Budgeting in College
Orientation 2019
Budgeting while in college can be difficult, especially in an expensive city like Charleston. With these tips and tricks, we’ll help you spend your money wisely while still enjoying your time in the most beautiful place in the world!
Practical Tips on Saving Money

★ **Use CASH** (it hurts a little more to hand over a $20 compared to swiping your card)

★ **Take advantage of *FREE* CofC activities/events** (CAB + Grocery Bingo = Students’ BFFs)

★ **GO TO CLASS** (you’re paying for it anyways... might as well go)

★ **Buy generic items** (we’re all broke here, no need to have name brand everything)

★ **Buy/Sell or Rent Textbooks** (you probably don’t need to have an extensive textbook library at your house)
Practical Tips on Saving Money (Cont.)

★ **Make your own coffee** (K-Cups vs. Starbucks everyday... your wallet will thank you)

★ **Go in with your roommates/suitemates on sharing food** (you won’t drink an entire gallon of milk yourself, I promise)

★ **Make a list BEFORE you go to the store** (you’ll leave with twice as many items are you needed)

★ **Never go grocery shopping hungry** (you’ll spend way more money on snacks you don’t need)

★ **Use your meal plan/ make your own meals** (King Street is delicious... but can be VERY expensive)
Things to Budget For:

- Textbooks
- School supplies
- Groceries/toiletries
- Recreational activities (movies, going out to dinner, etc.)
- Clothes and shopping
- Club and organization fees
- Travel
- Medicine
- Technology problems
- Unexpected expenses
Paying CofC Bill

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- Login at my.cofc.edu with MyCharleston login Username and Password
- Click on Academic Services Tab
- Left-hand column: click on “Log onto eBill Account”
- Click “Open my eBill account” (pop-up blocker)
- Far right side of screen under “My Profile Setup”--> Click on “Authorized Users
- Click “Add Authorized User”
- Fill in appropriate information for Authorized User
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