Since Southwest Minnesota State University was established in 1967, the following is a bucket list of “67” things every new Mustang should do their first year at SMSU to make the most out of their college experience!

1. Follow the Deeanne Griebel Student Success Center on Twitter (@SMSUSuccess)
2. Participate in Gold Rush Days
3. Receive your official Mustang welcome by attending convocation
4. Check your SMSU email daily
5. Read the ‘First Six Weeks’ checklist on www.smsu.edu/go/success
6. Sit in the front row of at least one of your classes
7. Identify at least one faculty or staff member at SMSU you can go to in time of need
8. Make a new friend and introduce yourself to another student in one of your classes
9. Attend Career Services part-time job fair and weather announcements via text message
10. Sign up for SMSU Alert to receive emergency, safety, and weather announcements via text message
11. Sit in the front row of at least one of your classes
12. Review the Resource services support services that you would benefit from a Mustang with our homepage
13. Attend our annual Mustang Success Night to learn more about these support services
14. Investigate potential scholarship opportunities on the Financial Aid website
15. Tailgate at football game with friends
16. Seek assistance from a tutor in IL 224
17. Take your picture with our mascot Stanger
18. Check SMSU Today for the latest news and announcements and make it your homepage
19. Invite your family members to attend SMSU Family Weekend
20. Grab some candy at the SMSU Homecoming Parade
21. Utilize the Speech Center in BA 511 to prep for an upcoming Residence Life’s annual Casino Night
22. Take a picture with our mascot Stanger
23. Attend a monthly program put on by your Resident Assistant (RA)
24. Go mini-golfing, ride the go-karts, or play in the arcade at AJ’s Arcade
25. Join an intramural team and take a team photo
26. Play Frisbee Golf on SMSU’s major or find a career path by taking the FOCUS assessment on the Career Coffeehouse and indulge in some Starbucks coffee
27. Verify your major or find a career path by taking the FOCUS assessment on the Career Services website
28. Study at The Coffeehouse and indulge in some Starbucks coffee
29. Visit a professor during their office hours to discuss your grade and see how you can improve one night each week
30. Ride the Marshall Area Transit for free with your SMSU ID
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32. Check out the trails in the ADM & SMSU Environmental Learning Area
33. Meet with your Academic Advisor 3+ times a semester (not just on Advising Day)
34. Attend a Student Activities meeting
35. Check out our Center for Civic & Community Engagement in BA 161 and volunteer five hours in the community
36. Use your Mustang ID for a discount at a local business
37. Visit local state parks and discover nature
38. Attend an event sponsored by the Office of Diversity & Inclusion
39. Meet with a tutor in the Writing Center and participate in Mustang Mondays
40. Complete a job shadow in an area of interest
41. Show your school spirit and participate in Mustang Mondays
42. Attend class attendance at least one semester
43. Achieve perfect class attendance at least one semester
44. Invite at least one on-campus club or organization (more is better)
45. Visit a professor during their office hours to discuss your grade and see how you can improve one night each week
46. Go sledding at Independence Park
47. See a show in the planetarium
48. Take a picture with our SMSU Student Body President and attend a Student Association meeting
49. Take the initiative and form a study group in one of your classes
50. Discuss career opportunities/job outlook with a counselor in Career Services in BA 156
51. Take a selfie with SMSU President Kumara Jayasuriya
52. Participate in Winter Meltdown Week
53. Utilize a study room in the McFarland Library
54. Apply for a student leadership role on campus
55. Go ice-skating at the Red Baron Ice Arena
56. Dress up and attend the Mustang basketball games on Tropical Night
57. Eat a panino downtown at Extra Innings – Varsity Pub
58. Visit the William Whipple Art Gallery and be inspired
59. Take a picture on spring break wearing SMSU gear at the Marshall 6 Theatre
60. See a movie at the Marshall 6 Theatre
61. Create an account on (www.smsu.edu/Go/CareerServices) and explore available opportunities
62. Expand your taste buds and attend the SMSU Food Festival
63. Take a summer class at SMSU to get ahead and attend a Finish Strong Week activity at least once your first year at SMSU
64. Relieve end of the semester stress by taking a joy ride on the bike paths around the City of Marshall
65. Register for Fall 2022 semester classes