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should read the text about whatever it is you will be tested on, take notes, and then go through those notes and highlight the points you feel are going to be most important to memorize.

It is sometimes easier to process all of the different information once you read it and then write it down. If your professor gives you a study guide or points out the sections which will be covered in the exam, be sure to take note and review the topics outlined.

2. SET TIMES THAT WORK FOR YOU

Studying too late in the evening normally doesn't work because that is when your body will begin to shut down and you'll be too tired or sleepy. Not only will your body be tired, but your brain will too.

It is important to set times to study because that way it can fit into a daily schedule. Studying for an upcoming exam may not be the only thing you have to do, so in order to make sure it doesn't interfere with something else of equal importance, be sure to plan a time of day that works best with your schedule. That way, you won't have to pull an all-nighter trying to cram in study time, and possibly lose sleep.

3. PICK A GOOD SPOT

It helps to study at a desk or in areas like libraries or computer labs, because these are environments which are meant for learning and gathering information.

4. PICK A GOOD PARTNER

It is also a good habit to study with a partner, or with a group of people. It helps when you can pick someone else's brain because you never know what questions you have that they can answer for you. It also can make it fun and will possibly lessen how bored you might get while studying.

5. TAKE BREAKS

Make sure that if you are studying for long periods of time, you take breaks in between. The mind can start to drift and quickly lose focus on what you're reading and eventually none of the information will actually be taken in. Know your limits. If you know that after an hour of reading you won't be focused, stop and come back to the reading after a short break.

6. GET HELP

The University College Learning Center (located in the Helen T. Chick Building) can be another way to prepare you for an exam. With math, reading, and writing support labs, students are able to go there and get whatever assistance necessary in order to improve their skills and be ready to pass any tests.



Voice photo by Charmell Harris

Freshmen Justin Hardin and K'twon Whitehead pose for a photo on campus last week. Both are part of a freshman class full of talent. Mr. Whitehead, for example is a poet, while Mr. Hardin composes music.

Class of 2014: Talented & ready

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The class of 2014 has arrived! After four grueling years of high school, we're ready to take the college scene by storm. We have all traveled from different parts of the state, nation, and even world to attend Fayetteville State University. Every day we stroll through campus and say to ourselves, "How am I going to make sure everyone knows my name and what I do before I leave here?"

What do you know about the person sitting next to you right now? What about the boy who sits in front of you in Humanities with the dark shades on or the girl who always comes late to chemistry? Has it ever occurred to you that someone in the same class as you could be the next Quincy Jones, Bill Gates or Oprah Winfrey?

My freshmen seminar instructor, April Raines, asked the students in the class about our talents or things we thought we could do well. We were all excited to share with everyone, until she told us that we were going to have to get up in front of the class and "prove" ourselves. Singers, dancers and artist alike all performed for our class and all awhile I was thinking, "Wow! I would have never known there was this much talent in one room." Here are just a few people I thought FSU should start looking out for, they will make us proud.

JUSTIN HARDIN

Hometown: Jacksonville, NC

Major: Music with a concentration in instrumental

Talent: He composes his own music.

CHRIS MILLER

Hometown: Shelby (South Side) Charlotte, NC

Talent: Singing, producing, and writing music

Major: Business Management

What made you want to do music?

Hardin: I joined band in the 6th grade, and was taught how to play all percussion instruments. I learned more about [all the other instruments] and how they sounded and was interested. In the 10th grade I downloaded a program that allowed me to compose my own music and just stuck with it.

Miller: "My whole family pretty much sings, and I was inspired by [artists like] Michael Jackson, so I've always wanted to sing since I was young."

How do you come up with your music?

Hardin: I usually visualize a scene and then think about what type of music would go with that scene.

What inspires you to create your music?

Hardin: "Video games inspire me to compose music, mostly action scenes."

Miller: "I want to change the mindset of [today's] music, to the way it used to be, more passion, soul, and love."

Are you inspired by any musicians?

Miller: "God, Michael Jackson, Isley Brothers, Bobby Valentino, Frankie Beverly feat. Mase, and J Moss."

Hardin: John Williams (Composed the theme music for hits like Star Wars and Superman) and Jack Wall.

What do you want your listeners to get out of your music?

Hardin: "[I want to be able] to imagine themselves in a different world when they listen to my music."

Miller: [For them to know] I keep it real. I don't talk about sex or [have] discriminating [lyrics about] women. I talk about love and how it should be really given and felt."

Why Music?

Miller: "I figured out it was [what I had the most talent for], and I just wanted to share it with the world."

Hardin: "We're all musicians [his family]. It's a part of all of us and I'm good at it."