**‘Cost of College’ assignment**

Name and date submitted (3 pts):

Instructions: Using this form as a template, create space and enter your answers below, and then submit as an email attachment.

(5 questions, 100 points).

1. Choose a college, university, or trade school you may be interested in attending when you’re done with high school. If you haven’t decided yet, just choose one for purposes of this assignment. (If you don’t plan to attend, or plan to directly enter the workforce or the military for example, I still want you to go through the exercise for a variety of reasons).
   1. What is the full name (title) of the institution?
   2. What is their address?
   3. Total student population?
   4. Other information: Why you chose them? What are they known for? Year founded? Team mascot?
2. Consult their online catalog. What general area (or degree) might you want to study? I realize you may not have narrowed it down yet. Choose one area or degree or training program you might be interested in.
   1. What is the degree or program called?
   2. How many years does it normally take to complete this? (consult their online catalog, or otherwise do an Internet search)
3. Now consult their website, online catalog, and/or class schedule for the following information. You may report these numbers as “per year, per semester, or per course” – just specify which method you’re using. Ignore scholarships or other financial aid you might receive; I’m just looking for the total costs at this point, irrespective of how you intend to pay for them.
   1. How much is tuition and fees?
   2. How much is room & board? (if living at home, use ‘zero’ here - $0)
   3. How much is books and supplies?
   4. How much for transportation? (this will obviously depend on whether you will have a car, or will use public transportation, or will carpool with a friend, etc)
   5. How much do you need to budget for personal expenses? (for now, limit this to food, clothing, and entertainment)
4. Now convert all your figures from #3 to totals; what is the total budget for each item above for the whole program or degree? In other words, if it’s a 4-year program, what are the 4-yr totals for each item?

List the totals, ‘a’ through ‘e’, in the same order as listed above.

1. Now put everything in a nice spreadsheet and make it look presentable with graphs and pie charts. Label everything and use appropriate titles. Turn in the graphs along with your other answers.

Be prepared to share your information at the next class!