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[00:24:55] OK, so last question, what advice would you give a student who would be the first generation and is interested to coming here to Texas A&M?

[00:25:09] So my advice to a first generation student trying to come to Texas A&M is definitely to come to- join a lot of different organizations. First, if you can join the First Nation Aggies Organization, that would be great, that probably your first step. Put yourself out there as much as you can. It definitely goes a long way. I feel that if you- if you keep to yourself a lot and don't really put yourself out there, it is easy to fall into that. And then you won't really feel like you belong at Texas A&M because it is hard knowing that, you know, if you don't have anybody there around you, then it is hard to kind of go through college that way when it's a lot better going through college when you have people around you and surrounding you at all times and knowing that you have support. So, I mean, I feel like applying to a lot of different organizations is one. And you can meet people who have similar interests as you. Also going to class. Go to class. Going to class is super important because it's really easy to just skip. And when you skip, you miss a lot of important information. So that's one. Going to your academic advisors. Please go to all of your academic advisors. Definitely. They can help you whenever you're not sure of what your next step is or what you should do, or even if you want to change majors, because a lot of the times first generation students don't always know what they want to do. And that's perfectly fine, you know. But you have academic advisors here who want to help you and want to help you succeed. One other great thing we have here at Texas A&M is an academic success coach. And I know that that's something that I needed. They kind of guide you with different things as far as like study guides and study plans and knowing what your next step is and knowing how to succeed in your classes, especially your harder ones.

[00:27:02] What else? Uh, I don't know.

[00:27:08] Oh, lastly, my last piece of advice is to try to really throw yourself into all of the traditions, even if it seems silly. I really think that, you know, throwing yourself into all the traditions here at Texas A&M really makes you feel like you're at home. And when you could do them with other people, it just makes it just as much as fun, you know? And that's how you create the family here that you have when you guys can do stupid things together, like traditions and and, you know, you can just have fun with your friends. I feel like that's like the number one thing you can do here is just make friends and do the traditions together. Go to class. Go to all your academic advisors appointments and definitely seek out an academic success coach if we need one. Thank you so much for your time.