

Editorials

10 things to do before the school year ends

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As another school year is coming to a close and the senior class is about to depart us, there are a few things that every student here, graduating or not, should do.

1. Thank your professors. Professors have been there for you since the very beginning, one of the greatest things about Meredith is getting to know your professor one on one. They have done so much for us and deserve to be thanked.

2. Go to the supply store and buy that blanket, t-shirt or sweatshirt that you have been eyeing. You deserve it and you will be reminded that Meredith is with you wherever you go.

3. Write something for the school paper, "The Herald." This is your opportunity to get

something you want in the paper and put it in your portfolio for future jobs.

4. Go support our sports teams. These are your classmates and cheering them is the least we can do for their hard work and dedication to being an athlete and a student.

5. If you haven't done so already, participate in a campus tradition. There are so many traditions to participate in and you are always welcome to join in on the fun.

6. Spend your last dining dollars on something in the Beehive, whether it's coffee for your exams or a Chick-fil-A sandwich just because.

7. Go to the North Carolina Museum of Art. It's free, close and you can walk to it on the

greenway.

8. Go on a spontaneous road trip somewhere with a group of friends. This will be a memory you'll never forget.

9. Apply to study abroad. This is one opportunity that you would never want to miss out on. There are so many experiences you would have with your fellow Meredith Angels as well as knowledge to gain about other cultures.

10. Try to meet at least one new person in your class. There is probably one person that you've had classes with but you haven't really gotten to know them. You never know, you could become best friends.

Early Preparation for Finals Helps Save on Stress

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Start the final stretch of school off the right way and begin preparing for finals. The earlier you start, the less you will stress during finals week.

1. The first step of preparation for finals is to make a game plan. What do you wish you had done to better prepare last semester? Maybe you regret waiting until the night before to start cramming or maybe you wish you formed a study group. Learning from past mistakes is vital to a college student's growth.

2. Figure out exactly what material will be covered on each of your final exams. Are the finals for your courses cumulative, or do you have some tests that only cover the last few units? Check each class syllabus to make sure you are studying the correct material for each course.

3. Based on the amount of material you need to re-address, be sure to divide the content into manageable chunks. After dividing the material be sure to pull out every Meredith woman's best friend (her agenda) and block out time to study. Writing down when you will study for each course helps you stick to a study plan.

4. Gather all notes, tests, quizzes, reading assignments, etc. and arrange these materials chronologically. Studying material in the same order it was taught in class may help you remember key points.

5. Organize the material in a way that is useful to you. You could make flashcards, create a study guide, or even design a PowerPoint. The most important thing is to use the learning device you find most helpful.

6. Consider creating a study group. A classmate might be able

to explain a concept in a different way than the professor. Just make sure your group stays focused so everyone can benefit from the extra studying.

7. Don't forget about the Learning Center as you prepare for finals. By starting to study now you are giving yourself plenty of time to make Learning Center appointments before finals. Remember, if you start preparing now, you will thank yourself come finals week. Happy studying!



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This week: Let's get ready to graduate
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If you're anything like me, then graduation in the near future comes with a mix of emotions. There is a mix of excitement and anxiety for what the future has to hold. It also comes with preparations for grad school and job applications. There are a few ways to lessen the anxiety and be better prepared for your future endeavors.

1. Grad school can be intimidating, but as those acceptance letters begin to come in just be sure to keep that GPA up and finish your undergraduate career strong.

2. As for the job applications, it's important to start working on your resume. Never use a resume builder. If you're having trouble with creating one, look to Academic and Career Planning for help. An impressive and well-done resume is a very important step.

3. Practice the interviewing process. Interviews can be difficult, but practice makes perfect. Your first impression must be strong and convincing in order to snag a job and beat the competition.

4. Start looking for career opportunities. Once your resume and interview process are perfected, you can then apply, apply and apply some more.

5. Make a plan by mapping out your goals and opportunities. Have you decided to stay in the Raleigh area or make a big move? Either way, by starting to look now you're getting a head start. You're going to be better prepared when opportunities arise.

Good luck in your future endeavors, Angels. Let's get ready to graduate, Class of 2015!