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10 Tips Colleges Can Use to Survive the Academic Year

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Institutions of higher education have been inundated with complaints about cost, diversity, and the value of higher education. In addition, colleges and universities have recently been required to implement new policies to comply with changing federal regulations and have faced allegations of discrimination and harassment based on students' national origin, including shared ancestry.

With the transition from the Biden to the Trump administration in January 2025, schools can expect even more changes. Amy Fabiano offers 10 tips colleges and universities can use to make it through the academic year. Here is an excerpt from her *Worcester Business Journal* article:

10) Be prepared for changes from a new presidential administration. Colleges should plan now for how they will respond to changes brought by the new presidential administration, which may come quickly in President-elect Trump's first 100 days in office and over the next four years. This may include: supporting international students and faculty, LGBTQIA college community members, and BIPOC college community members; reviewing academic freedom policies, protest policies, and conduct policies; considering how the College will engage if they come under scrutiny of federal authorities.

9) Create space for hard conversations. Colleges should find ways to facilitate difficult conversations on campus, including conversations about the election results, Israel and Palestine, and the role of higher education today.

The full article "[10 Things I know about ... Colleges surviving the academic year](#)" is available on the *Worcester Business Journal* website (subscription required).