

# Chat with the chief

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## I get by with a little help

As prideful members of the human race, it's not easy to admit that we need help, but sometimes and in my current case, it is entirely necessary.

This semester, I'm enrolled in one class in particular that has been destroying me. It's simply a very different class structure and learning style than I'm accustomed to, and it was not easy for me to adapt to this new challenge.

For much of the first few weeks of class I was not seeing the grade book results I wanted to. Because of this, I begrudgingly had to seek out tutoring sessions.

Think about what tutoring meant in high school. The only kids who were tutored were the helpless or the lazy.

Oftentimes, students required the extra help just because their personal procrastina-

tion demon sitting on the right shoulder overruled the ambition for assignments angel on their left.

Of course, there were also students who utilized tutoring sessions in high school because they were motivated to achieve higher grades than what they alone were capable of, but every rule has its exceptions.

Throughout high school I never needed any extra help. I excelled in class, and honestly didn't have to try very hard. College coursework is by and large a different, more dangerous animal. I'm hunting bear with a No. 2 pencil and only a portion of the necessary know-how.

In that situation the bear has a tendency to win.

In my high school mind, there was always a negative stigma surrounding tutoring, but my

college mind has now been forced to move past that feeling and embrace the idea of somebody offering to help.

Woodbridge N. Ferris once said, "I have come here to help you... if you will let me."

In keeping with that message, Ferris State provides free tutoring to all of its students, but they have to seek it out first.

Miraculous assistance or divine intervention will not descend from the heavens directly into the classroom.

Improvement comes to those who seek it out.

The Academic Support Center is located in Room 1017 of the Arts & Science Commons. For more information regarding free tutoring or to make an appointment, contact (231) 591-3543.