

A College Student's Busy Schedule

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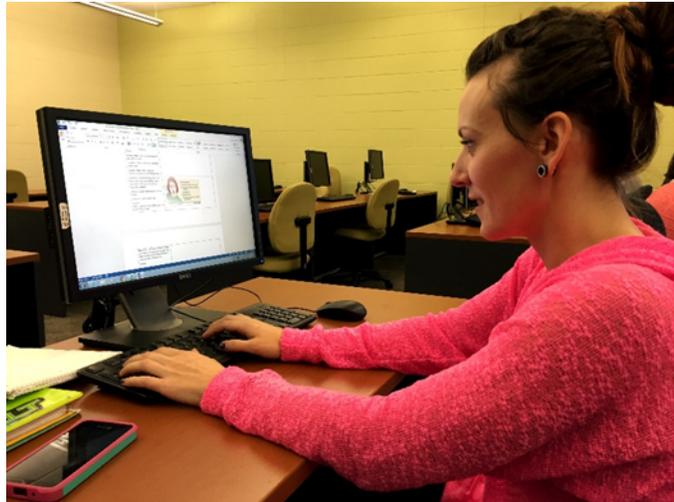
The life of a college student is never an easy one – but imagine having three other jobs on top of being a part-time student.

Jenny Holzhauser, 29-year-old liberal arts major, is a Grand View University student, a mother of two, a fiancée, who is in the midst of planning her wedding, and a full-time coach at Sapphire Gymnastics Academy. Many people would regret having no free time, but Holzhauser said that having none has taught her two lessons: to plan better and to have a much higher awareness of time.

With neglecting to write nearly anything in her planner, she says she relies on her daily routine to get her through the day.

Every week is the same routine, beginning with Holzhauser waking her son up for school, and finishing off with dinner and his homework. On Sundays, and sporadically throughout the day, she forces herself to make “me time,” between attempting to complete homework and plan her wedding.

“Well, I use my Sundays to do my homework, even if it's all day. This is when I usually get everything organized for the week,” she said. “I have to make “me” time. I tell myself that I need to take a break from things, otherwise it gets stressful. Even if it's just an hour to catch up on a TV show or read, I value every bit of it.”



Holzhauser's job schedule has her working during the morning and night, so her biggest regret is that she doesn't spend enough time with her children, ages seven and nine. She wants to show them that it's never too late to do what they love.

“Occasionally I feel like I don't spend as much time as I would like with [my children], but they definitely come first and so I make all the time I can,” she said. “I can't wait to have a career I love, even starting into it at my age. I want to show my kids that it is never too late to finish school and that sometimes things happen in life that delay your plans, but anything is possible with a little determination.”