



# The Cost of Cheating

Is cheating worth the risk?

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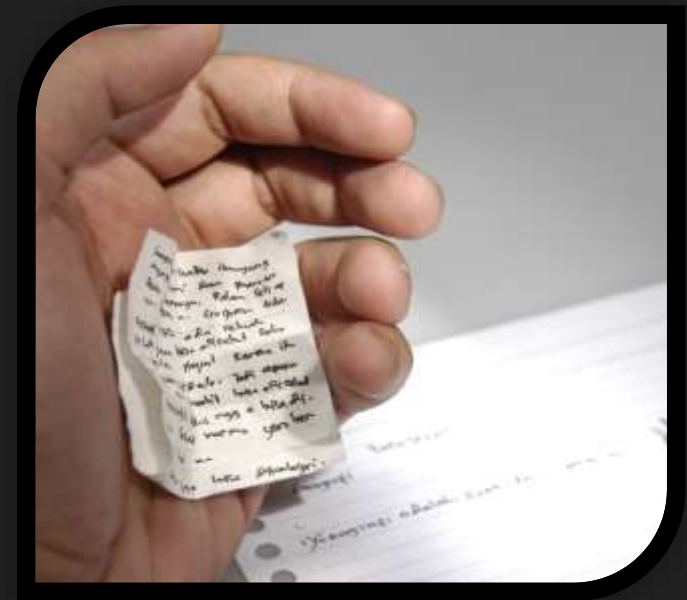


# James' Story

- In October of his sophomore year at UCF, he began to feel the pressure of needing to be the best and to get an “A” in Organic Chemistry.
- He had a full (12 hour) course load and was having difficulty balancing all of his responsibilities.
- James received a Florida Medallion Scholarship (FMS) from Bright Futures along with two other scholarships that totaled \$2,000.
- He lived on campus with a meal plan, because who has time to cook?
- To help cover book expenses and have some “fun” money, he picked up a part time job at the UCF bookstore.
- By the time midterms rolled around James was feeling overwhelmed and did not feel prepared for his Organic Chemistry Midterm Exam.

# James' Story

- On the day of the midterm he decided at the last minute to bring along a cheat sheet containing a few crucial notes which would ensure him an “A”.
- The test proctor caught James with the cheat sheet and was reported to the Office of Student Conduct.
- He was placed on **Disciplinary Suspension** for the Fall semester.



# James' Story

**Disciplinary Suspension** means a student is not allowed to be enrolled in classes and cannot participate in UCF programs or receive UCF services.

Now let us examine the cost of James' choice.



# Monetarily: Room & Board

- Losing his Lake Claire housing:

- Breaking of Lease

- ✓ \$3,045

- Cancelation Fee

- ✓ \$1,000



- Losing his “All Access 7” meal plan ✓ \$3,900



# Monetarily: Bright Futures Award

- Withdrawn from all Fall semester classes.
- Bright Futures Guideline:
  - Students are **required to repay** the cost of any course dropped or withdrawn from and repayment is required to renew Bright Futures Award for the following semester.



# Monetarily: Tuition



- Florida Medallion Scholars (Bright Futures):
  - \$77 per credit hour
  - 12 credit hours x \$77
  - Remainder tuition balance paid
  - ✓ \$924 owed in repayment
  - ✓ \$1,226.28 out of pocket loss
- If Bright Futures **does not** receive repayment, James will need to pay the **full tuition** rate to retake classes from the suspended semester:
  - Resident UCF Tuition rate: \$179.19 per credit hour
  - 12 credit hours x \$179.19
  - ✓ \$2,150.28 out of pocket expense

# Monetarily: Job Loss

- Loss of UCF Bookstore Job
  - \$9 per hour x 20 hours a week x 8 weeks
  - ✓ \$1,440 loss of income





# Grand Total of Losses and Repayments



✓ \$13,685.56



Was it worth it?



# In addition to...

- Z designation on transcript denoting academic misconduct.

## Transcript

- |                                  |    |
|----------------------------------|----|
| • Organic Chemistry I            | zW |
| • General Physics Using Calculus | W  |
| • Calculus w/Analytic Geometry   | W  |
| • Statistics                     | W  |

# Can't put a price tag on...

- Not being able to participate in UCF functions, including sporting events.
- Having a “Z”W on his transcript
- When applying for graduate school:
  - He may need to explain the break in his transcript
  - Have to check the box “yes” for a violation of Academic Misconduct.
- Having to explain the situation to Mom and Dad.



# Moral of the story...

**It's OK to take the Zero!**



Is better than explaining a "Z"W on your transcript  
and telling your parents.



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