



"Don't over pack! Although it is an island, it is still a US state. You can purchase almost anything in Hawaii that you need."



"I am happy to have my parents there to give me advice on academic and social issues, but I like to directly handle my own business concerning school and friends."



"Prepare them to start living by themselves. For example, in terms of completing chores, giving them tips on using money, etc. Prepare them to be open minded, as they will meet people from different backgrounds and nationalities."



"Be involved but not overbearing. Your child is going to have a lot of emotion when coming to Hawaii. Take time to be emotional with them, but remember that you need to be their rock, too. Be patient and supportive of the huge change they're undergoing."



"Trust your child. If they have chosen to go to Hawaii, they are probably independent enough to handle it and survive on their own. Give them some breathing room because they are taking their life in their own hands for the first time."



"Be understanding that coursework in college is different than high school. Getting all A's in college isn't always achievable. B's are great as well. College is definitely a whole different ball park."



"Allow your student to experience their life as a young adult. But also remind them that you are always there whenever they are hoping for help or in need of encouragement."



"Encourage your child to become more independent and teach them that it is important to take responsibility for their actions."

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