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Studying Strategies



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Congratulations, you made it through your first two weeks of classes! But now is the time when everything starts to pick up, and that means that you should have your first exams coming up around the end of

this month. Now you may be thinking, "It's too early to think about the first test," but that day comes around faster than you realize. Here's some tips to make sure you're prepared to ace that exam:

Find a Study Spot: All over campus there are plenty of great study spaces for you to take advantage of. Some popular spots include Newman, New Classroom Building, Deet's, and Squires. Also, make sure to check out the class schedules for academic buildings like Randolph and McBryde to see if there's any rooms that aren't booked that you can use. Lee Hall has the Studios and 2nd Floor Lounge for you to use as well for when you want somewhere close and convenient.

Get a Study Group: Sometimes there are topics in your classes that you don't really understand and aren't sure how to go about studying them. With a study group, you get a chance to bounce ideas off of your classmates and ask questions that you may not be able to ask your professor. You know what they say, "two heads are better than one."

Practice, Practice, Practice: Ultimately, the best way to make sure you understand the material is to practice as you go along. Redo the online homework problems you're given, rework the examples done in class, and make sure to pay special attention to the ones you struggle with. The more time you take to understand a difficult topic when you learn it, the easier it will be for you to study it when test taking time comes.

I hope these tips help you within the next week or two for studying, and if you still need more help make sure to ask your mentors! They went through the same things last year, and I'm sure they'd be more than happy to let you know what worked for them (and what didn't). And remember, you got this!



Attention: Scan the QR Code for ALL the academic hours!



STEM Pun of the Week

What did the Electrical Engineer say when he/she got shocked?

That Hertz.

Preparing for Engineering Expo



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Making a Good First Impression Making a good first impression is the most important part of networking. The key elements to a great first impression are confidence and doing your research. When you meet them,

give the representative a firm handshake, and be sure to make eye contact as you introduce yourself. Be confident with your words, this will make you seem like a stronger candidate. Look up the companies you want to pay a visit to beforehand, and make sure you mention something about their work that interests you.

What to Wear

A huge part of making a good first impression is the way you present yourself, not only in your body language, but also in the way you dress. It's always better to be slightly over-dressed, than under-dressed. Try to be somewhere between business casual and business professional for this particular event.

Your Resume

When you present your resume to the representatives at the Engineering Expo you want to look put-together. Make sure you give them your resume before they ask for it, so preferably before you give your elevator pitch. You'll want your resume in a nice folder - the portfolio you received at the Engineering Orientation will work fine for this. Lastly, ensure that your full name, email, and phone number, are at the top of your resume so they can get in contact with you later.

If you have any questions about building your resume, or acting appropriately in a professional environment you can always make an appointment at the Smith Career Center.



GobblerConnect



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By the time your reading this I hope you have gone to Gobblerfest and enjoyed all the free stuff and found some organizations that interest you! If you were unable to attend Gobblerfest or would like to find even more clubs, make sure to check out

GobblerConnect!

I'm sure some of you have been bombarded with information and it is hard to take it all in at once. GobblerConnect is a great way to find fun events, organizations, and news. Every club and organization that is recognized by Virginia Tech can be found on GobblerConnect. You can search by name, category, or just scroll down the seemingly endless list of organizations (currently there are 908 organizations listed). You can find a number of professional organizations, design teams, clubs, and much more. There is even a way to filter organizations by category to make it easier to find an organization matching your

interests!

Once you find an organization that you would like to learn more about, you can click on the organization and find a general description, contact information, upcoming events, and news related to the club! Don't be afraid to reach out to the leaders of the club to ask questions as I am sure they would love to answer them.

Additionally if you visit the "Events" page you can see all of the upcoming events and you can even search by date. Some of the events are even off campus and they are a great way to go out and explore the surrounding area. Also, many of these events include free food, transportation, t-shirts, etc which is always a plus.

Check out the "News" page to find announcements from organizations, details regarding events, as well as information about some scholarships and applications!

GobblerConnect is very useful and I hope you all take advantage of the many clubs Virginia Tech has to offer!