

# Editorials

## How Will You Be Spending Your Spring Break?

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Spring break is the week college students highlight on their calendars, daydream about during class, and look forward to all semester long and it's right around the corner. The weather may not feel like spring just yet, but students are beginning to plan how they will be spending their blissful five days away from campus.

Many students have not had the opportunity to go home since winter break. Junior Kristen Rivera is one of those students. Rivera revealed her plans by stating, "I'm going home to Atlanta, Georgia for spring break. I'll probably visit the Georgia Aquarium, made famous by Miley Cyrus and Liam Hemsworth in the *The Last Song*." Students such as Rivera who live out of state often find it difficult to travel home on the weekends. Spring break becomes one of their best chance to squeeze in some much needed family time. Sophomore Arielle Boland is planning on balancing out her spring break with both work and play. Boland said, "Spring break is the week where I love to sleep in and

then work on my big papers that are coming up later in the semester."

Some students, such as sophomore Hira Ansari, are choosing to devote their spring break to service. Ansari will be traveling to Nicaragua over spring break to provide medical care to the underprivileged. Ansari revealed her plans by stating, "I chose to spend my spring break this way because there's no better way to spend it than being with kids who are happy with everything that they have. Their happiness is a lot different than mine. I want to be inspired by these people in Nicaragua."

Another student, senior Ashley Kate Kesler, will be spending her spring break preparing for her career post-graduation. Kesler is a student teacher at Frankie Lemmon School. Kesler mentions her plans stating, "I will be staying in Raleigh for spring break this year, but I am excited to spend my time off from school with special needs children." Kesler said, "I think spring break is a great time for Meredith students to relax in their own way."

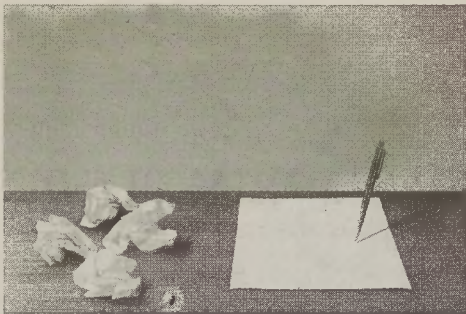
Whatever you decide to do this spring break—visit family, get ahead in schoolwork, lend a helping hand, or prepare for an awesome career—make it count and cherish every second.



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## How to Write a Paper

Emily Chilton, Staff Writer



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When it comes to college, everyone has their strengths and weaknesses. However, I think we can all agree that writing papers can be one of the worst parts of college. Midterms are coming soon and as college students, we all have plenty to write.

Here are some tips for getting through that four, 10 or 12 page paper without throwing your laptop.

1. Don't get overwhelmed. Fifty words is a paragraph and six paragraphs are a page or more. It all adds up.
2. Structure and plan your writing. Make each topic a mini-paper and give yourself a due date for it.
3. Give yourself occasional breaks. Not only is an all-nighter bad for you, but so is typing for six hours straight. Every 30 minutes to an hour get up for just a minute, stretch, get a snack or a drink.
4. Make sure you have a strong thesis.
5. Use topic sentences at the beginning of

paragraphs. Yes your reader is intelligent, of course, but don't give him/her any reason to be lost or confused about your point.

6. Proofread, proofread, and proofread again. You may have a great paper, but you've used the wrong "to, too or two" and your professor automatically forms a bad impression due to grammatical errors.

7. Close strong. Make a great closing paragraph that ties the paper together.

8. Proofread one more time. Check your format and citations.

9. Print and rest easy knowing you just wrote a great paper.

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## Meredith Hacks: Life Hacks for Avenging Angels!

**This week: Have You Ever Wanted to Spice Up Your Style?**

**Kristen Lawhorne, Staff Writer**

If you want a cute bow to wear during the break, but you don't have enough money for materials or you just don't want to make your own hair bow, then order one from Allison Carey. She will customize a bow for you. Allison can make anything from holiday themed bows to everyday bows. Allison started with a small jewelry business, but soon expanded as she learned how to make more items. Eventually, she got the idea of incorporating bows into her list of products. The idea came to her when she saw a young girl with a bow in her hair.

To make your own flower bow, follow these steps for a beautiful handmade accessory.

- You will need a 6in. square of fabric, felt, hair clip, needle, thread and glue.
- Cut out a circle.
- Cut half way through the circle to the center.
- From the center of the circle take one side and fold it alternatively front and back into triangles until you reach the end.
- Sew the top of the triangle to keep the form. These are petals.
- Repeat and make as many petals as you want to match your style and size preference.
- Glue felt onto the back of your completed flower and then glue onto the hair clip.

For a similar bow: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uCJnks04DD4>.

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