

FDTV: High Hopes And Expectations

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00:07 (Assistant Professor David Aylor speaking) When I started here at NC State, I was excited I guess. I had a lot of plans, big plans I guess. And I was eager to fill a lab with people and equipment and mice and get to work.

00:25 (Associate Professor Ning Lu speaking) I really liked to be a very good professor, so I have set a very high standard on myself.

00:31 (Assistant Professor Denis Fouches speaking) When you start this new position, there so many like “oh, we love that you’re successful, we love that you’re a great teacher, great receptor, great to bring enough money to the program etcetera etcetera.”

00:43 (Assistant Professor Ana-Maria Staicu speaking) So I came here very positive and I started teaching. In fact, I taught two engineering students.

00:50 (Assistant Professor Alison Motsinger speaking) Until you’re faculty, you don’t have to run a small business. And then it can be a little bit of a surprise when you do what you’ve been asked to be doing and you’ve been hoping to do your whole career.

01:05 (Assistant Professor Denis Fouches speaking) So I was thinking that a lot of things would happen even faster, like after one week, the lab is set up, after two weeks, my slides are ready for the whole semester. Yeah, it does not, it does not work like that.

01:20 (Assistant Professor Alison Motsinger speaking) The first time you do it, it seems impossible. The next time you do it, it takes you half as long. The third time you do it, it starts becoming ingrained. And so that just takes a little, a little surprise. You ran a small business with grant money and that’s nothing that you get trained for in grad school.

01:40 (Assistant Professor David Aylor speaking) I was surprised by how few projects I could move forward simultaneously. I had lots of ideas, I wanted to push them all forward and realistically, you just run out of time. There’s not a lot of time to do ten things well, you have to focus on those one or two maybe three things that-projects that you can actually move forward if you want to get reasonably good results out in a year or two or three.

02:08 (Assistant Professor Denis Fouches speaking) As long as you are happy and as long as you’re proud of what you deliver, I think that’s the main goal.