COLLEGE AUTISM NETWORK: FAST FACTS #18

Supporting Autistic College Student Well-Being

Methodology: We conducted a national survey among 425 autistic undergraduate students in Fall 2022 on how they define success



Findings emphasized the importance of well-being in many students' definitions of success, from avoiding burnout to exercising gratitude and self awareness.



"To me, it also means successfully juggling burnout - working hard enough to do well, but not so hard I collapse and can't function. I wish there was more emphasis put on "success" in college being learning as much as you can while still caring for your own needs."

- Participant 1334



Feeling "self-love" (Participant 1109),
"proud of yourself for who you are" (Participant
1165) and striving to "better myself in whatever ways
I can" represented other ways for participants to
keep up their well-being during college

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