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- Presentations
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- Conversations
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Citations build credibility and protect you against plagiarism accusations. It shows you are meeting academic standards and participating in the larger scholarly conversation.

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Author, A.A., **Author**, B.B., & **Author**, C.C. (Year). Title of article. *Journal Title*, volume number(issue number), pages. DOI/URL

Tendhar, T., Marcotte, M.A., Saikia, M.J., & de Mesquita, P.B. (2024). Relationship of compassion for self and others to sense of well-being of college students. *Journal of American College Health*, 72(4), 1246-1254. <https://doi-org.libaccess.fdu.edu/10.1080/07448481.2022.2074276>

Webpage:

Author, A.A. (Year, Month Day). *Title of page.* Website Name. URL

Flannery, M. (2023, March 29). *The mental health crisis on college campuses.* NEA Today. www.nea.org/nea-today/all-news-articles/mental-health-crisis-college-campuses

Generative AI Tool:

AI Company Name. (Year, Month Day). *Title of chat* [Description, such as Generative AI chat]. Tool name/Model. URL of the chat

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