

# Ten Things I Wish I Knew When I Graduated College

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Developing Technical Facility  
Reading at Sight  
Knowing Jazz Chord Structures  
Taking Class Piano Seriously  
Learning the Motor Skill

Using These Skills Everyday in Teaching and Playing  
Helping Students by Having Them Sing Their Parts  
Helping Students Understand the Music  
Hearing the Part Before You Play It  
Hearing Vertical Chord Structures  
Reading Music Lines Everyday  
Knowing Not What the Future Holds

Doing What You Say Your Are Going to Do  
Following Through With Assignments and Projects  
Keeping and Using a Daily Calendar  
Showing Up Before Your Appointment Time  
Being a Self-Motivated Individual  
Starting Projects Early - Don't Procrastinate  
Establishing Priorities Every Day

Learning for Performance and Teaching  
Integrating Basic Fundamentals Before Each Rehearsal  
Knowing the Basic Fundamentals of All Instruments/Voices  
Teaching the Building Blocks of Music - Musicianship  
Setting Goals For the End Result - Musicianship

Learning the Sound of Your Instrument-Classical/Jazz  
Listening to Different Styles of Music  
Providing the Opportunity For You and Your Students to Listen On a Regular Basis  
Listening to Articulation, Dynamics, Musicianship, and Interpretation - Not Only Notes  
Encouraging Your Students to Bring In Their Recordings  
Studying Video Recordings

Typing - A Lifelong and Valuable Skill  
Mathematics - No Way Around It  
Physical Fitness - Long-term Commitment  
Reading - Develop and Stretch the Imagination  
Dreaming - These Are How Visions Are Realized

Communicating With Good Verbal Skills  
Communicating With Good Written Skills  
Communicating With Sincerity and Honesty  
Listening to What Others Have to Say  
Respecting Others Views and Values  
Learning From Your Peers

Develop Excellence in Your Life - First Time OK ... What Happens the Second Time Is Critical

Do Everything Well

Accept Responsibility with Enthusiasm and Commitment

Acquire Knowledge and Those Things You Don't Know

Work on Subjects or Materials You Can't Play or Accomplish

Evaluate Your Work Honestly

Accept Criticism and Evaluation

Eliminating Barriers

Setting Goals

Knowing When to Rest

Knowing What to Practice

Establishing a Routine

Practicing What You Don't Know

Establishing a Level of Excellence

Having a Positive Attitude

Establishing a Level of Confidence

Being a Leader and a Team Player

Making a Difference

Being an Inspiration

Developing a Passion

Having a Desire

Being an Example