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Brett Pansier '24 (left) works on homework with Tyler Kiehnaa '24 (right) in the Mulva Library.

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De Pere resident Kim Pansier is the mother of Brett Pansier '24, who commutes to St. Norbert every day. She says Brett dreamed of attending SNC since he was a child, and doesn't mind the fact that the college is in his backyard. Here, she shares some of her thoughts on his experience so far.

Brett was first interested in attending St. Norbert ... about age 6. We would drive by, and he would say he wanted to go there. We told him he would need to get very good grades so he could qualify for scholarships. That is exactly what he did.

The best part about Brett being a commuter student is ... having him close to family and close to home.

What really helped Brett was ... we live less than a mile away from St. Norbert, and he is able to quickly come and go whenever needed. He attends classes and he eats lunch on campus every day.

I'm so proud of the way he ... has worked hard at his studies, and has taken advantage of clubs, career fairs and activities to stay involved on campus.

My biggest piece of advice for other commuter families is ... to give your student the space to be independent like they are living on campus. We talk daily about his schedule and plans, but I try not to overdo it.

As for me ... I'm very proud of Brett and his hard work to accomplish his goals. His determination and motivation are amazing. Also, I want to give a special shout-out to Amy Keehan, an SNC employee – in residential education and housing – and Brett's second mom, for the support and guidance she has provided to him on and off campus.

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Brett's Advice

Brett Pansier '24 says becoming involved in campus life, and staying involved, are key to having a great commuter experience. Here are some of his insights:

- “New commuter students should find a group of people to eat lunch or dinner with a few days a week. It's a great way to be on campus.”
- “Freshman year I got a job in the **Campus Center**, which allowed me to be on campus a couple nights a week.”
- “While it can be hard as a commuter student to be involved, SNC gives you a lot of opportunities to try new things and experiences. It helped me to be involved with Orientation as a freshman, for example, and to join different clubs revolving around my major as an accounting student.”

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