah, you graduated from high school.



**Now Your Journey From High School senior to
College Freshman Begins!**